Parent(s)/Guardian & Pioneer Student(s):

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying a fun, relaxing, and memorable summer. Summer is an important time to recharge, spend time with family and friends, and take a break from the busy pace of the school year. While we are all still savoring the summer schedule, I want to share information to help you prepare for the upcoming school year.

First Day of School:

The first day of school is Thursday, August 14th, with an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. for Junior-Senior High School students. Student schedules will be available on their PowerSchool accounts starting August 1st. As a reminder, students follow an 8-period day, with lunch incorporated into their 5th period, so it will not appear as a separate item on the schedule.

Student Schedules:

If you have any questions about your child's schedule, please schedule an appointment with one of our school counselors. Mrs. Hernandez is available for students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, while Mrs. Fischer works with students in grades 7 and 8. Both counselors will be available by appointment on August 4th, 5th, and 6th. To set up a time, please contact the High School office.

Additionally, any new students who have not yet met with a counselor as part of their registration process should also schedule an appointment during these dates. We want to ensure that every student starts the school year feeling confident and prepared. To set up an appointment, please call the school office at (402) 468-5591.

Student Information Form:

Please review the enclosed form carefully, make any necessary changes or corrections, and return it to the High School office as soon as possible. Also included is a signature form covering the Parent-Student Handbook, Internet Usage, YouTube access, Acceptable Use of Computers, and Emergency Response for Life-Threatening Asthma or Severe Allergic Reactions. These forms should be completed and returned to the office no later than August 22nd. All handbooks and policies can be viewed on our school website, and hard copies are available upon request in the office. Additionally, students are required to bring the signed Computer Damage/Loss Liability Form on the first day of school. Chromebooks will not be issued without this completed form.

Meal Benefits Program:

We encourage families facing financial hardship to complete the application for free or reduced-price meals. The entire packet, including information and paperwork, will be sent home with students on the first day of school; however, I have included the application page within this mailing for your convenience. You will also find the information on the school website under the "Food Service" section. To apply, complete the form and return it to the school office. Please note that families who qualified for meal benefits last year must reapply for the current school year, as last year's benefits will remain active only until September 25, 2025.

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Student Drop-off and Pick-up:

Before school, parents dropping off students should use the main parking lot located on the west side of the building. After school, parents picking up students should use the staff parking lot on the south side of the building. We kindly ask that parents park in a designated parking spot and wait for their child to come to them, as this will help reduce congestion and keep the pick-up area running smoothly. Students who drive or ride the bus will continue to exit through the main entrance.

Junior High Students' Information:

Included in this packet, you will find information about the 7th Grade Orientation as well as a supply list for Junior High students.

I hope you continue to enjoy the rest of your summer—school will be here before we know it! As you soak up these final weeks, take a moment to think about the year ahead. What do you envision for yourself? Remember, your success is entirely shaped by your actions, choices, and effort. I'm truly excited for the start of the new school year, and I know that together we can make it a great one!

Sincerely.

Dr. Nicholas Wemhoff

Secondary Principal 7-12