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Dear Parents:

The summer has certainly flown by and it is hard to believe we will be starting school in a couple of weeks. The first day of school for students K-8 is August 29, 2018. Hopefully, you and your family have engaged in some enjoyable activities. Now that the Stratton Summer Rec program has come to a close, students will begin thinking about school.

If you have driven by the school, you will notice a lot of activity going on out front as the roof repairs are now in full swing. I want to give a big thank you to the maintenance/custodial staff for all the good work inside and outside the building as the pride in their work and attention to detail is obvious.

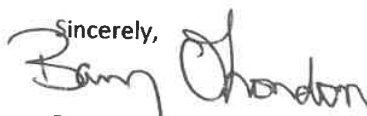
For the first letter home of the 2018-19 school year, I will keep things brief, but there are several important notes for parents to keep in mind as we open the school for the year.

We are in the process of revising the student handbook and once the school board has approved the changes, a copy will be available on the school website and paper copies as requested. This year we want to emphasize personal responsibility with students taking ownership of habits, routines and behaviors and ask your assistance as we work to develop good, responsible, citizens. In particular, there are a few things that are worth noting and are bulleted below:

- The school provides breakfast, lunch and snack to every student. Students need to order these in the morning or bring their own from home. We work to promote healthy eating habits and ask you to provide only nutritional items if you provide your child with a lunch and snack. Additionally, there will be a blue application coming home that we are required to have ALL parents fill out that determines our Food Program eligibility. Please fill this out as it will determine our federal reimbursement rate for the next three years.
- Although cell phones are a valuable tool they are not to be used by students in school or during school activities unless a teacher approves it for a specific educational task. Despite our safe, caring community, recent events and concerns around the country now require us to take a more active role to insure school safety. Any cell phones that are not off and in a backpack or locker will be confiscated and require a parent to pick them up.
- Respectful behavior is essential to a productive educational environment. Staff work with students to model and reinforce appropriate behaviors and the revised handbook will address more clearly actions and consequences for disruptive, disrespectful behavior.
- For many, school shopping is now going on or soon will. Please assist your student with selecting appropriate clothing that adheres to the school dress code policy.

In closing, the school attempts to provide many different approaches when communicating with parents. School information is posted on the website and often sent home by teachers. Please check student backpacks, and the website on a regular basis so you are an informed parent of all the educational opportunities that Stratton School provides.

See you and your child soon!

Sincerely,

Barry O. London
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