

July 1, 2016

Dear Parents of Incoming Seventh Graders & New Students,

As secondary principal I would like to take this time and welcome you and your child to Tri County High School. As parents, your job is probably most difficult because you'll see significant changes in your child. I hope with your continued guidance and support along with myself and the staff here at Tri County, we can make this transition a successful one.

I would also like to suggest that you strongly encourage your child to become involved in an extra-curricular activity offered here at Tri County. It has been our experience that our most successful students at Tri County have been actively involved in some sort of school function or athletic program. The key to a positive transition is to maintain an active role in your child's education. They'll need your support more than ever because they will not have that comfort of just one teacher/one classroom; they'll have up to seven different teachers. Please use PowerSchool as your aide to monitoring your child's progress. Also I would recommend communication with teachers. The communication will help to eliminate the unknown.

I would like to provide you a list of self-help messages:

- 1) Expect some changes developmentally—physically, emotionally and socially.
- 2) Although students may act as if they do not need you, they still do.
- 3) Give students space but STAY INVOLVED.
- 4) Do a daily backpack and student calendar check. Help them learn the process of bringing home information, completing work assigned and getting it turned in on time.
- 5) Make sure your child uses the Individual Academic Period to seek assistance from teachers.
- 6) Talk with your child about the decisions they are making.

The biggest issue that I have seen over the years with students who may struggle with the transition is in the areas of organization and time management. This is where the use of the student planner becomes vital (A Google Calendar). As stated above, involvement is a key to success but balance is as well. I hope that you consider these points of interest and use them to assist you in continuing to develop a well-rounded and focused child.

There are two dates to mark on your calendar for next August. The first would be the seventh grade/ new student orientation on August 10, 2016 @ 6:00pm, and the second date is an internet safety seminar on August 17, 2016 @ 6:30pm for a The presentation will include information regarding safety, usage, and digital citizenship.

If you ever have any questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to call or come in and visit. I appreciate parents who are actively involved. Please call me at (402) 683-2015.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Uher  
Secondary Principal/Activities Director