

Fall 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

September came and went so quickly. It is hard to believe that a month has passed by. We had a great opening this year. We are at an all time high of 975 students with an incoming 7th grade class of 355 students. Everyone settled in very quickly. The seventh graders adjusted easily to their new surroundings and their schedules, and are a friendly presence in the school. The eighth graders enjoy having grown up from being the youngest in the school. The ninth graders have made an excellent start in terms of academic work and overall behavior.

By now you have received the most important word about how this school year has begun – the informal reports given to you by your student. The faculty and staff at RC Murphy Junior High School hope those reports are positive. The Murphy students have been eager, enthusiastic, and cooperative.

Chorus, orchestra, and band have been organized and now that students have settled into their classroom routine, student activities, intramurals, football, cross country, field hockey, tennis, and soccer, as well as various organizations are currently moving into operation. The fall sports season has begun, as well as the many clubs that we offer at Murphy. Please encourage your child to join a club after school. We offer a multitude of clubs: see the website for a listing. Our after-school clubs and academic teams are very extensive and offer students opportunities to grow both socially and academically.

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 2:30 to 4:00 pm. We also have our REC program after school in the cafeteria from 2:30-5:00 every day.

Please be advised that we will have a half-day on Friday, October 9 and will be closed on Monday, October 12. Our first Site-based team meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15 from 3:00-4:00PM. Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30PM. Grade 7 Parent Informational Breakfast is set for Tuesday, October 27 at 9:00AM....and please mark your calendars for our first BIG event of the year, CABARET NIGHT. This year it will be held on Friday, October 30 at 7:00PM. Please make sure to get your tickets, as they tend to sell out very quickly.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your student's schooling, feel free to contact the teacher concerned, a guidance counselor, or us. We welcome your inquiries and look ahead to a fine academic year.

Thank you,

Vincent Vizzo
Principal

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Assistant Principal