

HALL MEMORIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the eighth grade! This year the teachers at Hall Memorial will again be implementing a team approach to teaching middle school children. Your child will have four academic teachers who will work together to provide a supportive and enriching environment for each student. The team approach allows for better integration of the curriculum and more meaningful learning. Our eighth grade team consists of Mrs. Jessica Blanchfield, Science; Ms. Stacey Britner, Math/Algebra; Mr. Nicholas Silano, Language Arts; Mr. Jason Hamilton, Social Studies; and Mr. Christopher Tillona, Special Education.

We expect the best from every student, and in return we strive to provide an environment in our classrooms where each child can attain his or her maximum potential emotionally, socially, and academically. As students work through their last year of middle school and prepare to move on to high school, we hope that they will take advantage of the many opportunities presented to them for growth in these areas. Our goal throughout the year will be teaching the strategies, skills, and content needed for a successful and smooth transition to high school-level challenges next year.

This school year we will focus on building independence, problem solving, and self advocacy; skills that will help students utilize technology, prepare for the future, and find success throughout this school year. We will prioritize safety; please be sure to keep an updated email on file for the school and to review digital communications to keep on top of safety initiatives.

Hall School has purchased all of the specific school supplies needed for our classes, and we will distribute these on the first day of school. We hope that this makes back to school shopping a little easier and less of a financial burden for your family. We would like to invite you to our “Meet and Greet” which will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please enter the building through the lower lobby/gym entrance. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to meet their new teachers, who will be available to answer questions. The format is very casual so feel free to come in anytime between 10:30 and 11:30. For the safety of all students, we ask that parents/guardians accompany their youngsters throughout the building for this event.

One of the most essential ingredients for providing the best possible education for your child is you. We encourage close cooperation between parents and teachers, which starts with open communication. We will strive to keep you informed of what’s going on in the classroom. Please don’t hesitate to email us or call the school at 860-429-9391. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

We look forward to working with each of you to make this the best year yet!

Your Partners in Education,

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