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Dear Voorhees Community,

I want to thank all our families for your cooperation and participation in our Back-to-School Nights. I hope you were able to meet your child's teacher(s) and received valuable information and feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff should you have any additional questions.

Please be reminded that our first-ever district-wide "Family Night" will take place **on Wednesday, October 20, 2021**. "Family Night" is intended to provide students one night a month without games, practices, homework, or assignments. Students will be free to relax.

A special "Shoutout" to our VMS athletic teams and their coaches. Our field hockey and soccer teams have a combined 12-2 record. Congratulations, and keep up the excellent work.

As we continue to see additional positive cases in our schools resulting in an increasing number of students quarantining, I would like to take a moment to review our (elementary) Halloween procedures. We acknowledge that this year's activities are not in line with past celebrations however, they will be much more enjoyable than last year's virtual parties. As previously stated, our primary goal is to keep our students safely participating in live in-person instruction.

In collaboration with our building principals, it was agreed that students would dress in comfortable orange and black Halloween attire. On Friday, October 29, 2021, students will have the opportunity to participate in a traditional Halloween party and other fun activities within their classroom or private outdoor space. As a team, allowing students to wear costumes to school was discussed however, there was a concern about student safety (walking to school, on and off school buses, participation in recess, and physical education).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully,
Michael Redfearn