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Dear Member of the Class of 2014,

Welcome to the Freshman Academy at Monticello High School! We know that the transition to high school is an exciting time. You probably have many questions about what your experience in high school will be like. Hopefully, this information will answer some of those questions.

This year, we are continuing the Freshman Experience. It is an effort to provide a more personalized learning environment for 9th graders as they enter high school. We have worked hard this summer to design experiences that will ease your transition to the high school and create a climate for success for you and your classmates.

All 9th graders will be divided amongst three teams: Blue, White, and Panther. You will find out which team you are on when the schedules are mailed home in August. All students on a particular team will have the same core area teachers (science, math, English and social studies). Each team will share common expectations, policies and procedures so you will have a consistent learning environment.

There are several other benefits to this team structure; among them are some scheduling flexibility, flexible grouping, fun activities and field trips. We will need your help in planning some activities, so as you come up with ideas, make sure that you share them with us.

Another support we have to benefit freshmen this year is an assistant principal who works with the students and teachers in the Freshman Experience. Ms. Morse is your assistant principal and her office is located in the HUB, also known as AP 1. She is dedicated to working with you, your parents/guardians, and your teachers to help you succeed in Monticello High School.

Your supply list for the year is included on the back of this letter. This is your first step in preparing yourself for the year ahead. We are excited and anxious to work with you this year. We will support you in a number of ways as we challenge you with a rigorous curriculum. It is essential that you meet this challenge with a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

Again, we are dedicated to providing powerful learning experiences in a safe and fun environment. We will always be available to talk with you about your academic progress, as well as any other concerns or questions you may have. We look forward to having you in our classes.

Sincerely,

The Members of the MHS Freshman Academy

ENGLISH

1" binder
composition book
dictionary for home use

GLOBAL HISTORY

1 1/2 - 2" binder
2 pocket folder
dividers
spiral notebook
index cards

MATH

1" binder
dividers
2 pocket folder (2)
dry erase markers (1 pack)
Algebra only – inexpensive scientific calculator
Geometry only – TI-Nspire calculator
Good quality compass

SCIENCE

1" binder
dividers
spiral notebook

ALL CLASSES

You will need a constant supply of:

Pens – blue or black ink
Pencils
Filler Paper
Highlighters