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Welcome to Harbor High School! I am delighted to welcome you to our Pirate community for this coming school year. As ever, there is a lot happening aboard the ship. We are in the candidacy phase towards becoming authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) school and in the middle of construction of a brand new aquatic facility that includes a new weight room and 33 meter length swimming pool.

We are a school where adults and students are respectful and own their learning. Harbor prepares graduates who are college and career ready and equipped with the skills needed to become the best version of themselves. Our teachers and staff believe in our students and the community. That belief and Harbor's goals guide us towards realizing our vision of educating critical thinkers and globally-minded community members.

Harbor in an exciting place because we offer students a first class education that includes a comprehensive offering of college preparatory classes and options such as Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), advanced classes, Career Technical Education (CTE) classes and pathways, Link Crew, and a rich athletics program. Harbor continues to evolve as we prepare to introduce the IB Diploma Program starting in fall 2020 and create new student clubs and activities for our students every year.

Harbor Goals

- World class instruction incorporating clarity of learning for all students
- Provide targeted interventions for all students
- Create positive, engaging school environments that promote the development of cognitive skills and the social emotional well-being of all students

The high expectations we have for students is matched by the culture of caring relationships at Harbor. Many of our teachers planned curriculum and attended trainings and workshops (AVID, Link Crew, IB trainings, English Language Development, Organized Binder, English, Science, Math, World Language, and Visual and Performing Arts curriculum development) this summer to deepen their knowledge and strengthen our already solid programs in preparation for this school year.

To learn more about Harbor High and to participate in the Harbor parent community, I invite you attend the first of our ten informal "principal and friends coffee" with (myself, the counselors, and our activities and athletic directors) meetings on September 4, 2019 from 8:30-9:30am in the Harbor High career center.

A school is only as good as the community that supports it and one thing that makes Harbor a strong school is the participation of our parents. I welcome you to get involved and participate in whatever ways that you can whenever you can. Our school website calendar includes the dates and times for all events and meetings. Some ways to get involved are:

- <u>School Site Council:</u> a school parent/student/teacher/staff group that meets monthly on Tuesdays at 3:00, monthly, to make decisions about school programs and expenditures.
- <u>Boosters Club:</u> a parent organization that supports our school programs and vision with many opportunities to participate. Boosters meet monthly at 7:00.
- <u>ELAC (English Language Advisory Council):</u> a parent group dedicated to supporting English language learners. ELAC meets on Thursday once a month at 6:00 pm.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns, now or at any time during the year.

Sincerely,

Tracey Runeare