

Welcome to D Team!

2019-2020



Dear D-Team Students and Parents,

Can you believe it? It's time to start thinking about the next school year already! It seems like sixth grade just ended. Your new D team teachers are excited to see you and to get started right away. Seventh grade will be a lot like sixth grade but even better. You will be more familiar with the school, your peers, and of course, your teachers. You will also have more responsibilities.

We look forward to seeing you on the morning of Monday, August 26th. You will report to Advisory the same way you did in sixth grade. Don't worry- we will be in the upstairs hallways to help you find your classroom! The Advisory lists will be available on PowerSchool the week before school begins.

Your Advisory teacher will have your schedule and will point you in the right direction for classes. In 7th grade, you will have your two enrichment classes the last two periods each day before Hawk Time. Hawk Time remains the same as in sixth grade, with team time on Mondays, Hawk Time (study hall) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and clubs on Fridays. New for this year, lunch is now at 10:32, so we really encourage students to bring a water bottle and a healthy snack for afternoon classes and/or Hawk Time.

On your first day, please make sure you bring your backpack and at least a folder, pencil and pen. You will once again receive a Patton planner on your first day, AND everyone at school expects you to use it ALL year in conjunction with Canvas. As you know, it is an important piece in learning to be responsible for yourself. That is one of the key pieces to being a successful 7th grade student at Patton!

The following list is a general guideline for what your teachers will expect you to have for school. Teachers will provide students with a more detailed supply list (class/teacher specific) the first week of school.

General Supplies:

- 3 boxes of tissues and 1 container of clorox wipes for your Advisory
- 3-ring Binders (Choose **ONE** of the following organizational systems):
 - Option 1: **(1) large 5-inch binder** with tabbed dividers or folders for all 5 Core Classes
 - Option 2: **(2) 3-inch binders** with tabbed dividers or folders to divide each Core Class
 - Option 3: **(5) 1-inch binders** (use a separate binder for each Core Class). Tabbed dividers* may need to be used for organization of the binders
- Loose-leaf paper with 3 holes
- Pencils, pens (multi-colored), highlighters, whiteboard markers, & post-it notes
- Assorted art supplies (colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, whiteout, etc...)
- A few book covers (if you use book socks, please wait until you get your book so that they fit correctly)
- 2 marbled composition books (for Nonfiction Writing and English)
- Calculator (TI-34 is a good choice, Casio is not)
- Headphones or earbuds
- \$20 for the team pizza party & t-shirt (checks made payable to Charles F. Patton Middle School. Please write D Team on the memo line.)

***Please make sure you have completed your summer reading requirements. If you do not have a copy of the summer reading suggested author list, you can obtain one from the school office or the Patton Middle School Web Page (cfpms.ucfsd.org). Remember, you will be discussing at least 1 novel in class during the first week of school. Feel free to take notes as you see fit in order to remember what you have read, but there is no required graphic organizer or form to be completed over the summer.

Parents, this section is just for you. D-team teachers know that the academic success and happiness of your child depends on communication between school and home. We encourage you to contact teachers by e-mail. However, in 7th grade we want students to work on their self-advocacy skills by first approaching their teachers in person with concerns or to ask for help. With the utilization of Canvas by teachers, students and parents will have daily access to announcements regarding what took place in class, assignments, a calendar of upcoming assignments and assessments, etc...

In order to start the year off on a positive note, the D Team teachers would like students to purchase a team t-shirt for \$10. Team shirts are worn for frequent spirit days and on field trips. We are also looking for students who are artistic to design a team logo and a hawk to be placed on the t-shirts. Please consider submitting a black and white drawing that represents D Team and/or Patton Pride to Mrs. Spisak during the first two weeks of school.

D Team is planning on having a pizza party the first Friday of the school year. The cost is \$10 for the party. The money will cover the cost of the food, paper products, and supplies for team building activities.

The D-Team teachers look forward to our year together! Students, we'll see you on the first day. Parents, we'll see you at Open House in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Spisak
D Team Leader

*Please fill in the order form for the team t-shirts. It must be turned into your Advisory teacher by the end of the first week of school.

D Team First Week Checklist:

- School supplies
- Lunch or money for the cafeteria (Checks should have student id#)
- Order form and money for your D team t-shirt & pizza party
 - (\$20 check made payable to CFPMS/D – Team and turned into Advisory Teacher)
- T-shirt design with Hawk and/or team logo (optional)
- 3 boxes of tissues for your Advisory, a container of Clorox wipes, and hand sanitizer.
- Planner signature page (issued on the first day of school)
- You may possibly need to turn in a dental form, after school language form, PTO directory form, and/or emergency contact form
- A positive attitude! You only have one chance to make a first impression, so make it a great one!

D Team T-Shirts

Show that D Team PRIDE!

We will wear our shirts for some field trips, team spirit days, school events, field day, and other special occasions.

Order forms and \$10 (you can write 1 check for \$20 that includes payment for the shirt and the pizza party) must be handed into your Advisory Teacher during the very first week of school. We need to submit our order to the cafeteria as soon as possible.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

IMPORTANT: Please Read!

T-Shirts are 100% cotton. Please consider ordering a **larger size** to allow for shrinkage or growth spurts. This is the **only time to order** for the year. Yes, you may order more than one shirt. Please indicate your selection(s) below & turn in this portion with your payment.

Please circle size(s):

YOUTH: Large X Large

ADULT: Small Medium Large X Large

Cost: \$10 per shirt _____Cash _____Check payable to CFPMS/D Team

*You can write ONE check for T- shirt(s) AND the team pizza party if you'd like!

*Don't forget to submit a t-shirt design for the team logo and/or a hawk to the team leader during the first two weeks of school. The team will vote at the pizza party!