

# *Island Trees Memorial Middle School*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the new principal of Island Trees Memorial Middle School, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you all to a new school year filled with promise, excitement, enthusiasm, and memorable experiences. As we have completed the first week of classes, my staff and I appreciate your help in making the start of the new school year a positive transition for your child.

Research has proven that the middle-level years are some of the most challenging times in a person's life. We at Island Trees Memorial Middle School understand the importance of balancing a challenging academic program with addressing the emotional and self-esteem needs of the students. As a true middle-school program, we are extremely committed to implementing programs that afford children the opportunity to grow academically, socially, emotionally, behaviorally, morally, and ethically.

At Island Trees Memorial Middle School, we believe that parental involvement and ongoing communication are essential. We encourage parents to join our extremely supportive and active Island Trees Parent-Teacher-Student-Association, to regularly dialogue with the staff, and to become involved in the culture of the building. We are also committed to utilizing the Island Trees Memorial website to serve as a great resource and an informative tool. Please check the website regularly as I will be updating information about building-wide programs, announcements, bulletins, and activities.

As we begin the 2007-2008 year, we are excited at the possibilities for new beginnings and the continuation the traditions that have long connected the community of Island Trees with the middle school. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you this year as we strive to continue to flourish as an exemplary middle school program.

Sincerely,

Roger Bloom  
Principal