



*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. Gelinis Junior High School

Corinne Keane, Principal  
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Dear Gelinis Families,

On behalf of the entire Gelinis faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you all to the 2020-2021 school year at Paul J. Gelinis JHS! As we plan for a beginning like no other, we want you to know that our focus is always on the safety of our students and to ensure that each of our students feel connected to the Paul J. Gelinis JHS community. I hope that you all were able to enjoy some summertime moments and made great memories with your families. Your teachers and staff members have been busy getting the classrooms and school building ready for your return.

It is with great honor and excitement that I serve as the Principal of Paul J. Gelinis JHS. My passion for education and supporting the success of all students has been shaped over the last eighteen years as an art teacher, department chairperson, and assistant principal right here at Gelinis. 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 Tuesday afternoon, 9/1/20 student schedules will be made available via the parent portal. On your schedule you will also find your individualized bus information. Please do not post this information to social media. School schedule changes will be extremely limited this year as we are filling desks in each classroom in order to ensure six feet of distance between students. If you do have a scheduling issue, please email [gelsched@3villagecsd.org](mailto:gelsched@3villagecsd.org). Guidance counselors will not be having in-person meetings as we will be limiting visitors to our school. We ask that all of our students come to school on the first day with a charged Chromebook.

For all students entering grade 7 and those who are new to Gelinis...Welcome! There is our annual walk-thru on Friday, September 4, 2020. Please refer to the letter on the website for your assigned times. We ask that all in attendance meet in the auditorium with a hard copy of their schedule.

There are some new procedures we are asking you to adhere to for student arrival. The school day will begin at 7:35 am. Students will be asked 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 7:20am-7:30am window. Also please be mindful that there are no left turns from the circle onto Mud Road. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in our morning arrival protocol.

As we look for inspiration for our students and school community we will continue our Gelinis tradition of the *One Book, One School* program hosted by our Site Based Management Team. All students and staff members will be reading *Chasing the Bright Side* by Jess Ekstrom. This is a book which inspires us to lean into optimism in order to write our own story and to view our challenges through the lens of opportunity. Over the course of the school year we look to infuse these life lessons into our school culture. After all, *Together we can Chase the Bright Side!*

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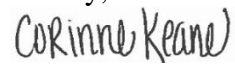
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I leave you with this Jess Ekstrom quote and I look forward to an amazing year with all of you! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to discuss.

***Both optimism and anxiety require us to imagine something that hasn't happened yet. If we have the ability to worry about the future, it also means that we have the ability to imagine a better one. – Jess Ekstrom***

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Fondly,



Corinne Keane

Principal