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Dear Eastport-South Manor Parents and Guardians,

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It is with great excitement and anticipation that I extend a warm welcome to you as we prepare to embark on the **2025-2026 school year**. I would like to remind everyone that the first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**, and our staff is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to welcome your children back into our classrooms.

Last year, we celebrated a remarkable accomplishment with Eastport Elementary School being recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the **Best Elementary Schools** in the nation. This prestigious recognition is a reflection of our school's commitment to academic excellence, high test scores, and student proficiency in key subjects.

Our Jr.-Sr. High School also received significant recognition from the College Board as a "Silver School." This honor is a result of the school's strong performance in expanding access to AP coursework and helping students achieve high scores on AP exams. This award signifies Eastport-South Manor's commitment to providing our high school students with a rigorous academic foundation that prepares them for college and beyond.

We are very proud to announce that, at the end of June, the South Street School was recognized by the Covey Institute as a "Leader in Me School." This designation highlights the school's dedication to developing leadership and life skills in every student. Through the "Leader in Me" framework, our students learn and practice principles of self-reliance, goal-setting, and teamwork, preparing them for success both inside and outside the classroom.

And just this week, we received the thrilling news that the Jr.-Sr. High School was selected by *U.S. News & World Report* for the "U.S. News Best High School" award. This award is based on a comprehensive set of criteria, including college readiness, state assessment proficiency, and graduation rates. This award status recognizes our high school as a top-tier institution that provides a high-quality education and excellent outcomes for its students.

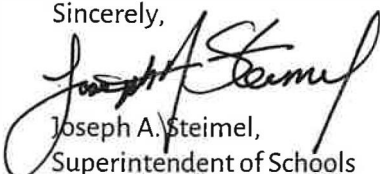
As a district, we are incredibly proud of the achievements and recognition our schools have received. These accolades are a testament to the hard work of our students, staff, and the unwavering support of our community. Our goal is to continue to provide this level of an educational experience for all of our students K-12.

In addition to our academic achievements, we continue to make significant progress with our Capital Project. This year our planned construction is ongoing in all five of our buildings, and we are confident that these facility enhancements are creating dynamic and enhanced opportunities for our students. From updated classrooms to new athletic facilities, these changes are designed to support a modern and engaging learning environment.

Our mission at Eastport-South Manor is to provide our students with an engaging learning environment where they feel supported and valued by our dedicated staff. We believe that a strong partnership between the school and our families is essential for student success. We look forward to working together with each of you as we proceed through the 2025-2026 school year.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful start to the new school year.

Sincerely,



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