



*The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.*

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Paul J. Gelinas Junior High School

Corinne Keane, Principal  
William Corrao, Assistant Principal

August 2023

Dear Gelinas Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Paul J. Gelinas Junior High School! As we prepare for an exciting year ahead, our top priority remains safety and ensuring that every student feels connected to the Paul J. Gelinas JHS community. I hope you had a wonderful summer, filled with joyful moments spent with loved ones and smiles! Our devoted educators and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that the classrooms and school building are fully prepared for your return. They have been organizing materials, setting up technology, and creating a welcoming and inspiring learning environment. Their commitment and hard work will ensure that you have a smooth and engaging start to the school year. We are grateful for their dedication and excited to welcome you back to a well-prepared and supportive educational setting.

It is with great honor and excitement that I serve as the Principal of Paul J. Gelinas JHS. My passion for education and supporting the success of all students has been shaped over the last twenty years as an art teacher, department chairperson, and assistant principal right here at Gelinas. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, students and administrators care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support student academic and social growth.

On Friday August 18th, student schedules will be made available via the parent portal. On your schedule you will also find some personal information. Please do not post this information to social media. If you have a scheduling issue, please email [gelsched@3villagecsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:gelsched@3villagecsd.k12.ny.us). Guidance counselors will not be able to hold in-person meetings but will address any scheduling concerns as expeditiously as possible. For all students entering grade 7 and those who are new to Gelinas...Welcome! We are excited to meet you all at our annual walk-thru on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. We ask that all in attendance meet in the Gelinas Auditorium with a copy of their schedule.

For parents that need to coordinate with our School Nurse for medication drop off. Mrs. Long, our Nurse will be available at the building at the following times: Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am for the 7th grade/New Student Walk Thru and Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm for 8<sup>th</sup>/ 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If you require a time outside of these dates please contact the Gelinas Health office at 631-730-4710.

The school day will begin at 7:40 am. Please be sure to make note of the bell schedule attached and located on our website. Students may visit their locker or purchase breakfast before going to their 1<sup>st</sup> period classroom. For parents that will be driving their students, we respectfully ask that you arrive within the 7:25am-7:35am window. Also, please be mindful that there are no left turns from the circle onto Mud Road. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation with our morning arrival protocol.

As a school committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all our students, we want to ensure that everyone is aware of and abides by our Code of Conduct. This Code outlines the guidelines and expectations for behavior within our school community. We kindly request both parents and students take the time to read the Code of Conduct thoroughly. We ask that you pay close attention to the Code as it pertains to internet responsibilities (p. 12), cell phone use (p. 14), and hate speech (p. 17). It is essential for all members of our school community to understand their responsibilities in creating a positive and respectful learning environment. Please

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acknowledge that you and your student have read and understand the Code of Conduct in your Infinite Campus account by **Friday September 8, 2023**. Attached to this email you will find information to help you access the acknowledgement in the parent portal. Students will be given an opportunity to acknowledge the Code of Conduct at the start of the school year. Please feel free to reach out to the school administration if you have any questions or need clarification on any part of the Code of Conduct. Your partnership in promoting a positive school culture is invaluable, and together, we can ensure a rewarding educational experience for all our students.

All signs are pointing towards a great school year of transformation and innovation! We have all learned to Chase the Bright Side, show our love for Gelinas and to Go the Extra Smile! I ask you to join me this school year in committing to "Be Happy!" (Happy being an acronym for Have – A - Positive – Productive - Year!) With the symbolic honeybee and its hive serving as powerful metaphor with the hexagon shape representing interconnectedness. This geometric shape embodies intricate relationships, interdependent lines akin to the bonds of human connections. Destined to be an integral part of a greater whole, the hexagon transforms into a magnificent architectural element, perpetually expandable. As multiples of hexagons unite and reinforce each other, they form an endless and boundless network of connections

I am really looking forward to celebrating this school year with all of you, and I encourage you to become active members of our Gelinas PTSA and the Gelinas community! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or any ideas that you would like to discuss. We would love to hear from you!

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne Keane".

Corinne Keane  
Gelinas Principal