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HSM Parents, Alumni & Supportive Friends:

Hello! It is so great to be back in person at MTHS and in the HSM newsroom in Room 130. This letter will serve as a brief update on the program as well as a strong request that you consider joining our efforts to bring exemplary journalism to our learning community. This year's crew is really getting off to a good start, so I'm hoping to build on that momentum to ensure that this entire year provides a great experience for every one of our students.

Here are some key updates:

- **Newsroom Upgrades:** Thanks to CTE, our room was upgraded during the summer to include a new divider wall with electrical outlets and all new tables for the newsroom side of Room 130. Additionally, other upgrades are being completed this fall to make our newsroom and classroom state of the art for instruction and production.
- **Enrollment:** The enthusiasm is amazing! The enrollment this year is one of the largest we've had since the early 2000s. It's fantastic!
- **CHS:** We have been approved to offer college credit through Edmonds College for students in the Advanced Journalism and Publication Management sections of our program. Details will be shared with students later this fall.
- **Journalist-in-Residence:** Once again, Samantha Pak (MTHS '04) will serve as our JiR this year and she'll join us at least once a week either in person or via Zoom. The former editor of the eastside newspapers, Samantha is currently involved in a journalism startup that's quite exciting.
- **Fall National Convention:** Thanks to CTE, every single student in the program will be able to attend the virtual JEA/NSPA national convention this fall. More details to come, but this is an incredible opportunity!

And here are some ways you can directly support the program and your student:

- **MTHS Booster/PTSA Representative:** We *desperately* need at least one parent to serve as the liaison between HSM and the Booster Club. This is incredibly critical to the success of our program. The group meets once a month, usually on the first Monday, either in person or via Zoom. If you're interested, please contact me as soon as possible. More than one parent would be great!
- **FANs Leadership:** HSM's booster organization is called FANs – short for Family and Alumni Network. The group has been on pause due to the pandemic, but it would be great to start it up again. We need a couple of parents to serve as the FANs coordinators and work with me to establish an outline of activities for the year. It would be great to get a parent of a 9/10 grader and an 11/12 grader.
- **Supervision Volunteers:** Occasionally, we need to provide access to the newsroom on days and times that I'm not available due to family obligations. If you'd be willing to be the official adult in the room, that would really help out! This usually happens around deadlines and often on the weekends.

That's plenty of information for now. Please feel free to contact me at any time via email or you may leave a voice message, too, at 425-431-5620. Thanks and I look forward to meeting you and working with you.

Sincerely,

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