

September 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Wallenpaupack Area Middle School family for the 2011-2012 school year. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer vacation. We anxiously await the arrival of our students on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Wallenpaupack Area Middle School has a belief that all students will succeed. One of the major components of that mantra is effective communication. The Wallenpaupack Area School District has given all school administrators, parents, and students unprecedented abilities in helping to ensure that the lines of communication between school and home become stronger than ever. With the use of Powerschool, parents have the ability to check their child's grades daily, while checking for homework assignments and future projects. As always, we encourage parents to contact the school for any questions or concerns via phone, email, fax, or letter.

As the No Child Left Behind goals become more rigorous for public schools, a greater emphasis is placed on PSSAs. I am happy to report that the Wallenpaupack Middle School met all 19 targeted areas for the 2010-2011 testing year, and therefore has made Annual Yearly Progress, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For this year, the PSSA testing window is as follows (Please keep the following dates in mind as you plan vacations and appointments for the upcoming year):

Grade 6- Reading and Math- March 12-March 23, 2012

Grade 7- Reading and Math- March 12-March 23, 2012

Grade 8-Reading and Math- March 12-March 23, 2012

Grade 8-Writing- April 16-April 20, 2012

Grade 8-Science- April 23-April 27, 2012

On behalf of the Wallenpaupack Area Middle School faculty, staff, and administration, I wish everyone a joyous and prosperous school year.

Sincerely,

Keith Gunuskey  
Principal  
Wallenpaupack Area Middle School