



TWO HARBORS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year your child will be a part of an exciting effort at our school designed to increase individual student success. This education model is called Building Assets, Reducing Risks, and it involves all 8th grade students at our school. Some of the beneficial outcomes may include:

- Students will be more engaged in learning in the classroom.
- Students will earn higher scores on achievement tests, such as MCAs and NWEAs.
- Students will be less affected by negative outside stimulus, such as, but not limited to, drugs and alcohol.
- Students will be more likely to strive to eliminate personal failing grades.

The BARR program is grounded in science-based research and has demonstrated positive results in schools across the nation. BARR is a student strength-based approach that teaches development of assets. These assets are character-building traits that young people need to grow up to be healthy, happy, and well-rounded individuals. We will strive to accomplish these goals by:

- having the same four teachers for all 8th grade students, so relationships between student and teacher grow into a trusting relationship
- holding weekly meetings of the core teachers where student needs are addressed
- having students participate in activities and lessons weekly to foster social competence
- identifying high-risk students and implementing strength-based interventions
- increasing parent/guardian involvement through an active Parent/Guardian Advisory Council

As a part of this effort, we would like to invite you to be a part of the advisory council that will meet quarterly to discuss school issues. If you are interested in learning more and being a part of the advisory council, please contact Kristi Wasko.

At the THHS 8th grade orientation on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:30pm**, you will receive a copy of your child's schedule, meet teachers and support staff who will be working with your child during the school year, and listen to an overview of the BARR program that will answer any questions you may have.

We are very excited about having your child at Two Harbors High School! Please contact any of us if you have questions and thank you for your support.

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