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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are just over one month into the 2021/2022 school year and grateful to be working with all of our wonderful students and families again. It has been an energetic start to the year and we look forward to all the learning ahead.

Health and safety remain a top priority of our school community. We continue to follow the direction and guidelines provided to us from Alberta Health Services (AHS), Alberta Education, and Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) in response to the everchanging COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize there are many differing viewpoints on the recommendations and guidelines, and we really appreciate everyone's support and understanding as we are doing the best we can to provide a quality and safe education for our students. For further information please visit www.lrsd.ca.

We are excited to announce we have increased our teaching staff for the 2021/2022 school year by adding a 0.5 FTE position. We welcomed Ben Paskal to our team last week who will be teaching high school math, science and CTS.

Athletics are in full swing and we have excellent participation in volleyball and cross country this year. Our volleyball athletes are off to a great start participating in practices, league games, and tournaments. Cross country participants recently had a strong showing at districts and are getting ready for zones this week in Medicine Hat. A big thank you goes out to all of our volunteer coaches who are making these opportunities possible for our students.

Student leadership once again has strong participation from grades 6-12. Our young leaders are having to shift their approach to fit within COVID protocols and doing an excellent job in boosting school spirit and contributing to enhancing our school culture. We look forward to all the amazing things they will be involved with this year.

A reminder that we have our upcoming school council AGM happening on Wednesday, October 13 @ 6:00 pm (virtual meeting). We also have a grade 9 parent information meeting happening on Thursday, October 7 @ 6:00 pm (virtual meeting). Friday, October 8 is a professional development day for grades 6-9 (no school for those students). We also have parent teacher interviews scheduled for Thursday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 20 (4:00 - 7:00 pm virtually). Interviews can be booked through the office.

We look forward to the months ahead as we live our vision/mission/motto statements: Vision: ***A place to learn and belong*** Mission: ***Empower personal growth through meaningful relationships*** Motto: ***We Are Walshe***. As always, do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions or concerns. Take care!

Sincerely,

Chad Jensen
Principal