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Dear Parents and Rota School Community,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all of our students and parents as together we begin the new school year. Rota Middle/High School is fully staffed with wonderful educators who bring their passion and wealth of expertise to our school. We are all excited for the arrival of our students for a productive and enjoyable school year.

We look forward to meeting our new students and parents at the new family orientation to be held Friday, August 24 from 1200-1430 starting at the Multi-purpose Building (MPB). On Monday, August 27, all students should report to the MHS gym by 0830 for a series of presentations and orientation activities which will last until 1115. Lunch will be held from 11:15 to 11:55 followed by a modified "C Day" schedule. From 1200 to 3:30 students will proceed through each of their seven periods and conclude in their seminar class. The activities for the morning include student class schedule distribution, student academic and behavioral expectations, creating individual computer accounts, locker assignments, bus safety, emergency responses, information center (library) procedures, and extra-curricular offerings.

As this school year begins I reiterate my strong belief that schools work best when the parent-student-school relationships flourish. One of our enduring goals is to enhance parent participation in the educational processes of their children and to foster community relationships. Please know that I value your input in pursuit of making this a better school for our students. In this regard, I will strive to increase productive communications regarding our school curricular and extra-activities and open lines of communications through venues such as parent-principal forums. Further, the School Advisory Council (SAC), which meets four times a year, advises the school administration and Naval Station Rota Command concerning school issues. Rota MHS SAC chair position is presently vacant. Please let me know if you interested in this significant leadership role.

A more specific objective of ours is for each student to increase their commitment to their academic achievement. Developing organizational skills, work ethic, and goal setting will serve them well through high school and beyond.

Please join us for the Open House from 1600 to 1900 on September 6th. The faculty, staff, and I look forward to a fabulous school year for your students and the Rota Schools community.

Dan Serfass
Principal