## Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. Last school year challenged us to deliver learning in a new and innovative way. This year's return to in-person learning presents us with a very unique set of academic challenges. Please understand that the safety of both the students and staff of Manassas High School will always remain our top priority. It is our collective hope that COVID-19 virus and all variants are eliminated as quickly as possible, and that we can all resume life as we knew prior to the pandemic, but just a bit more cautions regarding social distancing and regular hand washing.

As in the previous school year during this first semester our teachers, administrators and I want students to acquire the skills necessary for college and career readiness. In addition to our standard curriculum, we offer the following: tutoring, virtual school, honors classes, dual enrollment and dual credit classes, ACT Prep, Project Graduation, industry certifications and JROTC. Students also have opportunities to participate in clubs, activities and various sports. Moreover, the support of our Alumni and community partners helps to ensure that our students are prepared for a lifetime of achievement and growth, but our parents are one of our most vital stakeholders. Parents, please be aware that regular attendance is important for the success of your child. Thus, we would like to provide you with some important dates for your attention.

- September 6 - Labor Day
- September 9 - Parent Teacher Conferences (4-7p)
- October 11-15 - Fall Break
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 22-26-Thanksgiving
- December 20 - Jan 1 - Winter Break
- January 3, 2022 - First Day Second Semester
- January 17 - MLK Day
- February 15 - Parent Teacher Conference (4-7)
- February 21 - Student Out (Presidents Day)
- March 14-18 - Spring Break
- April 15 - Spring Break II
- May 27- Last Day of School

Finally, we urge you to become involved at Manassas High School. Research shows that when parents are actively engaged in their child's education, students:

- achieve higher grades
- receive fewer suspensions
- gain higher self-esteem
- help improve their school culture

Again, we are excited about finishing strong this school year. We know that with your commitment and support, "We will NEVER let Manassas fall!"

Sincerely,

Eric H. Cooper, Principal

