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Dear Parents,

With September fast approaching, it is with great pleasure I welcome you and your children back to WJSHS for another exciting and productive year.

School begins on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Due to construction @ WJSHS, all offices are currently located at WES. If you would like to pick up your child's CDTA bus pass in advance, please come to WES (OT/PT room) **Wednesday, Aug. 18** and **Thursday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>** to sign out September's bus pass. If you or your child cannot pick up their bus pass on either of those two dates, they may stop in the main office of WHS beginning **Thursday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Our focus again this year will be to provide each student with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. Academic excellence as well as offering a rigorous and relevant curriculum will remain a priority for every student every day. We have a number of new courses being offered for the upcoming school year in an effort to continue to raise the bar for achievement as well as diversify our curriculum.

In an effort to improve communication between home and school, students will be provided with an agenda book that should be used to document daily assignments, as well as hallway passes. Please use this as one of the many means of communication between you and your child's teacher. Teachers and guidance counselors would be happy to meet with you to discuss any issues your child may

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have throughout the school year. We just ask that you call the guidance office first, to set up an appointment.

Our building project at the WJSHS is in the final stages. We are asking that parents and students are patient upon returning to school as there are many changes in classrooms, offices, as well as schedules and we will work through all of the changes as the year progresses.

We warmly welcome new members of our instructional staff: Mr. Christopher Curtis is a special education teacher, Mrs. Aseba Harris will be our instructional coach, Mrs. Tami Karbowski will be our 10<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher and Ms. Katelyn McKenna has joined our guidance staff and will be working with students with last names beginning with (L-Z) in grades 9-12.

Please take time to read through the Student Code of Conduct as well as important dates listed on our district calendar, including **Meet the Teacher Night, Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 p.m at The Dome, Picture Day is also September 23<sup>rd</sup> during school hours. September 29<sup>th</sup> is a half-day of school for students and Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6pm, is Senior Night.**

We have dedicated a lot of time to designing a very comprehensive district calendar this year. If you do not receive a calendar by the first week of school, please stop by the main office or have your child stop in and pick one up. Our website has also been revamped and has the most updated information pertaining to activities happening within the Watervliet City School District.

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. I look forward to working with you and your child to provide a safe learning environment that supports student success.

Regards,

Lori S. Caplan  
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