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Dear Millstone Middle School families,

Here we are again!!! Summer is flying by and we are preparing to greet your students when they return to the Middle School on Tuesday, September 6th. We still have a few weeks left before we give up our long summer days and return to a set schedule, but it is creeping up. I am excited to share that we have found our new Assistant Principal after a thorough search of exceptional candidates. We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Justin Bloss to our team! He joins us from Matawan-Aberdeen with 10 years of teaching experience and intensive coursework in school leadership. Wish him luck in joining our team when you see him, even if he is a Dallas Cowboys fan!

On a personal note, I am excited to share that both Bogusz girls are off to college next week and more than ready to venture out. They have both gone through the Millstone and Allentown High School system and we are grateful to all of their teachers for their solid start. For our family, it went by way too quickly so be sure to take a moment to enjoy your child's educational journey while they are young. What's that saying- *The days are long but the years are short.*

School opens for our students this year on Tuesday, September 6th. In terms of arrival, bussing notices are available online with stops and times. If you are dropping off your student via car, please come to the front flagpole loop and have your student exit the car on the right hand curb side. **There will be no AM drop off at the MPAC side of the building this year. Only parent pick up will happen at the MPAC side in the PM as usual.** Thank you to our maintenance, custodial and office staff for preparing our building so that we have an optimal environment to spend our days. When we return, lockers will be utilized for all students and the lunchroom will be open for purchasing lunch and/or snacks as usual.

Our Middle School students will be exposed to rigorous content and a supportive environment where they can RISE UP (Be respectful, inclusive, safe, empathetic, united in purpose and productive). Connections are important, especially in middle school, so finding "your people" or an interest to participate in is key for success. We are proud to offer our students various opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities and sports this Fall so please encourage your students to get involved. We will be sending information home the first weeks of school about availability. Also, please remember that sports physicals are due to the main office by September 1st- no exceptions as our school doctor must sign off prior to the start of the season.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing information with you at our Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 14th. From 6:00-7:00 pm, you will have the opportunity to follow your student's schedule, meet their teachers, and visit their classrooms to hear information. Students will be bringing home a MS student expectations handout on the first day of school. Information about our parent-student

handbook, programs, and current events can also be found online at <ms.millstone.k12.nj.us> or follow us on Twitter @MillstoneMiddle. We encourage you to check it out; we Tweet updates often. Our district also posts on Facebook at Millstone Township School District. Feel free to call our main office with any questions that you may have.

With just a few weeks left until the start of school, we are excited to get back to learning. Schedules are anticipated to be available on the Genesis parent portal on August 22nd. **Please be sure to fill out all forms on the site as prompted so that your student can view their schedule.** As always, we look forward to a year in which classes are engaging, kindness counts, and every student matters.

Sincerely,

Trish Bogusz and Justin Bloss

MS Administrative Team