

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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2015-2016 Message to Students

The 2015-16 school year has just begun so I am sending this message out to all of our K-12 students; make this school year the best it can be, right from the start!

With the start of the new school year, each and every one of you has a clean slate, a new canvas, a new beginning. You get to decide what the school year holds for you. Please take a moment and truly reflect on this opportunity.

There are 175 days in the school year. It is filled with ample time for you to experience all sorts of events, activities, offerings and programs that are all related to you and your growth as a student and individual. Everything our school district has to offer is here for you to take advantage of. Be sure to make the most of it!

I personally hope each of you have taken time to set goals for achievement.

All the various aspects of school provide you opportunities to increase your knowledge and preparation for your future careers and/or college success. Your teachers, administrators and all of the support staff are here to assist you in reaching your individual potential. Take advantage of what is available within reach every day. Make the most of all of your classroom experiences. Make a commitment to yourself to be on-time, stay focused in each class and on each subject. Do not get distracted or involved in disciplinary circumstances that take away from your education. Start this school year, and every day in it, on the personal goals you want to achieve and set out to attain them. Do everything you can to make the most of you. Do not settle for anything less than your best.

Opportunities outside of the classroom are extensive for you as well. Extra-curricular organizations and clubs are available at all levels, across our school district. If you want leadership growth, consider student council. If you are interested in the arts, there are vocal, instrumental and visual performance opportunities. If you want to swim, access the aquatic center. Get involved!

Athletic teams are available at the middle school and high school. We have many fall, winter and spring sports with great traditions of competition, sportsmanship and success. Each sport takes hard work and dedication, but the goals you achieve and the experiences you have with your teammates will last forever. You can also attend games as a fan. Again, get involved in your school.

All of these opportunities are here for you – our students. Take advantage of them and experience something new. Step outside of your comfort zone. Challenge yourself to get involved. Be with your classmates and make the most of the time during the school day and after-school hours. Our school district is here for you! All of our staff are here to do what they can to help you to succeed, but it takes you to be engaged and focused upon your responsibilities as a student to make the most of what we have to offer.

Good luck this school year and welcome back to school!

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!!