



September 1, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, *welcome* back to another great year of learning! We are “off” to an awesome start. Whether your child is new to school, or they are returning after a fun-filled summer, this is going to be a very special moment for all of them. It is natural for students to have a bit of anxiety and maybe even a few questions – What will my teachers be like?, Who will be in my class?, etc. But the focus should always be on the new upcoming adventure of learning and growing.

As I shared with you in my letter dated August 18th, our faculty members and leadership team have been planning and working diligently to ensure this school year our students are exposed to a rigorous and challenging education, thus enabling them to have a successful school year. A week of professional development and training sessions for our teachers took place during the week of August 21-25<sup>th</sup>. All of our teachers are certified, prepared and are super excited to be working with such great student body. This week, our Faculty and Leadership team members discussed with all students relevant information regarding this new school year. Some of the topics addressed included: school wide procedures, classrooms and school-wide expectations for academic performance, attendance/punctuality, appropriate student conduct, and support systems have been established to assist them throughout the school year.

This week our student attendance reached 93%. Thank you all for such efforts, and for placing student attendance and arrival in your priority list. Our goal is to reach a rate of 95% or above throughout the school year. Please continue to assist us in making this happen.

Here are some reminders and updates:

-  Please sign in to [teacherease.com](https://teacherease.com) to monitor your child’s progress and updates to homework and grades, as well as other teachers’ feedback.
  
-  School supplies will be distributed to students who ordered on time over the summer on **September 5<sup>th</sup>**. Eight grade students received their materials/supplies this week. Families who ordered after the due date will receive their supplies as soon as they are

available. All students will receive a school Agenda book next Tuesday. Please allot some time to review the student handbook with your child. It is located in the front of the agenda (book). This will allow you to get familiar with the expectations of our school.

- ✚ Summer school assignments are **due on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**
- ✚ 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in attending a Catholic High School (TACH) or are interested in taking the Specialized High School Exam (SHSAT) – MVP is offering free prep courses to prepare for the exams. Please check your email to register by Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Allocca ([mallocca@middlevillageprep.org](mailto:mallocca@middlevillageprep.org)).
- ✚ We are awaiting notification from the organization managing the afterschool programs as to the starting date of the afterschool activities. We will notify you as soon as that programming is finalized.
- ✚ Please join us for our first PTA meeting on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- ✚ 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting with Guidance Counselors on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the auditorium.
- ✚ 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are arriving at school between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., which I think is admirable, however in order to ensure their safety upon arrival and to make that time productive, we are coordinating “before school programs” to enhance the instruction received during the day. The areas we are looking to strengthen is ELA and Math, and the time we are considering for the program to take place is, 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., from Monday through Thursday (students can have breakfast from 7:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.). **We will begin the program on Monday, September 11, 2017.**
- ✚ Due to scheduling and programming conflicts, we will be changing the dates/times for Speech and Debate. Details will be forthcoming.

Please be reminded that you can join us at our Twitter and Facebook accounts, especially to receive additional updates and view activities that are taking place in our classrooms and school.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

*Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Weekend!!*

*Ms. Velez  
Principal*