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Dear Freshman Parent:

Welcome to Ottawa Township High School. This year, your child will be experiencing an innovative change at Ottawa Township High School called Freshman Academy. The academy was designed on the idea that students achieve a much greater rate of success when they work and learn through smaller learning communities. Our primary goal in the Freshman Academy is to improve student achievement. The teachers who are a part of the Academy have volunteered to work in cooperation with you and your child to foster a relationship which will result in their success as they transition from middle school to high school. We will focus on creating a positive and meaningful learning environment that encourages students to strive for their maximum potential.

Your child will receive instruction in the four core content areas of math, science, history, and English. We will provide a rigorous and relevant content that is based on the formation of positive teacher, student, and parent relationships. We have focused on methods to engage students in the classroom and motivating them to learn in ways they may have not learned before. We have emphasized activities and opportunities for your student to engage in life long learning.

Plan to attend our Freshman Orientation Day on Tuesday, August 18 with your child. The schedule for this day is included in this mailing. Please report to Kingman Gym upon your arrival, where your child will receive a packet of information that will be necessary for the rest of the day. We have a great deal of information to share with you and we would love to answer any questions you may have pertaining to Freshman Academy or Ottawa Township High School.

Enclosed is an informational questionnaire that we would like you to complete (if you have not done so already). Please hand this in when you attend Freshman Orientation Day or mail it in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Sincerely,



Craig Mueller
Teacher, Freshman Academy Coordinator
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