

September 12, 2001

Dear Parents:

The tragic events in New York and DC yesterday impact all Americans, including our schools. The purpose of this letter is three-fold:

- (1) to assure you we are conscious of the safety of our students;
- (2) to detail the support available to students who may need it; and
- (3) to provide updated schedules of events after all of the cancellations.

Student safety is always a concern, but yesterday's attack heightens all of our awareness. Our high school is a safe place, but we have taken extra precautions to protect our children. Until further notice, only the front entrance will be open to people after 8:00 a.m.

The reaction of the students and staff to yesterday's news was exemplary. The student showed maturity in their emotions and by the questions they asked. The staff are supportive of how the students feel and the counselors are available to help any who need it.

We now face the questions of "now what do we do?" One of the most important decisions to make as parents is to send your children to school. It is important to help them return to their normal routine as quickly as possible. We will be open as usual, unless you hear otherwise. Any closings will be broadcast on local radio and television.

An updated schedule of events concerning the Young Americans is on the reverse side. Please note Curriculum Night (open house) is still scheduled for Monday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. (Visit our website www.williamson-central.k12.ny.us for the complete, updated athletic schedule.)

I am proud of the way our students and staff responded to this tragedy. We will continue to be attuned to the impact this crisis has on our students, and respond accordingly. I am available to answer any questions you might have. Please call the High school at 589-9621 or see me Monday, at Curriculum Night.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Starr