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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back to the continuation of the 2020-2021 school year – one that has challenged us to deliver learning in a new and innovative way. Hopefully, our scholars experienced a safe and restful break and are ready to continue their academic journey. Our mission is “To inspire and empower our students by demonstrating care.”

During this semester, 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.

- February 15 – President’s Day (Students Out)
- March 2 – ACT for 11th grade students
- March 11 - Parent Teacher Conferences (4-7 p.m.)
- March 29-31 – Spring Break (Students Out)
- April 1-2 – Spring Break (Students Out)
- April 16 – Professional Development Day (Students Out)
- May 31 – Memorial Day (Students Out)

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 second semester. We know that with your commitment and support, “We will NEVER let Manassas fall!”

Sincerely,

*Eric H. Cooper*  
Eric H. Cooper, Principal