

INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents,

As a new school year approaches, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Indian River High School. Last year was a great success with record academic, athletic, and extracurricular achievements. Our graduation rate continues to rise, and our ever-expanding course and extracurricular offerings give students valuable opportunities. Without a doubt, this success is due to the outstanding participation and hard work exhibited by our students and teachers. We, as your Administrative Team, pledge to uphold the great academic and extracurricular traditions that make Indian River High School such a wonderful place to learn and support you in your growth as a student and citizen.

You, as an Indian River student, have a very important role in this tradition. Simply put, your job is to do your best everyday so that you can grow intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially into a productive member of society. Success does not come easy, but through hard work and cooperation with those around you, every student can reach his or her fullest potential. Your teachers, counselors, parents, and school administration will work to do everything possible so that you have the tools needed to succeed. Your best effort towards success will be essential.

Throughout the year we will help you concentrate your efforts by continually reminding you to focus on the 3R's of school success:

- **Respect** – Students will remember to treat themselves and others well at all times. This includes using good language, dressing appropriately, providing assistance for others when needed, and working to follow all rules and directions. This is not negotiable...all students are expected to conduct themselves with respect at all times.
- **Responsibility** – Students will remember that their personal success depends on their own hard work, attention to detail, and a willingness to plan for today and tomorrow. With maturity towards adulthood comes the responsibility to make good decisions. Responsible students also are not quick to blame others for mistakes or problems...they realize and accept fault when necessary – and learn from it.
- **Relationships**- The most successful students work to build strong, positive relationships with adults in their lives. Seeking out a family member, teacher, coach, supervisor, or other community member to serve as a mentor allows students to make connections and develop with the guidance of someone who has “been there.” Having good people to support you through the challenges of High School will make it much easier to maintain the respect and responsibility needed to succeed.

We also ask that you carefully review the materials included with this letter. Additional information such as the District Code of Conduct and school handbook will be sent home during the first week. Again, these should be read carefully so that you and your parents fully understand your responsibilities as a student at Indian River High School – especially in regard to student attendance, behavioral expectations, and academic achievement.

We will begin our adventure together on Tuesday, September 6th with various activities related to the start of school. An optional Freshmen and New Student Orientation will take place on Friday, September 2nd at 1 PM, and all students will have an extended homeroom/1st period the first day of school to assist with any start-of-school issues. Additional information will be provided by the guidance department. I also encourage you to check out our new and constantly growing website at www.ircsd.org for updates, a calendar, and general information.

We look forward to a year of excitement, challenges, and growth for us all. Please join us in working towards the betterment of Indian River High School, and a successful “new beginning.” As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at 642-3427. We look forward to seeing each of you on Tuesday, September 6th!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

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Director of Athletics