July 19, 2021

Dear Parents,

It is amazing how fast the summer goes! The staff and I are extremely excited to open this school year and welcome back our students in a month. However, certain aspects of the 2021-2022 school year may still be subject to change due to the effects of COVID-19. Rest assured, if any changes happen, we will keep you informed and updated on those changes. Over the course of the summer, the staff has spent time with their families and continued to academically support students through summer school, as well as attending professional development to enhance our academic instruction at Sterling Middle School.

Sterling Middle School staff, in collaboration with parents, families, and the community will develop decent human beings through improved teaching and learning while promoting personal and academic growth.

This year, I am happy to announce that I will continue to lead the Sterling Jaguars during the 2021-2022 school year. We have a new Assistant Principal joining our Jaguar team this year. Dr. Lucy Merchalt is joining my administrative team. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge. I look forward to collaborating with her and continuing to move Sterling forward with our schoolwide vision and mission. Our Jaguar staff members are excited to meet your students’ needs. I have confidence that my Sterling team will bring a wide range of experience and expertise to the school to continue to move our Jaguars forward, both academically, as well as through social emotional supports. We are always available via email or phone calls. We will always respond to calls and emails within 48 hours.

All families that are returning to Sterling may log in to Skyward Family Access to complete the enrollment procedures for the new school year. At your convenience during our scheduled registration window, we are pleased to be able to allow you to complete the student enrollment form and emergency contacts, photo release, school network agreement, free/reduced lunch or textbook application and more. To begin the online enrollment, each family will log into Family Access and click on the “Online Enrollment Verification” link located on the main screen. This link will be available on each student’s screen within the family.

New incoming Sterling students may contact the school to set up an appointment to tour the building to ease any nervousness that students or guardians may be feeling about starting a new school. We want to ensure our Jaguars are ready to start the year off on a positive foot and alleviate any stress of attending a new school in August.

Administration and staff have been attending professional development this summer to provide Sterling students a top-notch education. We will continue training throughout the year to ensure we meet the individual needs of all our students. When our students are promoted to high school, they will be prepared for success at the high school level and continue to be decent human beings. My team is committed to making Sterling a school of excellence.

We are working hard to ensure our school is climbing to the top academically, athletically and culturally. To assure that our students receive a top-notch education, we need all stakeholders to become involved in our
Sterling community, including our parents, families and our students. Our students need to be in attendance, on time and ready to learn each day. Our students need to commit themselves to following our 3 Sterling goals: being a decent human being, focusing on personal betterment, and striving for academic growth. If our students buy-in to our expectations, they will not only have the foundation to be successful leaders at the high school level, but they will also learn, practice, and begin to master the skills necessary to be successful at the collegiate level, as well as in the workforce and in our community.

We greatly appreciate and welcome parental involvement. The number one indicator in the success of a student is the level of parent/guardian involvement in the education of a child. Please get involved in any way that you can. Attend extra-curricular events, participate in our back-to-school events, and attend our curriculum nights. These events will all be posted on calendars and on our website throughout the year. We would love to grow our PTO. It takes a village to raise a child, and I encourage and welcome all families of Sterling students to become part of our Sterling family.

This year, we will continue our drop off and pick up pattern in the back of the building, like previous years. All parents who will be bringing their students will turn onto Westminster and pull into the back-parking lot and follow the traffic pattern to drop off their students. All buses will pick up and drop off bus riders in the front of the building. We will continue to communicate this information and send out more information as needed.

Remember school will begin on Wednesday, August 18th. This year, our student school attendance day will be from 8:20-2:50. If your child is a bus rider, please visit the district website to ensure your student will know the pick-up location and time for their bus route.

We look forward to seeing everyone in August and look forward to a wonderful year! During the 2021-2022 school year, Jags run together.

Lynn Lane
Principal