Good evening Jamestown Middle School Families. This is Dr. Vernon with a few important reminders for the first week of school.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helped make Open House a huge success. It was wonderful to see you all back.

As a reminder, Monday, August 23rd will be our first day of school. Students should not arrive at school before 8:00. School begins at 8:20. All students will be dismissed by 3:20. All students should be picked up by 3:30. As a reminder for parents of car riders, it is critical that you not drop your child off before 8:00. All 6th graders will enter the building through the main entrance. 7th and 8th graders will enter through the cafeteria. There will be staff along the driveway to assist you. In the afternoon, students will wait inside the building and be called out as you arrive. On your child’s first day, they will receive a card with their name on it for you to place in the window when you are picking them up. This will make this process much quicker. Please be patient though as the car rider line is a little slower the first few days.

Transportation has also worked very hard to ensure that bus routes and times are accurate for our bus riders. Please be patient though as during the first week times may be earlier or later than expected. Please make sure that your child knows how they are getting home and what bus number they are riding.

We will also use the OneCard this school year. Every student is required to wear the OneCard each day. Teachers will distribute cards and review procedures with students during the first week of school. More information will also be placed on our school website. We appreciate your support as we work to improve student safety on campus. Additionally, students are allowed to bring cell phones to school, but are not permitted to use them during the school day.

If you have shared scheduling concerns, counselors are working hard to review those requests and will try to have all concerns addressed by the end of the first week. Remember that not all scheduling adjustments will be possible as many classes are at capacity.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge daily, but students are still welcome to bring their own lunch if they choose.

Finally, if you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, please show your support for our school and your children by joining the PTA.

We are looking forward to a wonderful first week at JMS.

Go Tigers!