

Good Evening Jamestown Middle School Families!

This is Dr. Vernon calling with a little additional information about the new school year.

As a reminder, we will host an Open House for families on Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sixth grade will take place from 4:30-5:30. Seventh and eighth grades will take place from 6:00-7:00.

This year our students will travel through Scan Stations at each entrance to the building. Because of this, we are asking that you please limit the amount of metal items, such as metal water bottles, from your student's backpack. Please attempt to pack plastic items that will be less likely to set off the Scan Alarm on a daily basis. Three ring binders also tend to be a problem for the scanners so we ask that you consider using folders for classes instead of binders.

In addition please visit the GCS Transportation Department [Click Here](#) to gain information about Bus Routes/Transportation.

We also encourage all parents and guardians to claim their PowerSchool Parent Portal account. The PowerSchool Parent Portal will serve as a valuable resource to access information about your child's academic progress as well as essential transportation information for your child. You may access directions on our website at [Click Here](#). You are also encouraged to download the Here Comes the Bus app for real-time tracking, allowing you to monitor your child's bus location and estimated arrival time.

I have included our Student and Parent handbook as an attachment with the email version of this message.

I'll call again next week with a few additional reminders, including more details about the first day of school.

Well, we're looking forward to a terrific school year!

Go Tigers!