

August 22, 2017

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Patuxent Valley Middle School! The summer went by so quickly but our efforts to plan a dynamic school year has our staff excited for the return of our students. We are ready for the new school year to start, and we are excited for staff and students to return.

PVMS is in its final clean-up phase of the three-year renovation – we have a new recess area (it's enormous); we have new music facilities that's certified to be the best acoustic sound rooms in the county; the gymnasium has new floors, locker rooms, bleachers, and believe it or not, new air conditioning; our Family and Consumer Science (FACS) room has all new appliances and is very spacious; our art room is ready to spark the next Monet or Augusta Savage; frankly, PVMS is brand new and ready to Create a Vibrant Place to Discover. We can't wait to see what's going to happen next year.

I am constantly meeting leaders in the community who express their deep love and connection for PVMS. A rich tradition of educational excellence exists within the four walls of our building; future leaders, entrepreneurs, designers, and Olympians begin their preparation here. We take this calling seriously and our staff, from the administrative team and the teachers to our valuable support staff, are committed to providing an education that is relevant and rigorous. We pledge to Invest, Instruct and Inspire your student as we to propel them well-prepared for their future. We are excited to be a part of this exciting school community.

As your family prepares for the coming year, the following information will be helpful:

- Your student's **tentative homeroom information** will be mailed home Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Homeroom information is subject to change based on need.
- Parents can update their **emergency information** through HCPSS Connect at <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>. This website also enables you to view your child's grades.
- The **school's website** is <http://pvms.hcpss.org> where you will find important upcoming dates, information about your child's teachers (including how to contact them), the PVMS schedule, and the school supply list. **Bus lists** will not be on our school's website, but can be found at [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org) or published in the newspaper the Thursday before school starts. You can also follow PVMS on **Twitter** at [https://twitter.com/hcpss\\_pvms](https://twitter.com/hcpss_pvms).

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- Students new to PVMS and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to **orientation** on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 to 10:00 am.
- Plan to attend the **Back-to-School Night** on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **First day of school** is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:40 am – 2:25 pm.

I look forward to a great year; and as always, I can't wait to see what our students will do!

Rick Robb

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Robb".

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