



The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

THREE VILLAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Robert C. Murphy Junior High School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Murphy students:

Welcome to RC Murphy Junior High School. We hope this letter finds you relaxed and ready for the start of a new school year.

This past year was an excellent year for Murphy. Our Regents scores in mathematics, earth science, biology, and global languages were exceptional. We are so proud of our students and our dedicated staff. Events such as Poetry Slam, Survivor Day, Holiday Breakfast, Cabaret Night, Footloose, the Senior Citizens Brunch Theatre, and all of our clubs and sports events were great successes. This year our Theatre Arts Program, under the direction of Anthony Pollera, was bigger than ever. We had over three hundred students participate in the program. Our production of *"Footloose"* was amazing and had all sold out performances.

Our Athletic Program offers a multitude of teams. We have over 600 students participate in our sports program. We encourage all students to join a team or be part of a club. Our after-school clubs and academic teams are very extensive and offer students opportunities to grow both socially and academically.

Murphy is pleased to announce the continuation of our *Academic Center*. Students in need of extra help will attend the center during part of their lunch period or study hall time. Teachers will be available throughout the day in all disciplines to work with students. Students will sign up with their teachers if they wish to attend an extra-help session. Our library will be open every day after school from 2:25 to 4:00 pm.

Classes will begin at 7:40 AM and end at 2:25 PM. (See enclosed bell schedule.) Throughout the school year, we request that parents exercise extreme caution when dropping off or picking up students. We have a busy parking lot during the morning and afternoon "rush" hours. We ask everyone to drop off and pick up passengers in the designated area on the side of the school building and not in the front traffic circle. Parents are reminded that stopped school buses with flashing red lights must not be passed at any time. If a student rides a bicycle to school, he/she must wear a helmet as per New York State law. In addition, students must bring a lock to secure the bicycle to the racks provided.

In order to insure the safety of all students at all times, please remember that the following rules are in effect:

*All electronic gadgets (walkman, iPod, cell phones, etc.) are to remain at home or be in student backpacks during the school day. (see attached memo)

*Students will dress appropriately at all times. Our Board of Education policy prohibits hats, clothing, jewelry, and other attire which displays an expression or insignia that is obscene or libelous, that advocates prejudice or violence, and that promotes the use of or advertises drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

All students trying out for a **Junior High Fall Sports** should be aware that there will be informational meetings on Friday, September 2, 2011. These students will be arriving home on one of the late bus runs available at 4:10 PM and 4:50 PM. Late Bus run schedules will be posted in the main office. Varsity and Jr. Varsity football teams begin August 18th and all other **Varsity and Jr. Varsity Fall Sports** begin on August 29th.

Open House for parents is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The Murphy PTO will hold its annual membership drive on that evening. Our Murphy PTO can be an important part of your child's Murphy experience. We encourage parents to join our PTO and attend our meetings. Our first PTO meeting is set for Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 pm. in the information center. Please join us and get involved in your school community.

We are looking forward to working with the students, parents, and staff at Murphy. We will continue to strive to achieve high academic standards and pay close attention to all students. We encourage all of you to become actively involved in the life of our school community. We will maintain an open-door policy for students, parents, and staff. We look forward to meeting all of you. Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Yours truly,

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