

August 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The high school has been bustling with activity throughout the months of July and August. Once again, our custodial and maintenance crews have been working diligently to prepare the building for the return of students and staff. In addition, the Information Technology staff has been hard at work installing 100 new Dell computers purchased by Hudson Valley Community College.

While a great deal of time and effort has gone into preparing classrooms for the coming school-year, I am also excited by the many initiatives our faculty has been engaged in over the summer months in an effort to provide students with the very best opportunities for learning and personal growth. In addition to completing innovative curriculum projects and reviewing New York State's updated learning standards, great strides have been made in coordinating the initiatives already underway to address issues of school climate, including bullying and building a sense of community.

During the first two full school-days, students and staff will work together to define what makes Colonie Central High School a learning community that fosters academic excellence, upholds the rights of all, celebrates diversity, and teaches tolerance. Throughout the school-year, students and staff will have opportunities to revisit these key concepts through a variety of activities. However, on a daily basis, all members of our school community will be challenged to reflect on their own attitudes and behaviors.

I am truly excited about the coming school-year and all that can be accomplished by parents, students, and educators working together. I am also pleased to announce the names of several new faculty members. Mrs. Barb Amirault, Mr. Timothy Stockton, and Mr. Bryan Zajesky will all be joining the special education department. Mr. Jason Semo fills the vacancy resulting from the retirement of long-time Athletic Director, Mr. Dave Foust. As a result of Mr. Michael Marohn's appointment to the position of Principal of Saddlewood Elementary School, Mr. Tom Kachadurian will now serve as Dean of the Sophomore Class.

I am also eager to greet all of the new students entering the high school this fall. Freshman Orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 7th from 7:20-10:45 AM. Busses will run on a normal schedule for the morning pick up. Busses will also be available to transport students home at the end of the

orientation program. All students will begin the new school year on Thursday, September 8th. Student schedules and transportation information will be sent in separate mailings. Please take a moment to review the information on the next page regarding traffic patterns and areas for student drop-off and pick-up at the high school. You may also visit the district website at www.southcolonieschools.org for school supply lists or contact information for other questions.

Our annual Open House/Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th. Open House is a wonderful opportunity to introduce yourself to your child's teachers. While this meeting will not provide enough time for lengthy conversations, it does allow for the exchange of phone numbers or email addresses. Open house is also a great time to meet other parents. As you travel to each classroom, there are a few essential pieces of information to note:

- ✓ Contact information (email/phone number)
- ✓ Homework expectations
- ✓ Major projects or tests (Regents/AP exams)

I look forward to seeing you on October 6th at our Open House. As always, if you have any question or concerns, do not hesitate to contact any of your child's teachers. In addition, school counselors, administrators, and other professionals are available to provide assistance.

