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Dear Parent,

It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of September, but here we are. I would like to thank all of you for your understanding, flexibility, and support as we have worked our way through a challenging, yet rewarding, start to the year. I would also like to especially thank you for how you have encouraged and communicated with your children. Our students have transitioned into this school year wonderfully and in a way that has exceeded all expectations. Thank you very much for all that you have done to prepare them for this new environment and help them gain some traction as we have gotten off the starting blocks. We all look forward to welcoming back our high schoolers for in-person instruction after this long weekend.

In the midst of all of the ramp-up and then adjustments to this school year, I put on the back-burner some of the usual beginning-of-the-year communications. I would like to share two of those items with you here. The first is the link to our [school cancellation procedures](#) and the second is the [list of annual notifications](#) about a variety of topics. Please take a moment to read through these, as they have been updated to reflect the nature of this school year.

Apart from this, I am also attaching a document from our school nurses regarding students who exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19, and the procedures involved for isolation and return to school. This document reflects the guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Health, which we are required to follow as a public school district. Should you have any questions about this, please contact your child's school nurse.

Finally, I want to put out a call for a little help. When schools closed abruptly last year, many students had library books from school in their possession. We attempted to collect materials in June, but for whatever reason many of our library books were not returned. We still have more than 1,100 school library books that have not been returned. Please take a few minutes and look around your homes to see if you can find any school library books that may be hiding in a closet or under a bed or some other place. Then have your child return the books to school. Thank you!

I wish you a restful and peaceful weekend, whether you are enjoying the extra day or observing the religious holiday.

Sincerely,

Michael LaSusa