

## J. TAYLOR FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Principal John Amato's Back to School Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Greetings from J. Taylor Finley Middle School! I would like to welcome back our returning 8<sup>th</sup> grade families and welcome our new 7<sup>th</sup> grade families. We are excited to begin the new school year. Your child's class schedule and locker assignment will be posted on August 20th to the parent and student portals for view and printing. Schedules will not be mailed. To create a portal account, go to the district website. Click Quick Links, Parents, Parent Portal and then Parent Portal Registration at the bottom of the log-in box. Students login to the portal by using their first initial, last name and the password "guidance."

The first day of school for students is **Wednesday, September 7th**. School hours are 8:00 AM -2:55 PM. Homeroom begins at 8:00 AM and all students are expected to be in their homerooms for important announcements to begin each day. School bus routes and stops can be found in the transportation guide that was sent to all homes and is posted on the district website. Parents who drive students should follow the directions of our parking lot safety guards upon arrival. Students may arrive as early as 7:45 and wait in the lobby until the bell at 7:50.

Below, you will find the listing of the academic team assignments by Math teacher. Some teachers have listed their class supplies on their E-Boards on the district website. Click the "Quick Links" tab and "E-boards." Otherwise, all student supply lists will be given out on the first day of classes. Students should have notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, folders and a binder for organization. All students will receive student planner books to use for each class. The school counselors, Mrs. Caiazzo and Mrs. Burgos, will be in August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1st to answer questions related to the schedules. 673-2020 or 673-2022.

**REMINDERS: ORIENTATION DAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST- 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 9-11; 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 12-2pm. Student schedules will also be available at orientation.**

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>EAGLES</b> Tannazzo Vettorato (7)	<b>RAVENS</b> DeMarco Simon (7)	<b>HAWKS</b> Stracuzza Garger (7) Caporusso
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>PRINCETON</b> Perlongo	<b>CORNELL</b> Grodzicki Vetoratto (8)	<b>YALE</b> Grobe Simon (8)

**Communication:** Parents will receive school-related information from Finley in several ways. The parent portal contains all student records, grade reports, progress report and attendance. Messages and documents/letters will be sent via e-mail and text messaging to all households. The PTA has set-up a Finley Facebook page, which I encourage parents to join. Additionally, the "Finley" page on the district website will also be a place to get information and documents. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sincerely,  
John Amato**