



Van Wyck Junior High School
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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Community Members,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the newly appointed Principal of Van Wyck Junior High School. It is with great excitement and honor that I join this incredible school community to lead and serve the students and families of the Wappingers Central School District.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the outstanding leadership team, dedicated staff, and engaged students that have made Van Wyck Junior High School the thriving educational institution it is today. I am humbled and honored to be a part of this proven tradition of excellence and collaboration. I believe that my tenure of five years at John Jay High School will help strengthen the bridge between our school and the high school with a common goal for achievement. As the school that directly feeds into the high school, I believe that the fulfillment of expectations is paramount for the success of every student, and I am confident that this strong partnership will greatly benefit every student moving on to John Jay.

Having spent several years working in various educational settings, I have developed a deep passion for empowering young minds and fostering a positive and inclusive school culture. I firmly believe that every student has unique talents, abilities, and unlimited potential waiting to be unlocked. My goal as principal is to create a learning environment where students feel supported, inspired, and encouraged to reach for their dreams and maximum potential.

Collaboration is at the heart of every successful school community, and I am committed to building strong relationships with parents, guardians, teachers, and neighborhood partners. Together, we will work towards providing our students with enriching educational experiences, equip them with critical thinking skills, facilitate personal growth, and help them become responsible global citizens. I am dedicated to promoting a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment where all students feel valued and included. Recognizing the diversity within our school community, I will strive to foster an inclusive atmosphere that celebrates and honors differences.

Communication is key in establishing a strong partnership between school and home. I encourage parents and guardians to actively participate in their child's educational journey. I wholeheartedly believe that by working together as a united community, we can ensure the success and well-being of every student.

As we embark on this new academic year together, I am committed to maintaining an open-door policy. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. Inspiring, challenging, and shaping the hearts and minds of our students is a responsibility I take to heart, and I promise to work tirelessly to make Van Wyck Junior High School a place where every student can thrive.

I am confident that the future looks bright for Van Wyck Junior High School, and I cannot wait to witness the accomplishments and growth of our incredible students. I am truly honored and privileged to be a part of this remarkable community, and I look forward to forging lasting partnerships as we embark on this exciting journey together.

Warm regards,

Wilson A. Castro
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