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Greetings Alpharetta High School students and parents:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! It was such a pleasure to meet and greet so many of you last week during our Information Day. Thank you for your support and for your role in making this day a wonderful success. I have received much positive feedback and certainly welcome any additional feedback students and parents would like to offer.

I look forward to welcoming over 2300 students to Alpharetta High School tomorrow morning. The school day begins at 8:35 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. The teachers and staff have worked extremely hard to ensure our students have an excellent first day. Students will report to their advisement period Monday through Wednesday this week before 1st period for a 30 minute advisement that begins at 8:35 a.m. During advisement this week, students will have an opportunity to purchase a locker, return PTSA membership information, and return the required, notarized residency affidavit if that document has not yet been turned in to the front office. Also, during advisement, students will receive their most updated class schedule and receive important documents such as emergency cards and the student Code of Conduct. Parents will need to review, sign and return the important paperwork that students receive during advisement.

Important to note for both students and parents are a few new procedures that will be in place this year to ensure all of our students are being properly supervised and to ensure our building remains safe and secure throughout the school day. Specifically, in the mornings before 8:23 a.m., all students will be asked to remain on the lower level of the building in the cafeteria, media center, or patio unless the student is with a teacher in a teacher's classroom. Essentially, students will no longer be able to hang out in the hallways on the main floor or top floor of the building in the mornings before school. We will have a bell ring at 8:23 a.m. that will communicate to students they can move toward their advisement class or 1st period class. Additionally, at 8:35 a.m., when school begins, we will be locking all of the exterior doors of the school. All students and visitors arriving to school after the school day begins at 8:35 a.m. will need to enter the school through the main doors at the front of the school.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow, Monday, August 15. I am confident that this will be one of the best years yet for Alpharetta High School!

Sincerely,

Shannon N. Kersey

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