

August, 2019

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are only days away from starting a new school year. On behalf of the entire Charles F. Patton Middle School staff, I want to welcome you to the start of another exciting year at Patton Middle School. The first day of school is Monday, August 26th and we can't wait! It's going to be a great year, and we are excited to partner with you to ensure a successful and enjoyable school year for your child.

Please be on the lookout for the Principal's Newsletter. The newsletter comes out every Monday morning at approximately 8:00 AM. The first edition of the new school year will come out on Monday, August 19th. This edition will contain important information for parents about a new assessment tool at Patton Middle School. Each week the newsletter will provide you with up-to-date information about the school and activities happening at the school. The Principal's Newsletter is the primary tool I use to communicate important information to parents. Please check it out each Monday morning.

It continues to be a busy summer at Patton Middle School. Our Assistant Principal, Ms. Jess Knier, is adding final touches to student and staff schedules which will be live on PowerSchool on Monday. Team assignments will be coming out later this evening. The custodial crew, under the leadership of our Head Custodian, Mr. Brett Culberson, have done an excellent job cleaning, painting, fixing, and preparing our building for a brand new school year. Brett and his crew have been especially busy this summer because of the many facilities projects happening at the school, including new roofing, the library renovation, a new gym floor, new copier installations, and other carpentry, plumbing, electrical and HVAC work completed at the school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you about some changes to our staffing. The following staff members are new to Patton Middle School this year:

Tricia Harlan - School Nurse

Brianna Ziegler - Social Worker

Heather Biddle - Instructional Support - (pending board approval)

Rachel MacLatchie - Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA)

Sarah Stafford - Reading Specialist

Colin Kirk - 7th Grade English

Tom Costello - Custodian

Monica Baker - Counseling Suite Secretary, (pending board approval)

The following staff members are assuming new roles and responsibilities this year:

James Smith - our new Dean of Students

Susan Sudimak - 6th grade social studies on C Team, (pending board approval)

Glen Lewis - Team Leader, (E-Team)

Tim Murphy - selected as the new Head Custodian at Unionville Elementary

Following is a reminder to parents about our daily start and end times for students:

7:25 Students may enter the building and report to the cafeteria

7:40 Students are dismissed from the cafeteria to report to their lockers and advisory

7:59 Bell to remind students to be in their advisory classrooms

8:00 Morning Advisory starts

2:43 Dismissal time

Please mark your calendars for several important upcoming events at Patton Middle School:

Patton Picnic for 6th graders and new students - August 20

First Day of School - August 26

No School - August 30

No School - September 2

Back to School Night - September 7, (7:00 - 8:30)

Picture Day - September 13

No School - September 30

No School - October 9

No School - October 14

Parent Visitation Day - October 25

No School - November 5

Student-Led Conferences - November 25, 26

Have a great weekend and we look forward to welcoming students on Monday, August 26th.

Sincerely,

Steve Dissinger
Principal

Jessica Knier
Assistant Principal

James Smith
Dean of Students