



OLD COLONY

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Dear Freshmen:

We hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation, and we look forward to welcoming you to Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. We are proud of our school and feel that Old Colony will provide you with a quality educational program that will best prepare you for the future.

Tuesday, August 30, 2016, is Orientation Day and the first official day of classes for 9th grade students at Old Colony. Student schedules will be handed out during this time, and all students will report to the cafeteria upon arrival. It will be a full day of school beginning at 7:45 a.m. and continuing until 2:16 p.m. Each student is required to bring \$5.00 to Orientation to cover the rental cost of combination locks. You will be issued three (3) locks (one for your shop locker, one for your academic locker, and one for your gym locker). If a lock is lost, the cost of the replacement lock will be \$5.00.

Your exploratory program will begin on Monday, September 12, 2016, with the first shop you are to explore. We have made every effort for you to explore the five shops that you chose on your application. You have also been scheduled to explore three other shop programs chosen by the Guidance Department. These shops were chosen to give you a chance to learn about other shop programs that you might not have otherwise consider exploring. We hope to increase your awareness of various trades and give you some knowledge and insight into these programs. Your exploratory assignments cannot be changed unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Students are ultimately selected for their shops based on their choices and how well they perform in all of their exploratory programs. Some programs that we offer are extremely popular and are very competitive. Students will have to work very hard during exploratory if they want to be selected for these shops. If you work hard and show interest during the exploratory programs, then the chances of getting your first choice will be increased.

On the first day of school, you may receive packets of information that will be given to you to take home. **This information must be completed and returned by Thursday, September 1, 2016.** The 2016-17 Student Handbook will be posted online within the first week of school, and every student must print and return the sign-off sheet that is signed by you and your parent/guardian. You will also receive optional student accident insurance forms that must be signed and returned to OC indicating whether you are taking the insurance or not.

The Guidance staff is already familiar with most of you through the admissions process last spring. They are there to help you make the transition into Old Colony as easy as possible. If you have any questions about the program or adjusting to a new school, please make an appointment to talk to them. If your parents have any questions concerning your education at Old Colony, please encourage them to call the Guidance Office at 736-8011, ext. 126. The Guidance Counselors will be happy to assist you and your parents in any way they can.

Sincerely,

Frank Cote
Superintendent-Director

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Principal