

**A. MACARTHUR BARR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Dear Eighth Grade Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. As you know, it is important that we work together with the goal of supporting every challenge your child encounters. As an eighth grade student in the middle school, your child can look forward to new teachers, innovative courses and fresh challenges. Some examples are outlined in the attached letter from the eighth grade team, which is accompanied by a list of supplies. In addition, please complete the enclosed Emergency Information School Closing form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

On **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, the first day of school, we are asking all eighth grade students to report to the **new gym** upon their arrival at school. **Student schedules will be available on the Home Access Center on August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact your child's counselor if you have any questions pertaining to next year's schedules. The Guidance Office telephone number is 627-4050. If you need assistance signing up for the Home Access Center, please contact Kathleen Maier at 627-9883. This Center will allow you to check your child's schedule, grades, attendance and more during the school year.

New faculty members are joining the middle school this year. Mr. Andrew Carr will be working in our music department; Ms. Meghan Hayes will be teaching Special Ed and Ms. Kerry Fitzgibbon will be joining our art department; In addition, Mrs. Meghan Heim will be one of our guidance counselors. I'm looking forward to the contributions of these professionals to our school.

For your advanced planning, **Meet the Teacher Night is Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00pm. Information on upcoming events and student recognition will be available on our website at <http://www.nanuetsd.org>. To further strengthen communication between parents and the school, we will be continuing the "Digital Backpack" this year. This will provide you with a single location to peruse school related events, announcements and flyers sent home with students.

I hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,



Roger Guccione  
Principal