DEER ISLE-STONINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

"Creating resourceful, knowledgeable and compassionate citizens of tomorrow."

August 3, 2023

Greetings DISHS Families!

I am so excited and honored to join this community as the principal of Deer Isle - Stonington High School. As a new member of the Island community, I look forward to getting to know you and your children, and learning from all of you.

The 23-24 school year is my 12th as a school leader. I was principal of the Sound School in New Haven, CT for eight years, Head of Upper School at Bancroft School in Worcester, MA for one year, and Assistant Head of School at George Stevens Academy for two years. In each of these schools I have treasured the connections I have made with students and families and I am certain this will be the case at DISHS as well.

I believe that a strong connection and clear, open communication between school and families is key to the success of our students; I am committed to being accessible and communicative with you. Towards that end, I invite you to come to the DISHS library for an informal "meet and greet" either on Thursday, August 10 from 8:30 - 9:30am or on Wednesday, August 16 from 5:00 - 6:00pm.

As the school year is rapidly approaching, you will soon receive the back to school information so I urge you to keep an eye out for that. We will include updates to the school calendar, scheduling, facilities, student-parent handbook and other important information to get the school year off to a great start. The first day of school for 9th graders is Tuesday, August 29 and school begins for all students on Wednesday, August 30.

If you would like to come by to say hello, or if you have questions or information about your child that would be helpful for me to know, please email me at rgratz@dishs.org to set up an appointment.

All my best,
Rebecca Gratz, Principal