



Dear Parents and Guardians of New Middle School Students,

Greetings from the Key Middle School! As a follow up to the message you received recently from the Director of Enrollment and Outreach, Tom Rossini, I am writing to personally welcome your family to our Middle School community next year. We are delighted to be adding such unique and talented students to our School and we will do everything we can to make your family's transition to Key School a smooth one.

As you perhaps have seen on the "[New-to-Key](#)" webpage, the [summer math and reading information](#) is now available on the Key School website. We value summer reading as reinforcement of reading and thinking skills, as an opportunity for a rich exchange of literature-based ideas among family members, and as a reference point for teachers in discussing other books and related themes throughout the year. I believe your students will find a variety of interesting books to enrich their summer. We also provide summer math practice for students at each grade. For fifth grade students, math packets will be mailed in hard copy and we also have extra copies in the Middle School Office. We suggest that students complete their math work gradually over the course of the summer to keep their math skills fresh, knowing that teachers will review those skills at the start of the school year.

There are also some basic supplies that all students will need at the beginning of next year. In order to help you avoid the end-of-summer rush to purchase supplies, we have posted the [supply list](#) so that you have more flexibility to obtain those supplies in a way that is most convenient for you. Students in grades 7 and 8 will also need to purchase textbooks for next year. Textbook lists will be posted by early July on our [New-to-Key page](#).

As I look to next year, it is very important for me to get to know you and to build a partnership with you. I always learn so much about our students from their parents/guardians, which will help us with their transition to Key. Toward that end, I would like to meet with each of you in the last few weeks of August or during the first weeks of the school year so that we can begin the school year having established a personal and direct relationship that will benefit your students next year and beyond. We can meet in person, but I am also happy to arrange a virtual meeting if that is preferable. Through June, please contact the Middle School Office (hnye@keyschool.org or 443-321-7876) to arrange these one-on-one meetings. After July 1, you may contact Katharina Elberti in the Middle School Office to arrange a meeting (kelberti@keyschool.org or 443-321-7876.)

I know that changing schools can be an adjustment for students and families. Sometimes coming on campus and connecting with some teachers and me can alleviate some of the nervousness and answer questions. With that in mind, we invite all new students to a brief orientation prior to the first day of school. This time allows students to meet their teachers and other new students, and to become familiar with the location of their classes. It is also just a nice, relaxing “ice-breaker” before all students return to school. **Our new student orientation is on Friday, August 23 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Barn Commons.** We look forward to meeting your students at this orientation.

I hope your students have an active and exciting summer that brings them to school with many stories, a refreshed mind, and thoughtful goals for what should be a wonderful year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Best Regards,

[David Magnus](#)