September 4, 2012

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to Three Rivers Middle College!

It has been an exciting summer creating the foundations of our brand new magnet school and there is still much to be done. This is a tremendous opportunity for students and parents to have a say in building their school. The team at LEARN and Three Rivers Community College has provided our school with unique student opportunities such as the access to college classes and Career Pathways Programs (Engineering, Business Finance and Hotel/Hospitality Management).

As a program we will strive to provide high learning expectations while giving the necessary supports that students will need to be successful in a college environment. The curriculum and school schedule have all been developed with two main goals in mind. First, to provide the necessary classes for students to gain appropriate high school credits toward graduation and to help students develop skills needed to be successful in college courses. Second, the schedule will be a block style with 4 blocks for 80 minutes per class. This will allow students to finish courses in semesters much like that of the college system. In addition, built into the schedule will be a first year experience course run by the college to help acquaint students to college life, a service learn block which will eventually allow for student internships within their Career Pathways and PSAT, SAT preparation course to help students plan for post-high school opportunities.

Furthermore, one of the founding principles of the Three Rivers Middle College will be to help students develop personal and community ownership of their learning. We are going to view all students as potential college students and will create an environment that allows students the necessary freedoms to be successful.

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, August 29 @ 6:00 pm for an Open House, which will be held in the Lecture Hall B-127.

Welcome to the Three Rivers Middle College family!

Sincerely,
Brad Columbus,
Director
| **September 4th**  
| **First day for all students** | Welcome students to the first year of the Three Rivers Middle College. All students will need to report to Room E206. |
| **First Week of September 2012** | - The student handbook, along with other documents requiring parent/guardian signatures will be distributed to all students on their first day of school. Students and parents are responsible for reading and complying with all school regulations.  
- Parents and students are required to sign and return by Friday, September 7th. |
| **School Locks & Safety Glasses** | Only locks issued by TRMC can be put on school lockers. The cost is $5.00. Every student is required to purchase a lock for their locker. The school is not responsible for items left unsecured and/or unattended. |
| **School Breakfast & Lunch** | Free and reduced forms should be fill out and returned to the main office.  
- Breakfast: Paid: $1.60  
- Reduced: $0.50  
- Lunch: Paid: $2.80  
- Reduced: $0.50  

Pre-payments are encouraged. Please make checks payable to TRMC, payments can be made in the main office. |
| **Advisory** | Students are expected to arrive at school on time and be a part of the advisory program. Advisory is an integral aspect of developing relationships, academic counseling and community development. Advisory is a state mandated course that provides credit toward graduation. |
| **Parking Privileges** | Students will only have driving privileges when approved by the Director and College Dean. |
| **Student Dress and Grooming** | The primary responsibility for wearing appropriate clothing in school rests with the parents and students. However, it is the school’s responsibility to dictate that school dress is in good taste, reasonably neat, healthy, non-distractive, appropriate, comfortable, safe and functional. This is especially important in a college school setting where the learning environment is professional. |
| **Personal & Electronic Devices** | At Three River Middle College High School technological environment, cellular devices may be integrated into the lesson. Student possession and use of cell phones, iPods, iPads, and similar devices are permitted at Three River Middle College High School when utilized under the direction of a staff member. |
| **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal** | Parents and students have the ability to securely view grades, attendance, teacher comments, lunch balance and more over the internet using PowerSchool. We strongly encourage you to utilize this great tool to keep connected with your child and their progress at school. |