TIPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND BEGIN TO EXPLORE WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. YOU ARE MEETING NEW PEOPLE, THERE ARE MORE CHOICES AND DECISIONS TO MAKE. INSTEAD OF BEING IN ONE CLASSROOM WITH ONE TEACHER ALL DAY, YOU NOW HAVE 6 TEACHERS. YOU NO LONGER STAY IN ONE CLASSROOM; YOU HAVE TO SWITCH FOR EACH SUBJECT. TEACHERS WILL EXPECT MORE OF YOU, AND YOUR PARENTS WILL TOO. YOU WILL BE FACED WITH MORE RESPONSIBILITIES. HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU WITH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK YOUR TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, OR STAFF AT YOUR SCHOOL IF YOU NEED HELP.

- 1. <u>GET ORGANIZED USE YOUR PLANNER, USE FOLDERS AND NOTEBOOKS FOR EACH SUBJECT, USE DIFFERENT</u> COLORS FOR EACH CLASS, AND KEEP YOUR BACKPACK CLEAN
- 2. DO YOUR HOMEWORK ALLOT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME EACH DAY FOR HOMEWORK AND STUDY. DON'T WAIT UNTIL AN ASSIGNMENT IS DUE, START EARLY. KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS.
- 3. <u>READ YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS. READING IMPROVES YOUR COMPREHENSION. ACCELERATED READER</u> <u>POINTS GIVES YOU TEST POINTS FOR THE LANGUAGE ARTS CLASS. ACCELERATED READER GIVES YOU</u> <u>POINTS FOR PRIZES AT THE LIBRARY.</u>
- 4. <u>TALK TO YOUR TEACHERS ASK QUESTIONS. THE TEACHERS ARE THERE TO HELP YOU. IF YOU DO NOT</u> <u>UNDERSTAND SOMETHING, ASK THEM.</u>
- 5. <u>GET INVOLVED IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, JOIN IN FIND THINGS THAT YOU ENJOY, SPORTS,</u> ACTIVITIES, CLUBS AND GET INVOLVED. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND TO HAVE FUN.
- 6. <u>GET GOOD GRADES IF YOU START TO FALL BEHIND, CATCH UP. TURN YOUR HOMEWORK IN ON TIME AND</u> <u>ASK QUESTIONS. ATTEND TUTORIALS.</u>
- 7. STAY HEALTHY GET GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP AND EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST.
- 8. TALK TO YOUR PARENTS AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.
- 9. <u>CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS WISELY.</u> GOOD FRIENDS ENCOURAGE GOOD DECISIONS, GIVE GOOD ADVICE, FOLLOW THE RULES, AND MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF.
- **10.** Come to school and have fun. You can't learn if you are not there.