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Dear Caregivers and Students,

Welcome to 8th grade!

As a team, we stand together in our commitment to provide a quality education. Our many years of experience, passion for our practice, and high expectations for our students ensure that our classrooms are places of engagement, community, and growth.

Part of our responsibility as 8th-grade teachers is to prepare our students for high school. You should anticipate heightened standards for agency and accountability as students work to understand challenging new skills and concepts. As teachers, we will work hard to discover what each student needs to help them succeed to the best of their ability. Our classes are co-taught; we have the benefit of two knowledgeable adults in each class to help. Our goal is to create a forum for learning and risk-taking that will enable our students to thrive.

However, your input is essential; As caregivers, you have had the privilege of being your child's first educator. And students, you know yourselves best. Together, we can make this year one of great challenges and rewards. We ask that all stakeholders in this community stay connected: Ask to see your child's work; read with them; update your contact information in eSchool, and check that platform often to keep up to date on your child's grades. When you are connected through eSchool you will be automatically linked through ParentSquare. We will communicate with you often, primarily through ParentSquare.

As a team, our students' all-around health and safety are our utmost concern. We are confident in our whole-child approach to education and will endeavor to make our classrooms welcoming spaces for all. Please communicate any special concerns or needs to us.

We look forward to a strong partnership with you this year.

Sincerely,
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