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Dear Ridgely Middle School Students and Families,

As the new principal of Ridgely Middle School, it is an honor and privilege to serve the students, parents, faculty members, and Ridgely community. Our team is very excited to meet and work with you and your child throughout the school year. I believe it is important for our educators and parents to work together to ensure every child has a successful middle school experience and reaches his/her full potential academically and socially. I am committed to providing your child with the highest quality education in a positive and safe learning environment. We will inspire all students to achieve and grow through curiosity, creativity, and caring citizenship.

In order to support our Green School recertification, our summer mailing contains only time sensitive materials. Additional back to school information is posted on our school website [www.ridgelyms.bcps.org](http://www.ridgelyms.bcps.org). Information about transportation, school lunches, school supplies, locks and the PTA can be found there. Required forms that need to be completed and returned to school will be sent home with students on the first day of school. Student homeroom assignments can be found on the label of this mailing. Student schedules will be distributed on the Grade 6 Early Entry Day and on the first day of school for all grades.

Grade 6 Early Entry will take place on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 11:50 A.M. An agenda for the day is included in this mailing. Back-to-School Night for Grade 6 will be held on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 P.M. Back-to-School Night for Grades 7 and 8 will be held on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 P.M. On both evenings doors will open at 6:30 P.M. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet your child's teachers and gain an overview of the curriculum in each course.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. This hot summer weather is a great opportunity for children to read a book or magazine to reinforce literacy skills. We are excited to see our students on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Seth Barish  
Principal