WELCOME TO EGAN JR. HIGH

2012-2013

A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS THRIVE

Dear Parents and Families,

The Egan faculty and staff are looking forward to the new academic year. We are very excited about getting to know your student(s), and we truly understand the importance of creating a culture where students' success is measured by:

•Their engagement in the learning process,
•Their ability to think critically,
•Their opportunities to create and connect what they are learning with real-life applications,
•Their ability to develop meaningful, supportive relationships with others,
•Their ability to reflect on who they are and where they are going.

As always, the road is not a straight line from A to Z, but the knowledge gained becomes the foundation for the unfolding of the adult they will become.

This year Egan staff will be evolving our curriculum to incorporate and create the underpinnings for implementation of "Common Core"*, which is the national development of rigorous, relevant curriculum for all students. We will kick-off our school year with two days of staff development on August 15 and 16.

We will also be welcoming the following new staff members:
•Kristin Clouser will be our Counselor/Psychologist
•Kathy Gullo will be teaching one section of Spanish Conversation and two periods of English Language Learner classes.
•Mary Hamilton will be teaching choir.
•Julie Jenkins will be teaching 7th grade English
•Gina Moore, 8th grade science, is now Gina Osberg
•Cecilia Willer will be teaching PreAlgebra and our Algebra and PreAlgebra Readiness classes.
We are confident they will contribute both their passion and talent to our school.

In closing, I want to continue our common-held belief that parents and staff working as partners ensure our students success. Please feel free to contact our counselor, our teaching vice-principal, and me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brenda Dyckman

*Common Core Standards is a Federal Initiative to encourage states to work collaboratively to develop a culture of excellence that challenges every student to acquire the necessary skills to succeed in today's competitive global society. As of August 2010, most states had opted to adopt or adapt the Common Core Standards: http://www.corestandards.org