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Dear Lake Taylor High School Parents, Guardians, & Students:

The start of a new school year is a fresh opportunity to set goals, embrace challenges, and work towards excellence. At Lake Taylor High School, we believe every student can succeed when supported by a committed team of educators, engaged families, and a strong community. As we enter 2025–2026, we do so with optimism, focus, and a shared determination to see every Titan achieve success.

While last year brought its share of challenges, our school community demonstrated resilience, determination, and a steadfast commitment to student learning. I am pleased to share that, because of these efforts, our students achieved gains in all academic areas. This progress reflects the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the vital support of our families. It also provides a strong foundation for us to build upon as we strive for even greater student outcomes this year.

Our school-wide focus for 2025–2026 is “Vision to Victory: Empowering Every Learner Through Accountability and Support.” We will provide rigorous instruction, differentiated learning opportunities, and tiered supports to ensure every student is challenged, encouraged, and prepared for life after high school.

As we start the year, I want to remind you that Norfolk Public Schools is a cell phone free zone. This policy will be enforced on the first day of school. Per School Board policy, all students must turn off cell phones and communication devices before entering the building and store them in a book bag or backpack—not in pockets, purses, or clothing. This helps maintain a focused, distraction-free learning environment. We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations with your child.

The first day of school is Monday, August 18, 2025. All students will report to their 1st block class at 7:25 a.m. to receive a copy of their schedule. Once in their assigned classroom, students will receive a copy of their schedule and follow it for the remainder of the day. Students should arrive prepared to engage in a full day of learning, reconnect with teachers and peers, and set goals for the year ahead. We encourage families to review schedules together in advance to ensure students have the necessary materials and mindset to start strong from day one.

Thank you for your continued support, which is vital to your child’s success. Together, we will continue our longstanding commitment to fostering academic growth, personal development, and victory for every Titan.

Sincerely,

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