September 13, 2019

Dear Students and Families:

We have had a wonderful opening to our 2019-20 school year. I am confident it will be an amazing year, and one important way to ensure this is to be proactive in minimizing any discipline or behavior problems.

I’d like to remind you that all students received a “Student and Parent Handbook, 2019-20” on the first day(s) of school. Most any rule or procedure you need to know of is included in this booklet, including the Remsen Central School District “Code of Conduct.” Please review this at home. In addition, I held student assemblies to discuss rules and procedures, and teachers and Superintendent Tim Jenny joined me in these assemblies. Please turn this paper over to see some of the topics that were discussed in the assembly.

Students, you should never feel that it is not safe for you to come to school and participate in all school activities. You should never be prevented from concentrating on your schoolwork because another student or a school staff member is teasing you, making fun of you, pushing you around, or threatening you in some way, because of your race, color, weight, national origin (where your family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), or sex, or any other reason.

You may not act toward another student in a way that reasonably might make them feel threatened or unsafe, or that might reasonably make them unable to concentrate on their school work, because of what you think about their race, color, weight, national origin (where their family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), or sex, or any other reason. It is against school rules for you to do this by your physical actions or by your verbal statements, including electronic messages.

Mrs. Nebush is our Dignity for All Students Act Coordinator, and if you feel you are bullied or harassed, please submit a report to Mrs. Nebush for an investigation.

I’d like your support and assistance in my priority areas for the year:

- **Attendance Counts** - I want students here all day, every day, unless it’s an urgent issue. My focus is on outstanding attendance for all students. To encourage this, students will receive reports with every progress report and report card outlining their attendance. Also, students who are in school 95% or more of the days each marking period will receive an Exceptional Attendance Award.

**Soar to Success**

TURN OVER
-Building a Culture of Reward for Good Behavior and Effort - This year in the Jr./Sr. High School I am implementing a Positive Behavior System where students earn tickets for good deeds. The ways that children earn tickets is attached. Students then enter the tickets into drawings for various prizes each marking period. I want the focus to be on great students, working hard, and giving their best every day.

Remsen is a wonderful community and school, and I'm extremely proud to be the principal. I have high expectations for students and want each to reach their fullest potential. Thank you for all of your support in making this year great!

Sincerely yours,

Kristy W. McGrath
Principal
Athletic code includes your behavior outside of school:
- No Drinking
- No Drugs
Not Present Where Drugs/Drinking Taking Place
Positive Social Media
Be in school by 9:28
3rd per. to be eligible each day.
Academic Ineligibility if falling 2 or more subjects at progress reports or report cards. Also, if suspended or receiving 3 or more detentions in a week, become ineligible.

Dress Code...
- not impact the educational process - means not be distracting
- nothing brief: tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines, bare midriffs, see through garments, short shorts or skirts are not appropriate
- nothing vulgar, swearing, offensive or concerning race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability
- no drugs, alcohol, vaping/smoking, or encouraging dangerous or violent activities
What’s New... SPO (School Patrol Officer)

Officer Schroth
Officer Smith

Purpose is safety of the building.

Have Goals...

-School is your job right now, and it's the most important job you will have in your entire life. How well you do with this job will impact every other job you will get.