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Dear Ocean Academy Families:

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the last days of summer. For those of you who may not have met me, I am Tom Normile the principal here at Ocean Academy. I have had the privilege of working with our students during the extended school year program and can't wait to see them all again once school begins. If the summer is any indication of what the school year has in store, then we are shaping up to have an amazing year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here at Ocean Academy. I look forward to continuing to work together with you as we assist your student meet their individual goals and work towards graduating from high school. This year, we are hoping to move ahead with our Work- Based learning program. This program will allow us to place upperclassmen (who are on target credit wise to graduate) in local businesses and intern so they can figure out their career goals after high school.

For the health and safety of all students, we will be providing clear plastic back packs for student use. Students **DO NOT** need to bring pocket books, large wallets, fanny packs and etc. to school. These items will be confiscated and held until the end of the school day. The use of cell phones is strictly prohibited here at school, we understand that many students come long distances, a cell phone may provide a sense of safety and could provide music to ease the stress of the trip. Cell phones will be turned in upon arrival here at Ocean Academy, and will be returned at dismissal time.

Enclosed please find important paperwork that needs to be returned to us on our first day of school.

We will begin the school year on September 4, 2023 at 8:00am. This year, the first three days (September 4, 5 and 6) will be early dismissal days; which will end for students at noon. Full day dismissal time has changed from 2:00pm to 2:20pm. Please keep an eye out for correspondence from your home district regarding transportation and pick up times.

I look forward to meeting you all and wish you a great remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Normile
Principal