Good afternoon,

**Opening of school**

As you are hopefully aware, Grade 6 students will begin on Tuesday, September 8th.  Students will meet in the gym – and will be divided into classes from there.  We have a great day planned to help them into Middle School.

Students in grades 7 and 8 join them on Wednesday.  Students enter school at 8:20 and are dismissed at 3:05.

**Homerooms**

We are starting the school year by having homeroom teachers contact parents to introduce themselves – and hopefully answer any questions you might have.  They are doing their best to accomplish that this week - but may not be able to reach all parents until next week.  If you have not received a phone call from the teacher, feel free to call the school or email me back and we will let you know the homeroom placement.

Homeroom lists will be posted in the main hall on Wednesday morning for all students.

**Open House/Meet the Teacher**

Our Open House/Meet the Teacher evening will be on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:00 – 7:30.  We will begin with a short presentation and PSSC elections – and then there will be a chance to talk with the teachers.  If you are interested in serving on our PSSC please let me know!

**Student drop off/pick up**

St. Rose and Barnhill have changed our bus/student drop off procedures this year – after our PSSC raised the issue last year.  There are many entrances to the two schools in a short span on Manawagonish Road - which has caused congestion and safety concerns.  You will notice new signage at the entrances of each of the driveways.  I have also attached a map which should help with understanding the correct uses of each entrance.  We are asking for your cooperation with this.

Mrs. Dumont and I will be at the entrances to remind you.  Please don’t run us over!  

**Hot Lunch**

The hot lunch program will begin later in September.  Information will be coming home.

**Forms**

Other information and important forms will be coming home with students on the first day of school.  Please make an effort to return these as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a great year,

Michael