



The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

**THREE VILLAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

R.C. Murphy Junior High School

Michael Jantzen, Principal
Dawn Nachtigal PhD, Assistant Principal

August 2024

Dear Murphy Families,

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful and restful summer! The start of a new school year is quickly approaching, and we are excited to welcome back our returning students and families, as well as our new Murphy Patriot community members. Our dedicated staff has been working diligently over the summer to prepare our school for the first day of school on September 3rd. We can't wait to see everyone!

I am thrilled to officially begin my role as principal of Murphy Junior High School. After spending 13 years as a science teacher here, I had the privilege of serving as an assistant principal at Gelinus Junior High and Ward Melville High School. I am excited to return to my Murphy roots and look forward to working collaboratively with our students, staff, and families to create an exceptional learning environment.

Student schedules will be available for viewing on **Monday, August 19th at 9:00 AM** via the Parent Portal. We kindly ask that you refrain from sharing schedules on social media. If you have a scheduling issue, please email mursched@3villagecsd.org. Supply lists will be posted on the Murphy website. Guidance counselors will not be able to hold in-person meetings but will address any scheduling concerns as expeditiously as possible.

To help our new 7th grade students and other new Murphy families acclimate to our building, we will be hosting a building walk-through on **Tuesday, August 27th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. We will meet in the auditorium at 9:00 AM, and we kindly ask that you bring a printed copy of your child's schedule.

To ensure a smooth start to the school year, please coordinate with our school nurse, Mrs. Trentini, regarding medication drop-off. She will be available at the following times:

- Tuesday, August 27th: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (7th Grade/New Student Walk-Through)
- Thursday, August 29th: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (8th/9th Grade)

If you need to schedule a time outside of these dates, please contact the Murphy Health Office at 631-730-4810.

The school day will begin at 7:40 AM. Please review the bell schedule and A/B day schedule which are also found on the Murphy website. Students may visit their lockers or purchase breakfast before heading to their first-period classroom. For parents who will be driving their students to school, we kindly request that you arrive between 7:25 AM and 7:35 AM.

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As a school committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all our students, we want to ensure that everyone is aware of and abides by our Code of Conduct. This Code outlines the guidelines and expectations for behavior within our school community. We kindly request both parents and students take the time to read the Code of Conduct thoroughly. We ask that you pay close attention to the Code as it pertains to internet responsibilities (p. 12), cell phone use (p. 14), and hate speech (p. 17). It is essential for all members of our school community to understand their responsibilities in creating a positive and respectful learning environment. Information on our new cell phone policy will be shared in a separate email. With the new cell phone policy will come some changes to our WiFi connectivity. Students will be able to connect one personal device to the network 3V_StudentConnect. This network will allow:

- 1 cell phone per student ONLY
- Calling and texting ONLY
- Extremely limited web browsing

This year, our school vision is "Building Bridges." We believe that fostering strong connections between students, staff, and families is essential for creating a supportive and inclusive learning community. As Murphy Junior High School transitions to a middle school model, we are committed to providing a seamless and positive experience for all students. We are focusing on creating a nurturing environment that supports academic growth, social-emotional development, and preparation for high school.

We encourage you to get involved in our school community by joining the Murphy PTO. The PTO plays a vital role in enhancing our students' educational experience through fundraising, volunteer opportunities, and social events. Please stop by their table and join during the building walk thru on August 27th.

We are excited to welcome everyone back to school and look forward to a fantastic year! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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