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- 9/6 Opening Day of School
- 9/18-9/22 Spirit Week
- 9/19 Board of Education meeting, Weeks 6:00
- 9/19-20 8th Grade Ropes Course (Rain Date 9/21)
- 9/21 Title I Parent Meeting, 6:00; MS Curriculum Night, 6:30
- 9/22 Homecoming
- 9/29 Olweus Kick-Off/ National Mix-It-Up at Lunch
- 10/2 MS Picture Day
- 10/3 Board of Education meeting, Bell 6:00
- 10/5 Early Release
- 10/6 Superintendent's Conference Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 10/9 Columbus Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 10/17 Board of Education meeting, HS 6:00
- 10/28 Haunted Happenings, 6:00

The mission of the Windsor Central School District is to create a stimulating environment where students are independent learners and grow to become successful citizens. This environment is created by a challenging, integrated curriculum delivered by a caring and competent staff.

From the Desk of Mr. Strahley

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! After a busy summer of planning, professional development, and hiring of staff, it is wonderful to see our halls finally filled with students. We are excited to do our part to make this the best year ever for everyone in our building. Our award-winning school is underway and seeking new heights in achievement and opportunities for students.

All families will be welcome to visit with us at our **Curriculum Night on September 21** at 6:30. This event is fast upon us, and we look forward to sharing our rich academic culture with you. Curriculum Night will be a time for you to walk your child's schedule, get information about each of their courses, and meet our faculty and staff. Our Annual **Title I Parent Meeting** will occur at 6:00 that evening. We hope to see you all then.

The year has started extremely well for everyone. On Opening Day, student leaders from our Windsor Strong Academy summer program addressed the entire student body and introduced a community service campaign to collect personal items to be shipped to men and women in our armed forces for a 9/11 recognition. These students also traveled throughout the region on 9/11 with cider and doughnuts for the first responders of various agencies that serve our community. It was a school-wide program initiated and orchestrated by our students, and our school spirit and sense of community was on display for all to see. We followed up with grade-level meetings that further cultivated our school's commitment to excellence and connectivity.

In the first few weeks of school, we will spend time getting to know our students as individuals and as learners. The curriculum of our Advisories is designed to break down barriers among students and between them and our staff. Our deliberate focus on making positive choices is a part of all that we do. This includes our intense drug prevention efforts, which can be found in our 6th Grade Orientation, the Lourdes All-Star program, our Health and FACS classes, and our robust Advisory program. It also includes our dedication to a growth mindset and Character Education.

In addition, we spend time at the start of the year and continue throughout the year to monitor student achievement. Each September we conduct benchmark assessments in reading and math fluency to help us tailor our instruction for each child. Our Reading, Writing, and Math Fluency Benchmark scores will be shared with you on the first report card, providing you with as much data as we can as to your child's status and progress.

In all, the first few weeks of school have been an extremely positive start to the year, and we look forward to a productive and engaging rest of the year. As we settle into the routine of another school year, we hope to make this the best year ever for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education and all we do for them. This is a busy place filled with academic challenges and opportunities for personal growth. We are very proud of our students and hope you share in our enthusiasm. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Youngs. Now and always, we welcome ongoing communication with you.



A Message from Mr. Youngs

I would like to welcome back all of our students! September is an exciting time for all families, and we can't wait to get the new school year rolling. We have many engaging activities taking place in our Middle School this fall. We have also spent some time building on the positive culture of our school with all of our team building activities that the students have taken part in during Advisory. Along the same lines, our 8th grade students will be heading to **Camp Hilltop** on September 19th and 20th to work on some team-building activities on the High Ropes and Low Ropes Courses there. It is a trip that our teachers and students look forward to every year, and many life-long memories are made through this exhilarating experience. Additionally, we will be starting our **Mod 11** Extended Day program on **October 3rd**. We will have close to 40 clubs that students can choose to participate in. Information regarding Mod 11 is included in this mailing. We are invested in creating an environment where students feel safe, connected, and engaged in their education. As we feel this is an important component in the social and emotional development of our students, we ask that you encourage your child to participate in this program throughout the year.

Lastly, I'd like to share with you a program we use to give students yet another way to communicate with us if they see anything that needs our attention. **Anonymous Alerts** is a free app that we have shared with students so they can alert us, in a completely anonymous manner, to allow students to report anything to us, including bullying, threats, drug use, and self-harm. We always encourage students to tell an adult in school, but this is another tool for them to feel completely safe and supported. If you wish to download the app yourself, please use the LOGIN: windsorcsd and PASSWORD: windsorcsd. We'd be happy to assist you with this in any way.



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-Dr. Anthony Muhammad