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Dear Parents and Students:

WELCOME BACK FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR!!

We hope that your summer was enjoyable and also that the new school year presents a challenge that is rich with new educational experiences. The administration and staff at Roosevelt Middle School look forward to a great school year. The school calendar is enclosed. In addition, procedural information you should be aware of is as follows:

First Day of School: School begins on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. It is a full day of school. Classes begin at 7:55 and end at 2:48. Bus Transportation will available.

Class Periods: Every student will have six classes and a half hour for lunch. Each grade level has lunch at designated times.

Dress Code: Enclosed is a copy of the District's dress code. Please review this code so you and your child are familiar with the rules and regulations relating to student dress.

Prohibited Articles or Possession of Electronic Pagers, Cellular Phones or Other Electronic Devices while in school: A student shall not bring to school any object that in the judgment of the administration disrupts or interferes with the educational process or endears the health, welfare or safety of students or staff is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to CD/MP3 players, headphones, personal communication devices, I-pods, personal pagers and TV sets, telephones, and other electronic communication devices. The electronic device may be confiscated if seen by a staff member. The Oak Park School District, Roosevelt Middle School, its administrators and/or staff, will not be held responsible for electronic devices that are brought to school and are stolen, lost or damaged.

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I.D. Cards: All incoming sixth graders and new students to the district will be issued picture ID cards. Returning students must pay for a replacement I.D. card. All students are required to have ID cards in their possession at all times during the school day. Replacement ID cards cost \$10.00. ID cards are needed for bus transportation, free and reduced lunch and all student activities.

Lockers: Each student will be assigned a locker for his/her use only. All students are encouraged not to share lockers or combinations with anyone else. In addition, students are encouraged not to bring expensive clothing to school. The school is not responsible for any items stolen. Locks are free. A replacement lock costs \$5.00.

Bus transportation: All students who live 1-½ miles from Roosevelt are eligible to ride on school buses. Any parent wishing to receive an exemption to this policy must contact Oak Park School District's Transportation Department at (248) 336-7601. Students eligible to ride the bus must have their ID cards coded to indicate they are eligible for bus transportation.

Lunch and Lunch Cards: The basic cost of lunch for students is \$3.00. Free and reduced lunch cards are available for students who qualify. Any student who received free or reduced lunch last year must submit a new application each year. Applications are available in the Student Services Office. All parents are encouraged to fill out the application to see if their child is eligible.

Student Safety: We cannot stress student safety enough. Many times as children leave their neighborhood and travel to school, they forget to obey traffic signs and crossing lights. **PARENTS: PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO BE SAFE AND TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL BY CROSSING STREETS IN A SAFE MANNER.**

Again, the administration and staff of Roosevelt Middle School look forward to a rewarding and exciting school year. We welcome your support and involvement!

Educationally yours,

William Washington, Principal