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Future Argonaut Families,

While I know that your child just started his or her 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, believe it or not, we are already starting to think about how to make the transition to high school as smooth as possible. Your Middle School Principal and I have teamed up to create a few opportunities for you to get important information about Argo as well as the programs and opportunities the high school offers. We would like to invite you to two different 8<sup>th</sup> grade family events at Argo. The first is on October 19<sup>th</sup> and the second is in the winter, on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Both nights are designed to provide you information about course placement and registration for classes, as well as information about extra-curricular clubs and teams. We truly hope you will join us on both nights.

The first 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Night is coming up soon. **On October 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 pm, we invite you and your family to come to Argo to visit with our coaches and club sponsors. Your Middle School Principal and I will also be giving out important PSAT testing information.** We chose October 19<sup>th</sup> because it falls just one week before your child will take his or her first high school placement test. During the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will administer the College Board's PSAT 8 to your child in his or her home middle school. This is a test designed to measure reading, math, and problem solving skills for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. In addition to providing the results to you and your child's middle school teachers, Argo will use the results from this test to make accurate course placements in January when you and your child start selecting 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The scores from this test help us make the most appropriate course placements ensuring that every student is challenged, but not frustrated, as they start their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

We will split the evening into two parts. Families with last names beginning with A through M should come directly to Argo's new Performing Arts Center to hear about the PSAT 8 test. Families with last names beginning with N through Z will be directed to Argo's Cafeteria where all of our coaches and sponsors will be waiting to share information about their teams and clubs. After about 30 minutes, these two groups will switch so that all families will get both experiences.

**Please mark your calendar for this first 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Night at Argo. We will start our presentation at 6:30 pm, and the evening will conclude at 8:00 pm.** There will be parking in the back of the high school near the Performing Arts Center, in the lots on the east and west side of the building, as well as in the VFW lot on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. We will send more information about our second 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night later in the year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Argo for information at 708-467-5502.

Thank you and Go Argonauts!

Dr. Chris Covino, Argo Principal

Mr. Joe Porrey, Wilkins Principal

Mr. Robert Bassett, Heritage Principal

Ms. Lori Smuda, Willow Springs Principal

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