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Greetings, Winfield Family!

It's hard to believe that within a month's time, our students will report for the 2026-2027 school year. Summer preparations have been ongoing, and the custodial team has been hard at work ensuring that our students will return to a refreshed school building.

Before you know it, we'll be sending out information regarding Back to School Night, but for now, here are some important notes for the upcoming school year:

School Supplies
Years ago, we stopped giving supply lists to families for summer shopping. We supply everything your students need to be prepared for their instruction throughout the year. The only thing your student needs from home is a backpack and lunch.

Communication Protocol
We want to be on the same page with our families as it pertains to supporting your students. To most effectively accomplish this, we ask that your first point of contact when you have questions or concerns is your student's homeroom teacher. In most instances, they will be able to help you with whatever needs arise.

No Before and After Care Program
Unfortunately, due to budget restrictions, our before and after care programs will not be offered during the 2026-2027 school year. That said, the breakfast program will still be available to families who wish to take advantage.

Basic Skills
Our basic skills program, traditionally offered before school, will now be scheduled during the course of a student's day. This is an opportunity to try a different remediation model, as it gives us the

opportunity to ensure that we're identifying the students with the greatest levels of need without putting families in a position of having to get their children to school an hour earlier.

Welcome to Middle School Meeting

The annual welcome to middle school meeting for the parents of rising 5th graders will take place on Wednesday, August 12. This meeting is for parents to see what being a 5th grader means here in Winfield. It is geared towards and designed for adults. The students will have their orientation in the opening days of school.

High School Options

The high school options meeting run each summer will also be on Wednesday, August 12. This meeting is open to the parents of rising 7th and 8th grade students. Again, this meeting is for parents to learn more about their students' options for attending high school, and students should not attend, as they will have meetings with me throughout the school year about the topic.

Phones and Gadgets

As a reminder, phones are not permitted throughout the school day. This rule also includes other devices such as smart watches, Meta glasses, or other digitally connected wearable devices. Any such devices are meant to be off or silenced throughout the school day in lockers for middle school students or cubbies for elementary students.

Toys

Your student should not bring toys from home. They will not be allowed to play with them during the school day, and they'll be put into backpacks to be sent home. Any fidgets or gadgets that claim to "help students focus in the classroom" can be a part of a larger conversation with the classroom teacher as needs arise.

Looking forward to welcoming you all back,

Ross LeBrun