Dear Riverhead Middle School Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year at Riverhead Middle School! To our incoming 7th grade families, welcome to RMS! We know this is an exciting transition, and our faculty and staff are committed to helping your child feel welcomed, supported, and successful from the very first day.

To our returning 8th grade families, welcome back! This is an important year as students prepare for the transition to high school while continuing to grow as leaders, learners, and role models within our school community.

Middle school is a time of tremendous growth. As students enter secondary education, they will be challenged by increased academic expectations while developing the independence, responsibility, and confidence needed for future success. We also recognize that these years bring social and emotional changes, and we are committed to supporting every student along the way. We encourage every student to get involved, try something new, and take advantage of the many opportunities Riverhead Middle School has to offer. Some of the most meaningful middle school experiences happen outside the classroom and often become the memories students cherish most.

At Riverhead Middle School, we believe that education is a partnership between school and home. Our teachers, counselors, administrators, and support staff are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential. Whether students need additional support or are ready for advanced opportunities, we are dedicated to helping every child succeed. Through engaging instruction, high expectations, and meaningful learning experiences, we will continue to challenge our students to think critically, persevere through challenges, and achieve their personal best as we prepare them for success in high school and beyond.

Learning extends far beyond the classroom at RMS. Throughout the year, students can participate in athletics, clubs, music, drama, and Student Government while enjoying many of our favorite traditions, including Protect the Pin, Competition Madness, the Badminton Tournament, World Language Week, Culture Night, Art in Action, the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, our Music Honor Roll Celebration, Night of Strings, our band and chorus concerts, and our district-wide celebrations of Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month. Our Student Government also sponsors Spirit Weeks throughout the year, helping to build school pride and create lasting memories.

Everything we do is guided by our **P.R.I.D.E. values: Present, Respectful, Independent, Diverse, and Empowered**. These values shape our school culture and encourage students to become respectful, responsible, and compassionate young adults.

Riverhead Middle School is a special place because of the strong relationships we build with our students and families. I am grateful for the trust you place in us each day and look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year. Together, we will continue to provide meaningful opportunities for every student to learn, grow, lead, and succeed.

Thank you for your partnership and support. We are excited to welcome your family to Riverhead Middle School and look forward to a school year filled with learning, growth, school spirit, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards,
Kellyann Parlato
Principal
Riverhead Middle School