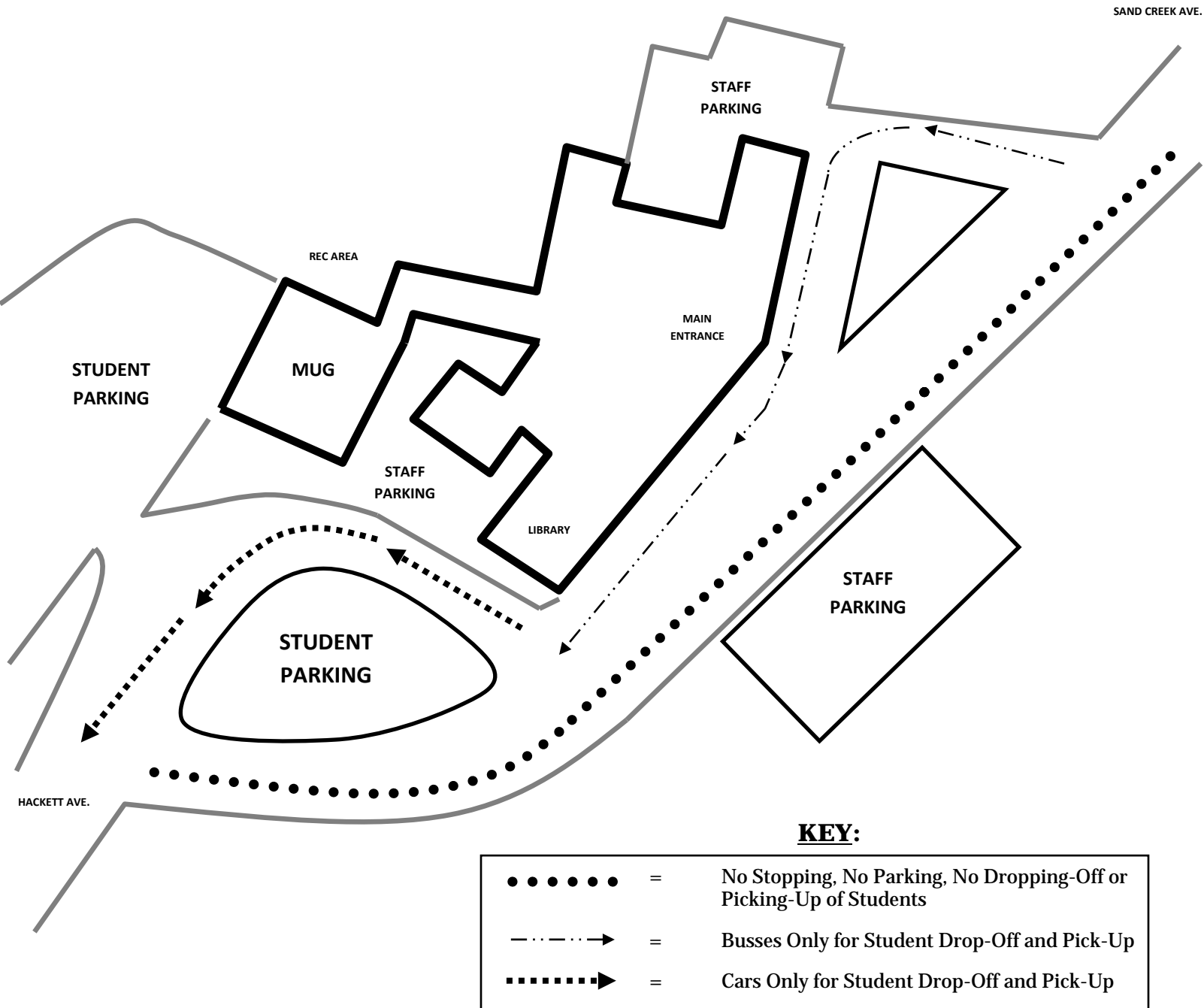
Sincerely,

David E. Wetzel
Principal

STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PLAN

From 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM and 1:30 PM to 2:15 PM, please adhere to the traffic flow pattern outlined on the map below.

In the interest of student safety, private vehicles are only permitted to drop-off and pick-up passengers in front of the MUG. All private vehicles are prohibited from stopping, parking, dropping-off, or picking-up passengers in other areas.



For all FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, & JUNIORS

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION

YOUR SCHOOL YEARBOOK PICTURES!

All underclassmen school pictures for this year's yearbook, the 2012 *Rougetor* will be taken in the PIT during your Physical Education classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 27th and 28th. Please remember to dress appropriately for your yearbook pictures. Do not forget to inform your parents that your yearbook pictures will be taken at this time.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE LUNCH PRICES FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR:

Breakfast:

Elem - \$1.15

MS/HS - \$1.40

Lunch:

Elem - \$1.90

MS/HS - \$2.15

Milk: \$.55

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH !!!!!

Order Form

Baby Picture/Message From Home

(Please print large and legibly)

Student Name..... _____

Parent/Guardian Name..... _____

Address..... _____

Phone..... _____

A. One message (**limited to 50 words or less**) by Friday, September 16th\$15.00

B. One photo (**photos will not be returned**) by Friday, September 16th\$15.00

OR

C. Combination of one message and one photo by Friday, September 16th\$25.00

D. Yearbook if ordered by Parents' Night - Open House\$50.00*

Total cost:.....\$ _____

*Remember, the cost of the yearbook will increase to **\$55.00** after Parents' Night - Open House. Please make checks payable to the **Rougetor**.

Please remember50 words or less!
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