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Dear Cross Hill Academy Community,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am thrilled to introduce myself as your new principal and Samantha Crescenzo, as the new assistant principal of Cross Hill Academy. With over a decade of experience serving students, families, and educators, including two wonderful years as your assistant principal, I am proud of what we've achieved together. Highlights include our school becoming a "school in good standing," reducing chronic absenteeism by 16%, and earning recognition as a Promising Practices School for New York State. Assistant Principal Crescenzo joins us with two years of leadership experience and a strong background in humanities, ELA, and instruction.

Here at Cross Hill Academy, we believe every student deserves a high-quality, equitable education, and we are committed to working closely with all of you to ensure our students thrive both academically and socially. Our dedicated educators are prepared to provide engaging and enriching experiences that empower students to be leaders of their own learning and future success. We have established four commitments to lead the work we do each day:

- **Commitment 1: Chronic Absenteeism** - Decrease chronic absenteeism by 5% by establishing strong relationships across the school community, addressing attendance barriers, and promoting a culture of learning.
- **Commitment 2: Professional Development** - Increase the percent of teacher planning and implementing opportunities for students to engage in critical thinking tasks by 5% through professional learning, job embedded coaching, and receiving regular feedback from administration.
- **Commitment 3: Student Performance ELA** - Increase New York State ELA proficiency scores by 5% by providing students with opportunities for enrichment and intervention and supporting teachers with engaging students in student centered learning opportunities.
- **Commitment 4: Student Performance Math** - Increase New York State math proficiency scores by 5% by providing students with opportunities for enrichment and intervention and having teachers engage in intervisitations to math lab site classrooms.

We plan to connect with each of you, learn more about our community, and collaboratively develop a shared vision for our school. Establishing a partnership with families is invaluable. Your time and support

will be instrumental as we promote a love of learning and a school culture committed to valuing each and every student.

Some important dates and information to remember in the upcoming weeks:

- **The first day of school is Thursday, September 5, 2024. The school day is from 7:35am to 2:15pm.**
- Our breakfast program is from 7:15am to 7:30am each morning. All students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. It is mandatory that every student return a completed form to access this program. This will be given out on the first day of school. Lunch is served daily in the cafeteria.
- Instruction for all students begins at 7:35am and students arriving after the start time will be marked late. Missing 10% of the school year, or 2 days a month can impact your child's learning and social development
- The Transportation Department will share the bus company name and the bus pickup / drop off locations and times
- **You must communicate dismissal changes in writing to Ms. Medina (tmedina@yonkerspublicschools.org) or to your child's teacher.** If you do not inform the school of dismissal changes, your child will be dismissed to their bus assignment
- For safety reasons, only an adult over the age of 18 can pick a child up from school and their name must appear on the emergency card

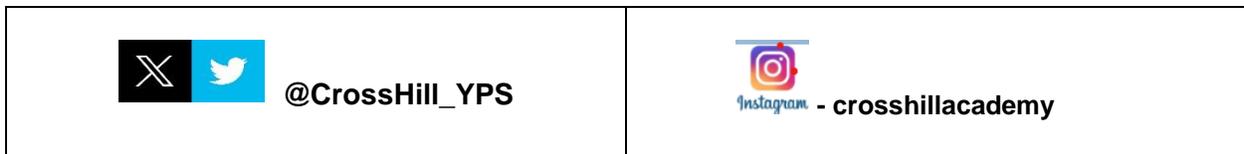
Your child's homeroom teacher will be: _____

PRINCIPL MEET & GREET - SAVE THE DATE

- Coffee and Chat with Principal Reilley on Friday, September 13th (grades 3 & 4), September 20th (grades 5 & 6), and September 27th (grades 7 & 8) from 8:00am to 9:00am (more information to come).

We are eager to work together to create the educational experience that ALL our students deserve. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at 914-376-8300 or kreilley@yonkerspublicschools.org.

Follow us on social media to stay up to date on school news and events:



Looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Warm regards,

Kaitlyn Reilley, Interim Principal
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