

WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Webutuck Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your children having a fantastic summer. In two short weeks the now empty hallways of our schools will be filled with the hustle and bustle of students busy learning and socializing. We are looking forward to it!

This year we have a number of initiatives, programs, and building improvements that will greatly benefit your student(s).

The "One Bell" transportation system will begin this September. Information regarding specific times of bus pick up and drop off will be coming to you from the transportation department. Bus buddies from the high school are being trained and given an orientation regarding their responsibilities on each bus. They will introduce themselves to you and your student(s) on the first day of school.

Our technology initiative begins with all students receiving their own iPads for a "Blended Learning" experience. Students grades K-5 will utilize this technology while in school. Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to use these devices in school and at home. Informative events including our "Back to School" Ice Cream Social being held on Tuesday, September 4 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm as well as Open House Nights on September 19 for grades 4-12 and September 26 for grades Prek-3 will further detail our 1:1 technology program.

The Capital Improvement Project upgrading technology, safety, and infrastructure throughout the District is in full swing this summer. By the beginning of school, most if not all, of this work will be complete. One of the safety features I would like to highlight is our visitor entry system. An identification reader has been installed in each building. This reader will help in printing out visitor badges when visitors come to the District. Please be prepared to have some form of identification when coming to the schools for any reason. Our #1 goal is to keep our students and staff safe and this is one small way you can help.

Another safety upgrade to our schools is installation of a new phone system. This system allows for many safety features at the touch of every staff members hands as well as a better communication system for parents to be in touch with the school. The Webutuck Central School District's main phone number remains (845) 373-4100. Calling this main number you will be prompted to select which building and department you want to reach.

The above mentioned are only a few of the many programs, initiatives and building-wide improvements we have made throughout the summer. I am sure that your building principals will highlight a few more in their "Welcome Back" letters. That being said, our most valuable resource is our caring faculty and staff. Parents, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, principals are all working closely with your student(s) as a team. All together, we will give them the best educational experience possible; one they need and one they deserve.

Sincerely,
Raymond Castellani, Superintendent

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