



**To: All Stakeholders (Parents and Staff)**

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**Subject: Return to School**

A new school year presents opportunities for various beginnings- new classes, new faces, sometimes new courses, and often new materials. Summer vacation and vacation can be great healers; and as we approach the opening day of a new school year, the end-of-year pressures that plagued us in May seem quite remote and inconsequential.

Newness alone however cannot produce transformation. We ourselves must be willing to be caught up in the rebirth that is possible with each new year. Starting a new year gives us the opportunity to make new plans, design new strategies, and implement new ideas. There is a special kind of joy and satisfaction in planning lessons and activities for a new class; for although the subject or grade level is the same, the students are new and they appreciate the planning that is done for them. Whether one's responsibility is administrating, supervising, teaching, preparing lunches, maintaining a building, or managing an office, there is always room for improvement and for new ways to do a good job even better.

We can be proud of what we achieve at Arlington Preparatory Academy, but our achievements are not due to complacency and satisfaction with the status quo. Our program is what it is because a staff of dedicated, aspiring men and women have common goal- to do what is best for students- and are always looking for way to achieve that goal.

This year we must concentrate on the processes that spur continuing advancement: evaluating what we have, determining what we can do to improve, and identifying what we need to make those improvements.