

April 2025



Dear New Cannon Middle School Families,

Welcome to Cannon Middle School!

We are so honored that you have chosen our amazing school as your new home for your child's education. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us, and we look forward to beginning the journey of the 2025-2026 school year with you and your family. We enjoyed meeting you and your children through school visits and our admission events, and we look forward to getting to know your family over the next few years.

We invite you to join a few Middle School faculty members at our new family event on Thursday, April 24th starting at 6 p.m. on the Bryant Central Green. After a general reception, we will move to the Middle School Library to talk about things specific to our division. This session is geared toward parents, as the kids will have an orientation in August. We will share a few more details about all of the things you are likely wondering about--class selection, summer work, student orientation, and much more! For now, I have tried to outline some information for you to peruse before that meeting. This information should help you formulate some questions to ask us in person. We hope that by reaching out early, we can help our incoming students feel welcomed, relaxed, and well-informed about what they can expect as they transition. This is just the first of many contact points along the way!

Included in this particular email are informational links to get you started in conversation and thinking with your child about next year. As you can imagine, our faculty is currently focusing on a successful and strong finish to the year for our current students. We would be happy to answer any questions once we wrap up for the year, typically around the second week in June. If you do need help in the meantime, feel free to reach out to any of the people on the list below. They will do their best to answer in a timely fashion, but your patience is appreciated during this busy time!

You can expect an email from me at least once per month with pertinent and timely information for the start of the school year. We will keep you well informed, but please feel free to reach out to anyone on this list for help as you need it. I am available any time at cmoyer@cannonschool.org.

In late May, you can expect an email with links to action items regarding World Language choices, Arts choices, the Chromebook ordering link, and a PE Uniform link. That email will be clearly labeled with “Action Items” in the subject line. For now, you can begin to talk to your child about what he or she might choose when the email comes. There are no action items at this time; this email is purely to get you excited and informed for when the action time comes. Future emails will include summer reading information, summer workout information, fall athletic information, and much more!

We are so excited to onboard our amazing group of new students and families.

No Action Required

Below is information about the: Middle School Dress Code, class trip dates, Math programs, World Language placement, Arts options, Middle School fall sports information, and a summer English opportunity.

Middle School Deans

Jeremy Mattsson jmattsson@cannonschool.org (5th grade)

Danielle Sandlof dsandlof@cannonschool.org (6th grade)

Mike Hoffman mhoffman@cannonschool.org (7th grade)

Christiana Holyer cholyer@cannonschool.org (8th grade)

MS Dress Code

Click to view the [2024-2025 dress code](#). (There is NO action required and there may be a few updates after our June post-planning sessions--a final copy of next year’s dress code will be sent later this summer.)

Class Trips

The class trip dates are as follows. (There is NO action required, but please mark your calendar for pertinent trips.). All students are expected to attend these trips.

5th Grade - Camp Hanes, September 25-26

6th Grade - Charleston, September 17-19
7th Grade - Williamsburg, September 17-19
8th Grade - Williamsburg, May 18-20, 2026

Kyle Tsuchiyama, Math Department Chair ktsuchiyama@cannonschool.org
Use [this link](#) to access math placement information. (There is NO action required; it is just information for you. We will reach out in May if a placement test is needed.)

Xiaozhao Sun, World Language Department Chair xsun@cannonschool.org
Use [this link](#) to access World Language placement information. (There is NO action required; it is just information for you.)

Anne Marie Samuel, Arts Department Chair asamuel@cannonschool.org
Use [this link](#) to learn more about our Arts program and philosophy. (There is NO action required, but it is important information to consider as you make your selections.)

Jeremy Mattsson, Technology Integrationist jmattsson@cannonschool.org
If you have a rising 6th, 7th, or 8th grader, click this [link](#) for information about the Chromebook program. (There is NO action required; it is just information for you.)

Summer English Refresher - Lori Macdonald lmacdonald@cannonschool.org
Click [here](#) for a summer opportunity for your child if you have any concerns about their readiness for the reading and writing skills they need as they transition to a new school. There is no pressure to attend, but we are including it because summer tutors are hard to find. Our amazing English teachers are running the program and will work with students individually and in small groups, and students may attend multiple sessions.

Middle School Fall Sports

Click [here](#) to learn more about fall 2025 sports tryout dates, coaches, and more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla M. Moyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "C" at the beginning.

Carla Moyer
Head of Middle School