

August 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018 – 2019 school year at Armstrong High School!

I hope all of you had a restful summer and are eager for the school year to begin. We have had a busy summer here at Armstrong getting ready for another exciting school year and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our staff and students.

We have some great news to share with our Armstrong families. Once again, we have seen an increase in our Advanced Placement (AP) program and the results from the AP testing last spring has shown a 9% increase in the number of AP Scholars at Armstrong. These results not only indicate that our AP courses prepare students well for the AP tests but our other non-AP classes, which all students take, also challenge students to achieve at a high level. All our students benefit from rigorous courses and our AP results are just one indicator that we are continuing to improve instruction and learning for all students. We look forward to greeting over 500 ninth graders, as well as many new students, to the 2018-2019 school year on September 4. I know that they will benefit from the excellent instruction our teachers provide at Armstrong.

The Armstrong Parent Association (APA) brochure is included in this mailing. As parents/guardians of AHS students, you are automatically members of the APA. Please read the yellow APA brochure to learn about the parent association, to sign up to volunteer, and to make a donation which helps fund APA sponsored activities for all AHS students. Visit the APA website at [www.ahs.rdale.org](http://www.ahs.rdale.org), click on the "Parent" tab on the left, and you will see a link to the APA website. Find out the many ways you can be involved in the APA!

Parent/teacher conferences are a great way to meet your child's teachers and hear about classes. Our open house night will be held Thursday, September 6, at 6 p.m. where you can "Experience Armstrong" by following your student's schedule. Our other fall conference dates are Thursday, October 11 and Monday, October 15. Please make a note of these dates and plan to attend. Additional information about conferences will be sent out in the Falcon Flyer.

**Reminder:** The first day of school is Tuesday, September 4, with the following start times: **9<sup>th</sup> grade at 7:20 a.m. and 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade at 11:20 a.m.** The school day will conclude at 2:10 p.m. *Please note for (this) late start, busses will run exactly 4 hours later than schedule time on your mailed postcard.* Regular school hours will begin for all students on Wednesday, September 5, from 7:20 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

**Please read the many enclosures included in this mailing. This will help you and your student experience a smooth start to the 2018-2019 school year.** The staff and I are very excited to welcome your sons and daughters to Armstrong. Best wishes for a great school year!

Sincerely,



David R. Dahl  
Principal