Greetings Decatur Families,

I am filled with excitement as I walk the halls of Decatur! Each mural and hallway is an original artistic reflection of our strength, perseverance, resilience, and Gator pride. With each step, I am reminded that it is, and always is, a great day to be a Gator!

In the coming year, our community will continue to redefine ourselves as we adapt to and adopt our newly designed strategic plan. The plan calls us to a laser like focus on scholar success through compassion, equity, and core instruction.

I invite you to join us on our journey as we strive to live out our district’s mission to ensure that each Gator scholar has "a voice, a dream, and a bright future!"

Christina Spencer,
Interim Principal

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Sports Eligibility Clearance Begins August 17

Fall Season
August 17 – Football * First Practice
August 22 – All Other Fall Sports * First Practice
- Cross Country (Boys team/girls team)
- Boys Golf (1 team)
- Boys Tennis (1 team)
- Girls Golf (1 team)
- Football (3 teams)
- Volleyball (3 teams)
- Girls Swim/Dive (1 team)
- Girls Soccer (2 teams)

Winter Season
November 1 – Girls Bowling * First Practice
November 7 – Gymnastics * First Practice
November 14 – All Other Winter Sports * First practice
- Gymnastics (1 team)
- Girls Basketball (3 teams)
- Wrestling (2 teams)
- Boys Basketball (3 teams)
- Boys Swim/Dive (1 team)
- Girls Wrestling (1 team)
- Girls Bowling (1 team)

Spring Season
February 27 – All Spring Sports * First practice
- Girls Track/Field (1 team)
- Baseball (2 teams)
- Boys Track/Field (1 team)
- Fastpitch (2 teams)
- Girls Tennis (1 team)
- Boys Soccer (2 teams)

Year Round
Cheer & Dance (spring tryout)

Watch for the
August
Back-to-School packet
in early August
With more details about
Freshman Orientation
First Day of School
September 7, 2016

Decatur re-opens
August 1, 2016

Office Hours
7:00 am - 2:30 pm
Gator Days

Every Decatur & Running Start student

Must bring a completed
(1) Yellow emergency card &
(1) Health History Form signed By a parent/guardian

To be admitted to the “gator” process

To enter school for Gator Days:
Cross the bridge to lower PA/Stage door

**Tuesday, August 23**
Class of 2017 (Seniors/12)...... 12:00 – 2:30 pm
~ Building CLOSED 3:00 pm

**Wednesday, August 24**
Class of 2018 (Juniors/11)......8:30 – 10:30 am
~ Building CLOSED 11 am - 1 pm
Class of 2019 (Sophomores/10).....1:00 – 3:00 pm
~ Building CLOSED 3:30 pm

**Thursday, August 25**
Class of 2020 (Freshmen/9)......8:30 – 10:30 am
~ Building CLOSED 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

* Pick up student class schedules for 2016 – 2017
* Student may pay for ASB Card, Yearbook
* Pick up textbooks

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**Athletic Clearance in 4 Steps:**
Forms are available online

1) Complete online registration at Rank One Sport website:
   https://federal-way.rankonesport.com
2) Have a physician conduct an athletic physical and fill out FWSD physical form (every 2 years)
3) Pay $35 for ASB Card
4) Turn in completed physical form and receipt for ASB to the athletic office

**Bus Drivers Wanted:**

To apply for this position:
- You can go to www.fwps.org and click on jobs
- Or you can go to the ESC building at 33330 S. 8th Ave.
  S. Federal Way, WA 98003

If you have any other questions, please call 253-945-5960.