

Welcome Back to School!

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Dear Washington Marion Parents, Families, Friends, Alumni, and Stakeholders:



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a pleasant summer. I am so delighted that you are a part of our amazing learning community. I welcome as well as value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. I look forward to working with you and our children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff have planned and prepared for student success. They are ready to make the necessary adjustments to meet students' academic needs. Our enthusiastic office team is conducting registration with the goal of regaining our zoned students, ordering needed materials, and updating student files. Our hard working and dedicated custodial staff spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. Additionally, our much-appreciated alumni group is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer exciting events throughout the school year. We are indeed a devoted and caring community with the common goal of nurturing responsible and caring students, while upholding high expectations for their academic success.

### **Facilities Update**

If you drove past the school or utilized our track this summer, you may have noticed numerous maintenance and construction projects. First, we repainted our parking lot area to better delineate parking, drop-off, and student walking lanes. I am especially pleased with the ground breaking of our new twelve classroom two-story building, which will house TWO state of the art STEM labs.

- Last year's district-wide safety and security review generated a recommendation for additional surveillance cameras to be added to improve monitor ingress and regress. Installation of interior and exterior cameras were completed through the summer. This enhancement will always ensure quality surveillance of our campus.
- Lastly, a new roof, restroom facilities, and new heating and air conditioning units have been installed throughout our entire campus.
- With all the renovations and updates, alongside increase in enrollment and morale, it has been declared that this is an era of reclamation and revival! We are appreciative of the new accommodations and upgrades received here at our school.
- A great deal of time, effort, and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2019-2020 school year. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. With the introduction of our new hybrid co-teaching strategy, we expect to see continued growth with our school performance score (SPS).

Thank you so much for being positive and understanding as we all know that it is impossible to grow students without a strict and consistent system in place. Our faculty and staff work hard to make the school a positive and safe environment for our students. Washington Marion is eagerly looking forward to enriching the lives of our community's children. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to become acclimated to a new grade, peer group, and set of teachers.

Sincerity and gratitude to all who helped us prepare for the new school year. You are committed to insuring that Washington Marion remains a celebrated and successful school with student achievement as its primary goal. I look forward to greeting students and partnering with families to afford our children the best education that we can set before them. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as the principal of Washington-Marion High School. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all.

Forward. Onward. Upward.... Washington - Marion

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