



July 24, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Olympian Eagles Opening

Our first two days opening the 2017 school year were exciting and successful as we welcomed 2440 students to campus. Following a traditional opening day assembly, students met with their teachers and were introduced to the course content of each of their classes. As an entire staff, we were encouraged by the enthusiasm and cooperation of our students and the focus they demonstrated in class. We are extremely confident this year will be successful for our students and our school. We have had an amazing beginning.

In the next 8 days we will be enrolling 40 new students, adding new sections to accommodate our growth and balancing classes to meet district contractual requirements. Every effort will be made to streamline this process, but please know that some changes to student schedules may be unavoidable. We ask for your patience and understanding as we settle into the year.

This balancing process will not alter, in any way, our approach to teaching and learning. Students in every class are being introduced to Olympian's Academic Literacy Plan which contains the essential skills and habits students need to be successful in college as well as the disciplinary thinking of each course. Be assured that students are engaged and learning has begun!

As a former principal of Olympian High School (2006-2010) and now interim principal, it has been exciting for me to return and serve until a decision is officially made to name the permanent principal sometime next month. Olympian is a unique school in its mission and in its coherent and systematic design to teaching and learning. Our approach is embraced and led by our incredible

teaching staff and welcomed by our supportive community. This partnership (school and community working together) sets Olympian High School apart from other schools. We believe we are at the *head of the class* locally and state-wide. It also makes the principal appointment a critically important decision for the district and the school community. As much as possible, I encourage you to be involved in this process. Until that appointment, please know that it has been an honor for me to be back and help Olympian start strong and prepare for a great year.

Finally, I am working on a transition plan that will provide opportunities for staff, students and the community to meet our new principal. When that time comes, I hope you will make yourself available to greet and get to know your new instructional leader. Let's all work together to make this new beginning a special one!

As always, Olympian High School will continue to remain open and available to support you and your student should any need or concern arise.

Thank you for sharing your students with us. Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C Devore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "D".

John C Devore