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WELCOME BACK FROM THE PRINCIPAL **2022-23 School Year**

On behalf of the staff at Topeka High School, it is a pleasure to welcome everyone back for another school year. Entering my seventh year as the principal of this gorgeous school, it is rewarding to have everyone return after the summer break. We look forward to a continued return to a more “normal” routine, but we are prepared to continue to adapt to the changes that the pandemic has left behind. In light of recent national events, we want you to know that our first goal is to provide the safest learning environment, both physically and emotionally, and we will be asking our students and their families to partner with us in this endeavor. It takes each and every one of us, doing what we individually can, to ensure maximum safety and success for our students!

Our division teams are ready to support our students in a variety of ways, and each child will have an assistant principal, counselor, and social worker/counselor serving passionately on the front lines to meet each need. We also have valuable partnerships with Communities in Schools, JAG-Kansas, Family Service and Guidance, Washburn Gear Up, and PARS, as well as other volunteers and groups, who work with the divisional teams for social emotional support of our students and families. We will continue to provide a chromebook to each student, and ask that you contact us for support with technology. Our partners in the community continue to work with us to ensure wireless connectivity for families, and we are able to provide technical support to our students here in the building. We encourage our parents/guardians to stay closely connected to the school, coming to our [Back to School Night on August 16](#), attending other Family Engagement events, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and most importantly, regularly communicating with your child’s teachers and support staff here at Topeka High School.

In response to the recent uptick of COVID cases, we will begin the year continuing the cleaning and hygienic supports that we have used in the past. Masks are recommended but not required, so if students wish to wear a mask, they are welcome to bring and wear one. We will provide hand sanitizer at the entrances, in the cafeteria, and in classrooms, and our custodial team will ensure daily, thorough, cleaning of our building. We will continue to follow the guidance of KDHE and SCHD, and we will provide updates throughout the year. You can find the latest information on the [Topeka Public Schools](#) and [Topeka High School](#) websites. Also ensure that you have your information updated in Tyler SIS, and watch for the Friday edition of the Trojan Nation newsletter, keeping our families informed and up to date on all matters regarding Topeka High students.

Last but certainly not least, we encourage each of you to come to any and all of the many events that are held here at THS or elsewhere in the Topeka and surrounding community. Each and every event is an opportunity to witness the multitude of talented students we have in the Halls of Troy. The way our internal and external community support each other is a representation of our value for diversity of all kinds, and I am reminded daily of just why it is always “A Great Day to be a Trojan!”

We look forward to seeing our freshmen on August 10, and all students on August 11. Don’t forget that the building opens at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast, and classes start promptly at 7:55 a.m, so we thank you in advance for ensuring that our students are on time and ready for their first hour of class each day.

Have a wonderful last few days of summer!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Morrissey, Proud Principal of Topeka High School!