

**August 1, 2009**

**Welcome 2009-2010 Warsaw Middle School Parents and Students:**

We at Warsaw are looking forward to welcoming Warsaw students and parents back from the summer and those of you who will be with us for the first time. We hope you all will join us at the Warsaw Open House on the evening of Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 PM. We will begin the evening in the gymnasium as we welcome Warsaw new staff to our school community. I will also bring to your attention any note-worthy additions to the school environment and curriculum, but I will be brief as we know that teachers, parents, and students look forward to the visits to classrooms at Open House!

As parents enter and exit the gym, we will have a table set up for the parents of all grade 7 students and any new grade 8 students regarding the MLTI laptop computers. Parents will need to sign a usage form and pay a \$20 user fee before the school will allow the MLTI laptop computers to go home with students. The MLTI student computer program has been a success at Warsaw Middle School, and we continue to expand staff and student knowledge of the technology that MLTI brings to our school.

Also in order to save paper and to be as brief as possible in this letter, I will have a hand-out as you enter the gym on salmon-colored paper that highlights the programs and practices at Warsaw that we believe have the best interests of children in focus.

I hope all parents of Warsaw students will become familiar with our school and establish a connection with teachers and administrators. In doing so, we will continue to work together to maintain and expand our middle school Best Practices that best meet the academic and social needs of your children.

This school has had a veteran staff for many years, a staff that helped to make Warsaw a strong middle school. This veteran staff has over the past several years faced changes as staff members have moved on to administration, retirement, or warmer climes (!). This year we will see more than six new educators in our building.

**A Warm Welcome to New Teachers at Warsaw Middle School:**

- Teaching grades 5 & 6 math and science with Ms. Jessica Longstreet will be Ms. Alison Veilleux.
- Teaching grades 5 & 6 math and science with Mr. Rollins will be Ms. Kayla Brown.
- Teaching grades 7 & 8 Special Education will be Mr. Brian Cole.
- Teaching grades 7 & 8 math with Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Littlefield will be Ms. Darlene Ulrickson.
- Teaching grades 7 & 8 math with Mrs. Saucier will be Ms. Lindsay Bolduc.

- Teaching and coordinating Project Reach will be Mr. Doug Lakin.
- Title I Literacy Ed Tech Lois Peters will be joining us.
- Deanna Bradbury will join us as a Special Ed Technician in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Chris Talbot will be a Special Education Technician for grades 7 & 8

I look forward to seeing you at the Warsaw Open House at 6:30 – 8:00 on September 17<sup>th</sup>. All of us on the Warsaw Middle School staff look forward to working with you to help educate our middle school students. Please contact me with any questions, suggestions, or ideas. Included with this letter is a list of back to school items for your son or daughter. The first day of school is Thursday, August, 27<sup>th</sup>!

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