

# **Welcome to middle school!**

## **Here are some frequently asked questions.**

### **Lockers...what?!?!?**

Our lockers have combinations, similar to any standard combination lock. If you have a lock at home or it's within your means to buy one this summer, you can practice. The combination will be different, but the directions are the same.

### **What do I do if I forget my locker combination?**

First, most students write their combination somewhere safe and/or put it in their phones to help remember. If you forget, your homeroom teacher and the main office have copies of your combinations.

### **Can I decorate my locker?**

6th and 7th grade lockers are very small, therefore you probably won't be able to decorate your locker.

### **What's the schedule like in middle school?**

Our school day is 7:33-2:40.

There are 7 periods, plus and an activity period at the end of the day. 6th graders have lunch at 11:01.

There are 5 core classes - English, Global Studies, Math, Reading Workshop, and Science. The order of these classes stay the same everyday.

Periods 6 and 7 are your specials. During one of those periods you will rotate every other day between Health and Physical Education and study hall (or band, chorus, orchestra if you signed up for those classes).

The other period, you will have your specials class. You'll have 5 specials during the year - Art, Music, Digital Literacy, Technology & Engineering, and Family Consumer Science. As a 6th grader, you will have each of these classes for 36 days.

Schedules will be posted on Skyward in early August.

### **What is activity period?**

This is a time at the end of our school day where activities change each day, depending on the cycle day. Some of these activities include silent reading, student led conferences (this is a portfolio you'll create to share with your parents/guardians to show what you've been doing in school), clubs (you'll get more information about these options when school starts), Reading Olympics practice, as well as time to meet with teachers for some extra help.

**Will I get lost and will I be late to class?**

Your 6th grade teachers are amazing and will take time to help acclimate you to the building. You have 3 minutes to get to your classes and you will soon find out which routes are quickest to take.

**Do we have teams?**

Yes, we have a red team and a white team. This means that you have the same 5 core teachers as everyone else on your team.

**Do we have to change for gym class?**

Yes. Students wear a white or gray shirt (it can have logos on it), red shorts and sneakers.

**What is the cell phone policy?**

Students can be on their phones before and after school. During the school day, phones are off and in their lockers.

**What is after school tutoring?**

Tutoring is a program offered to all students, after school until 4:00. You can go there to do homework, study and get tutoring from our skills teachers. Students do not need to sign up ahead of time. There is an activity bus available to take students home if they stay for tutoring. Students do need to sign up for the activity bus in advance.

**What fun activities are there at the middle school?**

We have a dance every month run by our awesome student council - (dance, basketball/dodgeball, chik-fil-a sandwiches, pizza). We have a Bark Bash once every cycle, where we play games, go to the high school to swim, watch a movie and play in a kickball tournament, to recognize students for positive behaviors. We have a lock in at the end of the school year as well as field day.