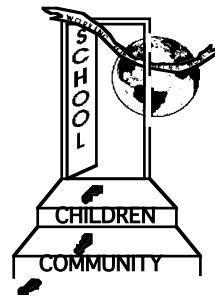


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Little River Students and Families:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope that you had a restful summer and had the chance to recharge your batteries. We are excited about all that this new school year has to offer and look forward to working with our students and families as we focus on continuous improvement in teaching and learning, and all areas of our school environment.

This year we will renew our commitment to excellence in all that we do, with a resolute expectation that all students can learn and succeed. We will continue to provide students with opportunities to learn and grow in preparation for success. We will continue to implement initiatives to promote teaching and learning, and to engage all our stakeholders in the process of educating our students.

I am excited about all that this new school year has to offer and look forward to working collectively as a team to ensure that our students are provided with the best educational experience possible to be critical thinkers, responsible citizens, and be College and Career Ready.

We are blessed with teachers and staff who care about students and place student success and safety as the top priorities. Please feel free to contact me if you have a question or concern or would just like to visit.

I would like to bring to your attention a change in our attendance policy.

“If a student has greater than eight (8) absences in any class during a semester (either excused or unexcused), that student will not receive a grade higher than 59 percent or an (F) and will not receive credit for that class. In extreme cases, and at the discretion of the building principal, exceptions can be made for verifiable lengthy medical conditions, and if a student is hospitalized or under doctor’s orders to remain at home. It is the responsibility of the parent or student to provide signed and dated statements from a health care provider within three (3) school days of the student’s return to school. If statements are

not received within three (3) days of the student's return to school, the statements will not be accepted.

A student may be considered a student in good standing after completing a day of Saturday School. For example, if a student has nine (8) absences, he or she can complete one day of Saturday school and be eligible to receive a passing grade. The student can regain their credit status in the class through their attendance outside of the regular school day, including Saturday School, or other assignments. This process will allow them to make up the time they have missed over the maximum absences. The official record of absences will be recorded in PowerSchool.

Saturday School: Saturday School has been established to deal with disciplinary issues without infringing on classroom time, and attendance issues.

- a. Saturday School will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- b. Saturday School will be used for attendance deficiencies and other discipline offenses identified for Saturday School.
- c. Students may be assigned 1-4 hours of Saturday School depending on the offense identified by the administration.
- d. Students must bring work to Saturday School and keep busy during the time assigned.
- e. Parents will be notified in writing, or personally contacted, when Saturday School is assigned."

Yours in Education,

Randy Hendrickson

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Little River Jr./Sr. High School Principal