

August 22, 2023

Parents and Guardians of Wheatland-Chili Middle/High School,

Welcome to the 2023- 2024 school year! It is hard to believe that the Summer has passed so quickly and that it is time to focus on getting back to business. We have been excitedly preparing for the return of our students and staff over the last couple of weeks. As an admin team we have reviewed course offerings, created new courses, planned professional development and discussed events and activities for the new year. Our counselors have worked on schedules that meet student's needs and interests and our teachers have been meeting as departments to create meaningful and rigorous lessons, that incorporate our diversity, equity and inclusion District priorities. Our facilities staff has also been hard at work renovating classrooms and making our building shine. This school year is sure to be filled with new learning, increased opportunities for students, and the creation of positive memories for your student(s). I continue to be amazed at all our school community has to offer and cannot wait to see what this year brings.

In a continuing effort to create a school community and learning environment that promotes academic success, inclusion, and student well-being we have a number of new initiatives and offerings. Among these are:

- The creation of an Advisory Set that will focus on social emotional learning
- The acceleration of all 8th Grade students into Algebra I
- The addition of Unified Physical Education
- The adoption of SchooLinks as a platform for college and career exploration
- The addition of several new clubs including Technology and Gaming
- New opportunities for student leadership through our Wheatland-Chili Athletic Counsel and our Peer Mentoring Program
- Staff professional development with a focus on brain-based learning and research-based instructional strategies that lead to achievement

Thank you for all that you do to support your student(s). It is your willingness to collaborate with us and your reinforcement of our beliefs and goals at home that make this community so very special. I continue to be honored to serve the Wheatland-Chili Middle/High School. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, September 6th.

Take Care,

Camille E. Zitz