



Plainfield High School

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Dear Students and Parents:

I hope that the summer has provided you an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. In just a few weeks we begin the 2009-2010 school year and I am looking forward to another year filled with student achievement and much involvement in school activities.

I want to welcome all of our new students, parents, faculty and staff to the Plainfield High School community and encourage all of our students to get involved in academic and extracurricular activities. There are a number of new teachers and changes in the administration at the high school. Mr. Arcarese has moved on to Fitch High School in Groton, CT and I have been appointed Principal. Mrs. Riley is now the Assistant Principal and we welcome Mr. Bitgood of our Tech-Ed department to the administrative team.

The implementation of the Freshmen Academy will occur this fall and as a result many of the teachers' classrooms have changed. Do not be alarmed to see different room numbers for many of your classes. I want to remind our freshmen of the orientation night planned for August 18th at 6:30pm, at which time parents and students will receive an overview of the academy and will have time to ask questions.

Please take a moment to review the following information as it is important for the opening of the school year:

- Discipline responsibilities of the assistant principals are:
Mrs. Jean Riley – grades 9, 11
Mr. Christopher Bitgood - grades 10, 12
- Review the contents of the Student Handbook and be aware of school policy and procedures and student expectations.
- Please take a moment to discuss the Plainfield High School dress code with your child. Please remember that we will call home asking you to bring a change of clothes for students who are inappropriately dressed.
- The Principal's Newsletter will continue on a monthly basis giving you updates on what is going on at Plainfield High School.
- I want to remind you that students need to be with a teacher, coach, and/or advisor after school. Students not with a certified staff member will be asked to leave the building.
- First Day of School-New Freshmen Only: Wednesday, September 2, 2009, is the first day of school for first year freshmen and new students only. There will be a special orientation program for all new and grade 9 students beginning at 7:30 AM and ending with an early dismissal at 11:10 AM. Students will tour the building; participate in an orientation program, then take a run through their daily schedule. Breakfast snacks will also be available. Time will also be available for locker identification and practice.

- First Full Day for all Students: Thursday, September 3, 2009, is the first full day of school for all students. Assemblies will be scheduled during this day to distribute and review handbooks and informational packets.
- Informational Packet: The students will return home on the first day with a packet of important forms that must be completed and returned. Please take time to review the Student Registration/Information Form. If any of your child's information has changed, please complete the necessary sections that require updating. Otherwise, simply provide the student's full name, the parent/guardian's full name and complete the Student Release Authorization, Verification of Information and the Handbook review section at the bottom of the page. As indicated, the signature of a parent/guardian and the student is required. The Student Handbook will be provided to each student on the first day of school. **It is extremely important that these forms be returned to the block 2 teacher by Wednesday, September 9, 2009.** Many of these forms are in response to State of Connecticut mandates. Please look for them on the first day of school.

I look forward to a successful school year and I hope to see all of you during the course of the year. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and thank you for your continued support of Plainfield High School.

Sincerely,

James C. Worth
Principal

