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Dear BKW Families,

In just a few short weeks, we will be gearing up for the start of what I am confident will be a successful school year. Our staff members have been working diligently on getting every aspect of your child's educational experience perfected for their arrival on September 7th. Prior to our first day, I wanted to share with you a few changes to your child's educational experience this year.

Students will have individually assigned learning devices in the secondary school. Doing this allows for all students to have access to a device whenever they may need it throughout the school day. Students in grades seven through ten will pick up their devices and drop them off each day at a designated distribution point. Students in grades eleven and twelve will be able to take their devices to and from school each day. All students will have the option to charge their devices in select study halls or at lunch. Students in grades seven through ten who may need a device for schoolwork outside of school may sign one out in the library. Those who wish to bring their own laptop to school may opt out of receiving one from the district. More specific information regarding Chromebooks will be coming in the next few weeks.

Student lockers are back! We are excited to be able to offer lockers to every student this year. We ask that all students rent a lock from the main office for the duration of the school year. Locks can be rented for \$5.00, and money will be returned to those students who turn in their locks at the end of the school year. For safety and security reasons, we can only allow school-issued locks on lockers. Please remind your student that they should not share their locker with another student, or allow other students to access their locker.

Students will have flex time that will accompany their lunch periods this year. This twenty minute time block allows for students to participate in enrichment activities, inside or outside, enjoy some relaxing down time with their peers, work on class assignments, or meet with a teacher who has that period free. Student flex times will be located in one of three rooms during each of the lunch periods. Please consult your student's schedule packet to determine the time and location of their flex.

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I'm extremely excited to introduce the Principal's Cabinet this year. This group is open to students in grades seven through twelve who would like to meet with me, each month, after school, to discuss building level concerns and community-based solutions to them. If your student is interested in joining the Principal's Cabinet, please have them email me, or see me, during the first two weeks of school.

Finally, our district is moving using a new communication platform this year called Parent Square. This platform allows the district to get notifications to you most efficiently. If you have not already done so, please sign up for Parent Square using the information located on our BKW website.

For a building-wide set of reminders for the start of the school year, please see my digital newsletter, located on our BKW website. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns as we begin the new school year.

In partnership,

Bonnie Kane  
Secondary School Principal

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