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Dear Crossroads North Families,

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I welcome you to our new school year! Hopefully, summer has afforded you plenty of time to enjoy your families and spend some memorable moments together. Beginning the 2018-2019 school year holds particular excitement and expectation for me, as it is my first year opening the school as your principal. This school year begins my fourteenth year at Crossroads North. It is truly my honor and privilege to serve this school community as your principal. My belief in the students, staff and families of North is endless. It is truly a learning community of caring and collaboration where all are encouraged to thrive. As you know, our staff at North is exceptionally talented, and we are continually supported by an innovative and thoughtful Central Office Administration and Board of Education.

The district theme for the 2018-2019 school year is “*Imagine if every child...*”. As we move through the school year, you will have the opportunity to see how various staff choose to complete the statement. When we pair imagination with the potential for our children, what we can accomplish will be endless. My hope is that every staff member and child returns to North with their imagination for the possibilities fully intact and ready to be unleashed. The beginning of each school year offers a fresh start for every child. It is an excellent time for students to set their personal goals for the school year, which will help them take ownership for their learning and begin a new grade level with a positive outlook. Our staff will be talking with your children about setting personal goals as we kick off our school year, and we encourage you to engage your children on this topic as well.

Our dedicated custodial team has been working diligently throughout the summer to prepare our building for another school year. Crossroads teachers and administrators have also been working throughout the summer to prepare student placements and schedules, participate in ongoing professional development opportunities, realign curriculum and plan instruction for the upcoming school year.

In keeping with our middle school belief of making a large school feel small, we will continue with our practice of placing our students into grade level units. The unit structure creates a warm

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atmosphere in our school community and allows for each student who passes through our school to have a more personalized experience. The grade level units are:

- 6th Grade Units: Comets Neptune Polaris
- 7th Grade Units: Rho Tau Theta
- 8th Grade Units: Kappa Sigma Zeta

2018-2019 Unit Teams

Comets ELA: Ms. Flahive ELA: Mrs. Fultz Math: Mrs. Gibbard Science: Mr. Saldino Social Studies: Mrs. VanderValk	Neptune ELA: Ms. Cohen ELA: Ms. Feliciano Math: Mrs. Phelan-Colaner Science: Mrs. Murphy Social Studies: Ms. Laskowitz	Polaris ELA: Ms. Nunez ELA: Mrs. Pelehach Math: Mrs. Powell Science: Mr. Celio Social Studies: Mrs. Ambrose
Rho ELA: Mrs. Barton ELA: Ms. Fasanella Math: Mrs. Mierta Science: Ms. Nierotti Social Studies: Mrs. O’Keefe	Tau ELA: Ms. Berkey ELA: Mr. Marusky Math: Mrs. Kornett Science: TBA Social Studies: Mrs. Kmiec	Theta ELA: Mr. Nalven ELA: Mrs. Unger Math: Mrs. Fraser Science: Mrs. Liptak Social Studies: Mrs. Hartman
Kappa ELA: Mrs. Boscaino ELA: Ms. Johnson Math: Mrs. Saragnese Science: Mrs. Magliato Social Studies: Mr. Medina	Sigma ELA: Mrs. Cabel ELA: Ms. Fava Math: Mr. Masterton Science: Mrs. Schwartz Social Studies: Mrs. Metzger	Zeta ELA: Ms. Pedersen ELA: Mrs. Stone-Ingalls Math: Mrs. Bhalla Science: Ms. Wiener Social Studies: Mr. McManus

Unit placement information for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be available via Genesis, our student information system. You will receive an email notification when this information is available for your access.

Crossroads North Middle School will open its doors for our students on **Thursday, September 6th, which will be a full school day beginning at 8:10AM and concluding at 3:05PM.** Upon arrival to Crossroads North, students should report directly to one of the following unit locations:

- Comets – Cafeteria A
- Neptune – School Library
- Polaris – Cafeteria B
- Rho – Main Gym, Cafeteria Side
- Tau – Main Gym, Bleacher Side

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- Theta – Aux Gym
- Kappa – Band Room
- Sigma – Chorus Room
- Zeta – Auditorium

There will be numerous staff members in the hallways to assist students with unit meeting locations. **New students** who have not yet received their unit assignments should report to staff members in the hallways for assistance.

Lunch will be served on the first day of school. Student lunch prices range from \$2.60 - \$3.95. We do serve breakfast at Crossroads North for a standard price of \$2.15. Students who wish to purchase breakfast should report to the cafeteria immediately upon entering the school building each day. The debit card/ID system will be used again this school year. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize their card throughout the school year when purchasing lunch. We will provide all students with a lanyard to secure their ID cards.

Our Crossroads PTO has generously provided us with agendas for our students. All students will receive an agenda book on the first day of school. The agenda will serve as a valuable tool to assist students with the organization and management of their school work. The agenda includes the ***Student/Parent Handbook, which contains the Code of Student Conduct.*** Please take a moment during the first few days of school to review the contents of the handbook with your child.

Parents who are choosing to drive their child to and/or from school *must* use the parent drop-off and pick-up area, which is located in the rear of our building. Parents can access the parent drop-off/pick-up area by using the driveway entrance located across from the Rasoi restaurant on Georges Road. Parents are reminded to refrain from using Regal Drive, in the Regal Point housing development, as the drop-off/pick-up area. Although Regal Point is located in close proximity to Crossroads North, it is not part of our school's property and **should not** be used as a drop-off/pick-up area. In addition, to ensure the safety of our students during arrival and dismissal times, we will only permit school busses and cars needing to park in the front lot to use the main driveway entrance closest to the auditorium. The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.

Please enjoy the remaining days of the summer. I look forward to continuing to partner with you as we continue to nurture the social, emotional and academic growth of your children. Feel free to reach out to me at any time with concerns and/or questions. You can reach me via phone by contacting the school office at 732-329-4191 or via email at Kimberly.Bynoe@sbschools.org

I look forward to greeting your children on September 6th. It is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

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