



*Murry Bergtraum High School
For Business Careers
Dr. Andrea D. Lewis, Executive Principal*

Dear parents/guardians:

Welcome to the start of a new school year. We have many exciting new initiatives the details of which will be shared at future parent meetings and by information bulletin. These initiatives will assist our students in meeting academic success not only in high school, but in a post secondary setting.

As a reminder, the school has been broken into three small learning communities and a Ninth grade academy; each academy has a concentration area that will assist our students with accruing skills that will prepare our students for the job market and the college setting. The academies are housed on separate floors, so that their teachers can get to know all students and provide students with the support needed to become well rounded individuals.

As an additional reminder, all students will be released from school at 12:30PM every Wednesday, so that our teachers can work in groups to share ideas, view data and receive training that will lead to better instruction for all students. While our teachers are working to improve instruction for our students, your children will be assigned to internships so that they can gain work experience. It is our goal to acquire internships for most of our students by November, 2011. However, while students are waiting for internships they can attend after school activities as well as credit recovery.

After school activities will begin Wednesday, September 14,2011. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend after school activities.

To assist the staff of Murry Bergtraum high school in providing a safe and secure environment I ask that you have a conversation with your son/daughter about the use of electronics in the school building. Electronics **MUST** not be brought to school. Any electronic visible and or used while in school will result in confiscation. Items confiscated will not be return until the last Friday of each month and will be returned to a guardian. Parents/guardians, if you need to contact your son/daughter during school hours, call the parent coordinator and she will relay the message to your son/daughter. Cellphone use disrupts instruction, causes fights and arguments and is not a positive factor in a school community. Please help us.

I want to thank you personally for supporting the uniform initiative! It has made a world of difference for the school environment. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to your continued support and involvement. It takes a village and you are a vital part of our school community.

Sincerely yours,

Andrea D. Lewis
Executive Principal