

Dear Student, Parent and/or Guardian:

On behalf of the administrative team, it is my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back as we begin the 2016-2017 school year. September is the time of year to reconnect with old friends and welcome new ones. It is our hope that you will quickly feel at home and become involved in our school.

To the parents of our 9th grade students joining us for the first time, we look forward to your arrival and getting to know both you and your children. We realize the transition to high school can be filled with both challenges and opportunities, but through the collaborative efforts of the faculty, staff, upper class students and you, we can make this a smooth and gratifying experience.

To our students: the theme for this school year is **Crossover to Excellence, One Brave at a Time**. We hope you will exhibit excellence by taking challenging courses, introducing yourself to someone new or committing to a community service project. Excel in your courses, your SOL tests and your industry credential tests. Be Brave in all you do to represent our school.

In this packet you will find a class schedule, a list of administrators and guidance counselors, information about scheduling, and important dates to add to your calendar. If a teacher is not listed on your enclosed schedule, the teacher has not been assigned to the class yet. We have hired several new teachers this summer; not everyone has been loaded into the scheduling program. Please be aware that some schedules may require a change if new classes need to be added to the master schedule or if some classes need to be balanced due to class size.

If you have a rising ninth grade student or a pupil new to Indian River High, please keep Thursday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. available. New Student Orientation will be held in the Auditorium. Additionally, PTSA memberships will be sold for \$6.00 per family member. A map of the school will be distributed at this time. Furthermore, our first football game will be held on Friday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. against Bethel High School at Indian River High School. Please come out and show your school spirit, support our football team, and visit with friends.

Again, I look forward to meeting new parents on Thursday, September 1, and seeing all students and parents at Open House, which is scheduled for Monday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. I am certain you will find both events informative and worthwhile.

On behalf of the Administrative Team and faculty, we look forward to seeing each and every one of you. Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

Naomi R. Dunbar
Principal