August 14, 2017

Fellow Falcons,

***Hello from the Nest!*** In just a few short weeks, your child will begin his/her tenure at Frank W. Cox High School. We are very excited about the incoming class of students and families. In an effort to make this transition to Cox as smooth as possible, we are hosting our 14th annual “Falcon Fest!” This half-day orientation program for rising ninth-graders and new students, will run from **2:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m**. on **Tuesday, August 29, 2017 (please note the date and time change from our previous communications)**. This exciting day is designed to **help familiarize new students and parents** with our programs and building prior to the opening of school on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Topics covered by the members of our staff and student body this day include Keys to Success in High School, student activities, a building tour, and planning for the future. Snacks and spirit items will also be provided. Students with special dietary needs are encouraged to bring their own snacks to this event. Students attending Falcon Fest are advised to bring their 2017-18 class schedules to use during the school tour, so they may familiarize themselves with the location of their classes.

Students may **ride buses to school that day**, according to the summer school activity routing schedules included in this mailing. We are requesting that **parents attend a brief parent orientation** towards the end of the program beginning **at 4:30,** enjoy the pep rally with their children, and **then provide the students a ride home.** **We will not be providing buses** **for the return trip home**, as we want parents to be a part of the experience.

Facilitating the transition from the eighth to ninth grade is one of the most important goals set forth in our strategic plan, crafted by our administrative team, faculty, our PTSA and School Planning Council. We hope Falcon Fest will be a memorable and helpful day, as our newest Falcons prepare to join us. There is a rich tradition of excellence here at Cox High School, and we are glad you are becoming a member of the nest. Please plan to attend this most worthwhile event, and begin to catch that Falcon spirit!

Respectfully,

Michael D. Kelly, Ed.D.

Principal