



**THREE VILLAGE  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*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.*

*Vincent Cereola, Principal  
Dawn Nachtigall PhD, Assistant Principal  
Chris Murphy, Dean of Students  
351 Oxhead Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790*

August 14, 2023

Dear Murphy Families,

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year at R.C. Murphy Junior High School! We hope that you are enjoying the summer and are excited and energized to begin a new school year. Our teachers and staff members have been preparing our classrooms and the building for your return to school.

There is important information on the upcoming start of the school year. We request that all families complete the Annual Update Application on their portal account. It is imperative that all information on the portal is current and accurate. In addition to the update, all students and parents are asked to acknowledge that they have read and reviewed the Three Village Central School District Code of Conduct. This will be available to you before the end of the week in your portal accounts and highlighted instructions are available in this welcome back letter.

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I serve as your Principal here at Murphy. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to establish and maintain a great rapport with our students, faculty and staff, and the larger school community. R.C. Murphy Junior High School is an excellent place to learn and to participate in extra-curricular activities. Furthermore, it is wonderful to work alongside our Assistant Principal, Dr. Dawn Nachtigall, in providing our students with an educational environment in which they may thrive academically and socially. We are truly a team here at Murphy!

The theme for this school year is "Be Your Own Captain." We encourage our students to be leaders, to navigate an authentic course in being active, engaged members of our school community, and to think independently for themselves in making positive choices. This year at Murphy, we will collectively "set our sails" with purpose toward new achievements, new friendships and all-around excellence.

Student schedules will be available to view via the Parent Portal on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If you have any questions about your schedule, please email [mursched@3villagecsd.org](mailto:mursched@3villagecsd.org). Please be aware, we do not have the staff over the summer to field phone calls regarding schedules. You will also find locker information as well as transportation information on the Portal. Please do not post your schedules on

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social media as it contains your student identification number along with your locker combination. For all students that are entering 7th grade or are new to our building, we will be hosting our annual walk-thru on August 29th at 9:00am. We ask that all in attendance please meet in the auditorium with a **printed schedule** for a brief welcome from our administrative team.

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 acknowledge that you and your student have read and understand the Code of Conduct in your Infinite Campus account by Friday September 8, 2023. **To access the acknowledgement in your Parent Portal account, click Documents (left-hand menu) and click the form titled, "Code of Conduct Acknowledgement."** Please acknowledge one document for each student in your household. 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.

Medication drop off will be held in the Health Office on August 29<sup>th</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> graders from 9:00am-11:00 am, and for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders the same day from 11:00 am-2:00 pm.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer. We are looking forward to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and to a fun and productive experience for everyone here at R.C. Murphy Junior High School. The school day will begin at 7:40 am. Please be sure to make note of the bell schedule located on our website. Students are to report directly to their assigned first period class or to the cafeteria if they plan to purchase breakfast. For parents that will be driving their students, we respectfully ask that you arrive within the 7:05am-7:35am window for drop-off. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

*Vincent Cereola*

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