

# SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear First-Time Wildcat and Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the Suffield High School community, I would like to officially welcome you to Suffield High School. I hope your summer is going well and that you are looking forward to the upcoming school year.

Transitions can be difficult as they involve an element of the unknown. It is our desire to reduce any anxiety related to the upcoming transition to Suffield High School, and to work toward making the transition smoother for both students and parents. In that regard, we are inviting all incoming ninth graders to Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 22. The program will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M., until 11:00 A.M. For those accepted into the Agricultural Science program, there will be a second orientation from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Students will find the orientation program informative, exciting, and fun as it is planned and organized by members of our Wildcat Advisory Group (WAG). The group is comprised of upperclassmen whose role is to help with the freshman transition and serve as role models and mentors to new students. The members also serve as a friendly face during this transition year, and are present to assist administration at a variety of school events. During orientation students will have time to tour the building, get familiar with their schedule, learn about the variety of activities available to them, and make a few new friends. Smaller group sessions will also be held where students can ask questions and have their concerns addressed.

All freshmen will receive a Chromebook as part of the 1:1 Digital Learning Environment. Chromebooks will be distributed to freshmen and new students within the first week of school. Parents also have the option to provide a personal device meeting the district approved list in lieu of the Chromebook. A form asking parents if they wish to purchase Chromebook insurance will be mailed separately from Central Office and is due by August 29, 2018. If the form is not returned, the student will be given a Chromebook for their learning device and he/she will assume full responsibility including accidental damage, cracked screen, theft, etc...

I look forward to meeting the students on August 22, 2018 and everyone at Suffield High School looks forward to working with you over the next four years.

Sincerely,

Jim Blain  
Principal