



NAVIGATING THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



FREQUENTLY ASKED Qs?

When will I see my student's schedule?

Student schedules will become available to families on the portal on Wednesday, August 30th.

What is the exact first day of school?

Students will report to school for a full day on Wednesday, September 6th. Period 1 will be extended for locker assignments and paperwork.

When should my child be at the bus stop?

Transportation information will be provided to incoming 7th graders and new registrants in orientation materials. Returning 8th grade transportation times should remain the same.

When do sports begin for 7th and 8th graders?

Most sports begin on Wed., Sept. 6th. You should have registered your athlete by now for the modified sport they wish to play: cross country, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls volleyball.

Can I still register my student for sports ?

Yes, go to the **familyid** link on the athletics page of the school website. they must have an up to date physical.

Does my student need their supplies on the first day of school?

No, a pen and pencil with some loose-leaf is fine. A daily planner and a Sawyer folder with important paperwork will be given to your student.

SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT

Every student has the right to a great day and is tasked with making it a great day for someone else. The social transition from elementary to secondary is a huge step for all of our students. We want every student to want to walk into this building every day to engage, learn and grow. We will work on self-confidence in who they are and self-awareness of their impact on others.

Who is available for my child if they are not having a great day?

The ReDirect/Counseling Center is open to any student that needs help. The guidance counselors, social worker, and school psychologist are all housed in this one office space.

What are the steps for reporting behavior that is affecting others?

The junior high expects kindness. When a student feels negatively affected by mean behavior in person or on social media, they are welcomed to tell their concerns to a staff member. guidance counselors, classroom teachers, principals are committed to make sure students are treated with dignity.

We have practices in place to investigate incidents confidentially and resolve conflict through mediation and conversation.

How do I know how my student is doing in their classes?

Parent communication is key. It is a goal to increase parental information and conversations. The parent portal and google classroom can be used for reference for owed work and progress report updates. If at any time you want to check in, just call. Teams of teachers are established for student achievement.

EXPECTATIONS 7:15 AM TO 3:15 PM

Attendance in class and attention in class are vital to success.

Students will be admitted to classrooms for instruction beginning at 7:35 am, the first period begins at 7:45 am.

Breakfast is served from 7:15 am - 7:40 am in the cafeteria. Students that wish to eat will walk around the outside of the building to enter by the greenhouse into the 500 wing. All junior high students should walk around to the 500 wing entrance to avoid congestion in the main hallway. The blue main doors will not admit students prior to 7:35 am.

Morning announcements begin at 7:45 am. Please plan for a large volume of drop off traffic. Students need to be in the building before 7:45 am.

Students are not allowed to roam the hallways; they are asked to take the best path from one scheduled location to the next. (point a to point b)

All junior high students have lunch from 12:17 pm - 12:47 pm. Recess time is given for each grade level. Cell phones are not a part of outdoor recess. Students are asked to pick one seat for lunch and remain on one side of the cafeteria to sit, eat, and socialize. They are permitted to go to the snack bar if they are purchasing something.

There will be planned afterschool academic help, workshops, enrichment, club meetings, and other opportunities most days from 2:18 pm - 3:00 pm. Students need to be in a location or the academic sports study hall by 2:20 pm if staying after school. Again, roaming in the hall is not allowed. Students are asked to have a plan by the end of lunch if they are staying after school. Late transportation is provided home from the extra help period.

CELL PHONE EXPECTATIONS

One of the biggest challenges of our youth today is learning how to balance electronics and social media while completing academic and personal goals.

ELECTRONICS POLICY **Including cell phones, gaming consoles, earbuds and smart watches**

- Electronics cannot interfere with academics
- Electronics stored during class time in phone holder or front of backpack
- Off/Silent during class
- Electronics do not leave classroom until the end of the period
- Electronics should not be looked at while walking in the hallway
- There should be no posts or photos of students or staff from the school day
- Behavior with electronics that causes a disruption to the educational school day will be investigated and handled according to the code of conduct

Consequences for misuse of cell phone

- (1) Staff warning
- (2) Phone suspension (turned into office or left home) for 1 school day
- (3) Phone suspension for 3 days
- (4) Phone suspension for 2 weeks
- (5) Phone no longer allowed to be on person at school