



Niskayuna CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.niskyschools.org

Luke Rakoczy
Principal, Van Antwerp Middle School
2253 Story Avenue
Niskayuna, NY 12309
lrakoczy@niskyschools.org

Phone: (518) 370-1243
Fax: (518) 370-4610

August 13, 2016

Dear VA Student and Family ,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have enjoyed the summer and are returning excited and ready to learn. As an eighth grader, there is more expected of you. We look to you to model positive student behaviors. The manner in which you approach school really does set the tone for our building.

I'd like to welcome Mrs. Sanderson, our new Assistant Principal. She will be working with our Iroquois and VA students during the upcoming school year. She comes to us from North Colonie where she taught middle and high school science. You'll have an opportunity to meet her as we get started in September.

School begins on **Tuesday, September 6 at 8:45 a.m.** You have been assigned to the **83 team** and should report directly to homeroom ____ with _____. Any changes in bus assignments must be approved by the transportation department. A copy of your bus route will be sent in a separate mailing. Prices for the hot lunch will be \$3.25 and breakfast at \$1.65

A team supply list has been included for your convenience. This supply list outlines the basic school supplies expected by your teachers. The supply list and a variety of other resources are also available on our VA website (<http://www.niskyschools.org/VanAntwerp>).

We will be using the Premier School Agenda assignment notebook again this year. This is a student tool meant to help you organize your homework assignments. It also includes a copy of the student handbook. The cost of the notebook is \$6.50. Checks are payable to Van Antwerp Middle School and should be given to your homeroom teacher by the end of September.

During the first week of school, Mrs. Sanderson and I will be meeting with you and your team to welcome you back, explain expectations and speak to you about the upcoming year. We will be working together to help ensure all of our students have the best possible experience.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing you on opening day.

To The Parent or Guardian of

HR/Teacher

Sincerely,

Mr. Rakoczy
Principal