

# Delaware Valley School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2028 and 2029,

As the assistant principal for 9th and 10th grade students, I would like to welcome everyone back for the 2025- 2026 academic school year. I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I have been a proud Delaware Valley employee for the past 15 years. I started my career as a special education teacher at the high school in 2010, primarily teaching freshman and sophomore students. I started working towards my graduate degree and received my master's degree in Educational Leadership from East Stroudsburg University in 2014. Shortly after, I began my administration experience as the Dean of Students for DVHS from 2015-2017. In 2018, I accepted the assistant principal position at Dingman-Delaware Middle School, where I served for two years. I returned back to the high school during the 2020-2021 school year as the 9th grade assistant principal.

It is Delaware Valley High School's intention to help every student feel welcomed, connected, and valued. School involvement is a key component to academic and personal success. Therefore, I strongly recommend your student exploring and taking advantage of the various co-curricular activities offered at DVHS.

While freshmen year will serve as a transitional year and present various challenges for many students, I encourage families to be aware of the resources available at DVHS and to take advantage of these resources when necessary. The Delaware Valley High School faculty, staff, and administrative team are committed to ensuring that all students reach their fullest potential and grow as young adults. Our DVHS staff, including myself, are here to help navigate our freshmen and sophomore classes through any challenges they may face throughout the year. Our hope is to instill successful and meaningful strategies that they can use and carry with them throughout the rest of their high school career.

Once again, welcome back! I look forward to working with your family throughout the school year. Let's make it another great year at Delaware Valley High School.

Sincerely,

Heather Santarelli  
9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Principal

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