



OLD COLONY

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Dear Old Colony Families,

We hope that your summer was filled with opportunities for rest and relaxation. As we prepare for the return of students and faculty to school, it is with great pride that we share additional information pertaining to the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Whether you are new to our community or returning for another year, we look forward to collaborating as we prepare students for life beyond our walls. Our faculty are committed to providing our students with a rigorous education and experiences that will shape their development as contributing members of society during their time here, and upon graduation, from Old Colony RVTHS.

We will open our doors for students on Tuesday, August 29th and would like to share a few housekeeping items with families. Please note the following:

- Bus routes have been posted to our web site at www.oldcolony.us
- A School Supplies list is available at www.oldcolony.us
- Students will receive their schedules on the first day of school
- We have introduced a new Cell Phone Use policy. A separate letter providing a thorough overview of this policy will be communicated.

As part of our effort to extend opportunities for families of Old Colony RVTHS, we invite you to participate in the following activities:

- Our first PTO Meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 5th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in our Cafeteria. Please email your food and drink requests to BestPTO@OldColony.us. You may be surprised. We may also be surprised.
- On Thursday, October 5th we welcome world-renowned speaker Chad Hymas. Chad has been named one of the 10 most inspirational people in the world by the Wall Street Journal and will be speaking about inclusive schools, life balance, and achieving our personal best. Tickets for the event are \$20. Proceeds will benefit our newly established 501c3 Foundation. You can purchase tickets at <http://bit.ly/2wkwXPQ>. We expect the event to sell out.
- On Friday and Saturday, October 13th and 14th, we will celebrate an expanded Homecoming Weekend. Friday night ceremonies will include Senior Student-Athlete

Recognition, an OC Football Game, and recognition of our 2017 SkillsUSA State and National Place Finishers at halftime of the Football Game. On Saturday morning we will offer a 10:00 a.m. children's concert for kids in grades preK-3, and will continue with a list of activities for all ages throughout the course of the day. Please consider joining us, or even contributing as a member of our PTO. More information will be posted at www.OldColony.us in the next few weeks.

It is my pleasure to serve as Superintendent-Director of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School where we are committed to relationships, continuous improvement, high standards, and a rigorous education. We are dedicated to creating an environment where you and your student feel connected and valued. Each of us has the ability to change the world for the better through the smallest of actions. Everybody does the big things. It's the little things that will truly differentiate us.

We look forward to working with you and your student(s) this upcoming school year and hope that you will be visible with us as we take on the charge to ensure high expectations result in better lives for all who are associated with our Old Colony family.

With Sincere Regard,



Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director
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