

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Howe High School. I hope the summer break provided your family with a time to relax, rest, and recharge for the start of school. This letter will provide some information that you may find useful for the coming school year.

Sometimes it is easy to get enrollment and class scheduling confused. This year we are doing a hard copy enrollment process (everyone will need to fill out the enrollment papers). This will ensure that the data found in our student information system is correct and up to date. Late in the spring of last year we did a tentative class schedule with the students that attended Howe High School. If your child does not have a class schedule, we will be conducting class scheduling on August 5 (Seniors at 8-11 am & Juniors at 12-3 pm), and August 6 (Sophomores at 8-11 am & Freshmen at 12-3 pm). Open enrollment (open to any high school grade) will be on August 7 starting at 8:00 am.

If you are new to Howe High School or if you know someone who will be attending our high school for the first time, we will have **Freshman Orientation on August 1 at 6:00 pm** in the auditorium. This is not a mandatory event; however, it does provide a time for new students to receive a tour of the campus, meet some of the high school staff, talk about some hand book policies, and answer any questions you may have.

Attending school has a huge impact on student success. This year we want to make sure every student misses no more than 9 days of school, or 1 day a month. We need your help.

Some Attendance Tips to Promote Student Learning:

- Make sure our students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine so they are rested and alert when they get to school. (This not only works for the little guys, but also works for high school sized guys and gals.)
- Turn off all electronic devices including TVs, phones, and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and backpacks are ready the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feels anxious about going to school.
- Develop a backup plan for getting your child to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your child so that they can show up for school on time every day. Again, I would like to say welcome back and I am honored to have your child as a student at Howe High School.

Sincerely

Dennis Shoup
High School Principal