

Haverford Middle School

6th Grade

WELCOME

- **Mr. Matthew Crater, 6th grade administrator**
- **Mrs. Rene Madigosky, School Nurse**

ORGANIZATION

- **6th grade is organized into 4 teaching teams:**
 - Beluga Whales
 - Polar Bears
 - Sea Lions
 - Arctic Foxes
- **Each teaching team has a math, science, and social studies teacher and two language arts teachers:**
 - Teaching teams meet 2x per week to discuss students and school initiatives – Mr. Crater and Ms. white are present.
 - Curriculum teams meet 3x per week to discuss lesson plans, best practices and student needs – Mr. Crater attends 1x week.

COMMUNICATION

- **Our staff is aware that the middle school experience is new to your child and for some of you as well**
- **We communicate with parents and students about our mission, vision, goals, and expectations on a regular basis:**
 - Teacher websites - check these if they say, “I have no homework” or nothing is written in their assignment book
 - Weekly newsletter posted on website
 - Teacher webpages
 - Monday Message from the principal
 - Ford Focus - students hear each morning
 - Daily announcements on the HMS web page
 - Emails from administration and teachers
 - PowerSchool (App with alerts)

COLLABORATION

- **We need your support and active involvement to ensure your child is successful**
- **Please**
 - Schedule time and monitor of homework and assignments
 - Set academic and behavior expectations that are aligned with school
 - Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need to meet for a team meeting
 - Attend student-led conferences
 - Check PowerSchool on a weekly basis
 - Check daily announcements posted on the HMS web page
- **We will be posting daily homework assignments, long-term projects and team information directly onto a team calendar that you and your child will have access to**
- **Please visit our school website on a regular basis throughout the year.**

PREPARATION

- **Lockers**
 - Bring your own combination lock
- **Cafeteria**
 - Encourage your child to talk to their friends this summer
- **Visit the School**
 - We will open the school to families and students on August 8th, 9th, 19th, and 20th from 10:00 – 2:00 PM for self guided tours
 - Student may walk through the 6th grade wing

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- **HMS Nurses**
 - Rene Madigosky – Managing Nurse
 - Christine Kuzmick – Medical Building Assistant
- **State mandated physical needed by September 30, 2019**
- **State mandated immunizations – must have Tdap and meningococcal conjugate vaccine before the end of 6th grade**
- **Medications**
 - Students are not allowed to carry any medication on their person
 - An adult must bring/pick-up medication to/from the school nurse
 - Over-the counter medication must have a doctor's note to be kept and given in school
 - Prescription medication must be submitted in the original container
- **Please notify Rene and/or Amy about:**
 - Medication
 - Injuries
 - Any changes in medical status
- **Please visit the HMS Nurse's website – Student Services > Health Services**

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

- **Mrs. Stacy Collins, President**
- **PTO support and student activities**
 - Financial support for school and staff support
 - Communication and planning with school administration
 - School and student events

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Relax and take a deep breath – middle school will be a wonderful experience for you and your child
- Please trust us - We are really good at what we do
- We need you to be actively engaged and involved in your child's middle school experience
- We need you to ask for help if it is needed

THANK YOU

**We look forward to seeing
you in September!**