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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome to Highcrest Middle School! I hope you have enjoyed your summer! My name is Mr. Deininger, and I will be your homeroom, ELA and Social Studies teacher. I'm looking forward to meeting you on our first day of school! I'll help you make the transition to 5th grade, show you around the school and answer your questions.

Before we meet, I wanted to share a little bit about myself. This is my second year teaching at Highcrest. Prior to that, I spent time writing and editing professionally. Most recently, I worked in the non-profit sector for 10 years, specifically with homeless women and children in Chicago.

My wife is also a teacher, and we enjoyed our time off this summer with our one-year-old daughter, Elliott. We've spent time going to the zoo, reading lots of books, and relaxing on the beach. Some other things I enjoy include going for runs with our dog, Otis, traveling and exploring, going to Cubs games, and spending time with family and friends.

I'm excited to meet you on August 30th and can't wait to have a great year together! I look forward to working with you; please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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