## Dear Catskill CSD Community:

We have had a very successful start to the 2017-18 school year. This success can be attributed to our dedicated Board, faculty and staff, the community and most importantly, our students. I met many of you in our schools, at community events, local churches, open house programs, school orientations and athletic events. I listened to your concerns and value your opinions. The concerns are being addressed. I firmly believe that progress "can and will" be made when people are listened to, treated with respect and their hard work and effort is recognized both privately and publicly. These attributes will rebuild trust in the organization, improve moral and increase academic outcomes for our students.

Next, I would like to congratulate our fall athletes. All of our teams were outstanding. Please see our website for full details on our teams' advancements. Our winter sports commence November 6 for our Junior Varsity and Varsity athletes, and our Modified Sports begin on November 13. We are looking forward to a very exciting season.

Our students have been provided with access to School Tool. Students can now log on to the web portal using their school user name and password to access their schedules, grades, assignments, attendance, report cards and progress reports. Students can also communicate with their teachers via email through the portal.

The Parent Portal allows families to access their child's records, which include schedules, grades, discipline and attendance. Please contact our District Registrar, Ms. Jubie at 943-0574, to set up your Parent Portal account.

Here are some of our November events to keep in mind:

- Catskill High School Veterans Day Assembly November 9, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Catskill Elementary School Veterans Day Assembly November 9, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.
- Veteran's Day November 10, 2017 District Closed
- Parent Teacher Conferences November 16<sup>th</sup>- Early Dismissal-All District Schools
   All District school will operate on an early dismissal schedule on Thursday, November 16, 2017.
   days. Please be advised that early dismissal for Catskill Middle / High School students is 10:30
   a.m., and Catskill Elementary students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences November 17<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal Elementary School Only-Full Day for Catskill Middle / High School Students

On Friday, November 17, 2017, Catskill Elementary School will operate on an early dismissal. Again, Catskill Elementary School students are dismissed at 11:30am. Middle and High School students will have a full day of school.

• Thanksgiving Recess November 22 - 24 - School Closed.

Lastly, November 21, 2017 is a District Emergency Release Day. Catskill Middle School and High School students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m., and Catskill Elementary School students will be released at 3:15 p.m. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Catskill Central School District families a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronel Cook, Superintendent of Schools