

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

I want to welcome each of you as we begin the 2019-2020 school year at Triton High School. We are excited to start a new year filled with meaningful learning and growth. This is an amazing community filled with passionate students, teachers, and families that I am thrilled to be joining. In schools September marks a time of opportunity for our students and faculty. It is a time to develop new relationships while further solidifying those that previously existed. For our faculty, it is also a time of excitement as we implement new and refined curriculum, programs, and approaches to best serve the needs of all students.

At Triton High School, our outstanding faculty and staff provide our students with a high quality education. Student learning is at the center of everything that we do. With each decision made we will consider how it will enhance student learning. Our faculty has developed robust learning activities and courses to engage and enlighten the students with whom they work. Our students routinely amaze us in the classroom, on the stage in performance, in their athletic pursuits, and in the service they complete. We are all looking forward to seeing what can be accomplished by the current students of Triton High School.

As I start my tenure as the principal of Triton High School, it is important to communicate my values and beliefs, sharing where we are heading as an institution. I believe we must be forward thinking, looking at what skills and proficiencies students will need when they begin their post secondary plans. In the coming century the characteristics most likely to lead to success are adaptability, creativity, and the ability to complete complex reasoning. We want all of our students to leave us as capable and productive citizens ready to handle the challenges of the future. This will require significant reflection on our part, as well as, collaboration with community partners to truly understand the world we are preparing our students for. As such, the learning experiences that take place in classrooms must have a high level of authenticity and transferability leading to increased student engagement in the learning taking place.

We will also focus our time on finding ways to increase student voice. As educators, one of our primary responsibilities is to teach our students how to find their voice and express it in a meaningful way to positively impact our community. We will seek out opportunities to have our students partner with educators, and at times take the lead with various initiatives. If we want our students to be able to make adult decisions when they leave us, we must begin teaching them how to do so, with opportunities to practice, while they are with us.

This year we will spend time continuing to develop a true sense of community where students and faculty exemplify the positive values we have all worked to instill; treating others with respect, consideration, compassion, and kindness. We will look as a school to positively impact not just our school community, but our three towns as well.

I encourage you to join us throughout the year at all of the various school activities and events. It will take each of us to continuously demonstrate positive community support and values so that it truly becomes ingrained in each student. Thank you all for your continued support of our students and our school community!

Please reach out to me if there is ever a need and come and say hi the next time you see me at an event.

Sincerely,
Patrick Kelley