



August 2012

Dear Colleagues,

We have had a beautiful summer in Central New York and as always, it has flown by. The buildings have been busy serving students in our K-6 summer school, the regional BOCES summer school and our own driver's education program. Even with the activity, as you visit any of our buildings, you will find them in excellent shape for you and your students to begin in September.

As is tradition in Homer, our opening day with all staff is September 4, 2012. The agenda for the day is attached.

We continue to face significant changes coming at us from the State. APPR will be implemented across the board. Your principals will be speaking to this in faculty meetings. Let's continue to move this accountability measure to be about teaching and learning as opposed to "accountability."

What I have come to learn in my short while here at Homer is that we all have the best interests of the students in mind. We also have a dedicated hard working staff who roll up their sleeves and get the job done when all is said and done. As we implement the Common Core in its entirety this year, our work will be critical to our student success.

I truly look forward to each of you arriving in September to join me in making Homer Schools the best school for all children.

Relax and enjoy every moment of what remains of summer knowing you will return in a short while and roll up your sleeves.

Yours in Education,
Nancy S. Ruscio
Superintendent of Schools



AGENDA

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Location: Bonné Auditorium-Intermediate/Junior High School

7:30-8:00 am-*Coffee and Refreshments, Intermediate Café*

8:00-10:45 am-*All District Faculty & Staff Meeting, Bonné Auditorium*

8:00-8:10 am-*Welcome*

- Superintendent Ruscio
- Vice President of the Board of Education-Mrs. Kimberly Sharpe
- President of Homer Teachers Association-Mr. James Baldwin

8:10-9:10 am-*Creating Civility in Our Schools/Dignity for All-Mrs. Kate Hill, Harris Beach*

9:10-9:20 am-*Chimers*

9:20-10:20 am-*Teaching All Kids All The Time-Dr. Causton Theoharris*

10:20-10:45 am-*State of Our School-Superintendent Ruscio*

10:45-11:45 am-*Department Level Meetings, K-6 ELA & Grade Level Meeting*

11:45 am-*Lunch, Int. Café*

12:30-2:00 pm-*Operations/Maintenance, Food Service, Transportation-Safety in Our Schools, State Police- Bonné Auditorium*

1:00 pm-*Building Faculty Meetings in your building, followed by Preparation for Wednesday, September 5*

1:00-3:00 pm-*Teaching Assistants-HELPS Training-HS Café*

Have a great 2012-13!