



Welcome

TO THE MIDDLE!

We are so glad you
could join us.

Schedule and Format for Tonight

6:00 - 6:20 Welcome and Evening Kick-off

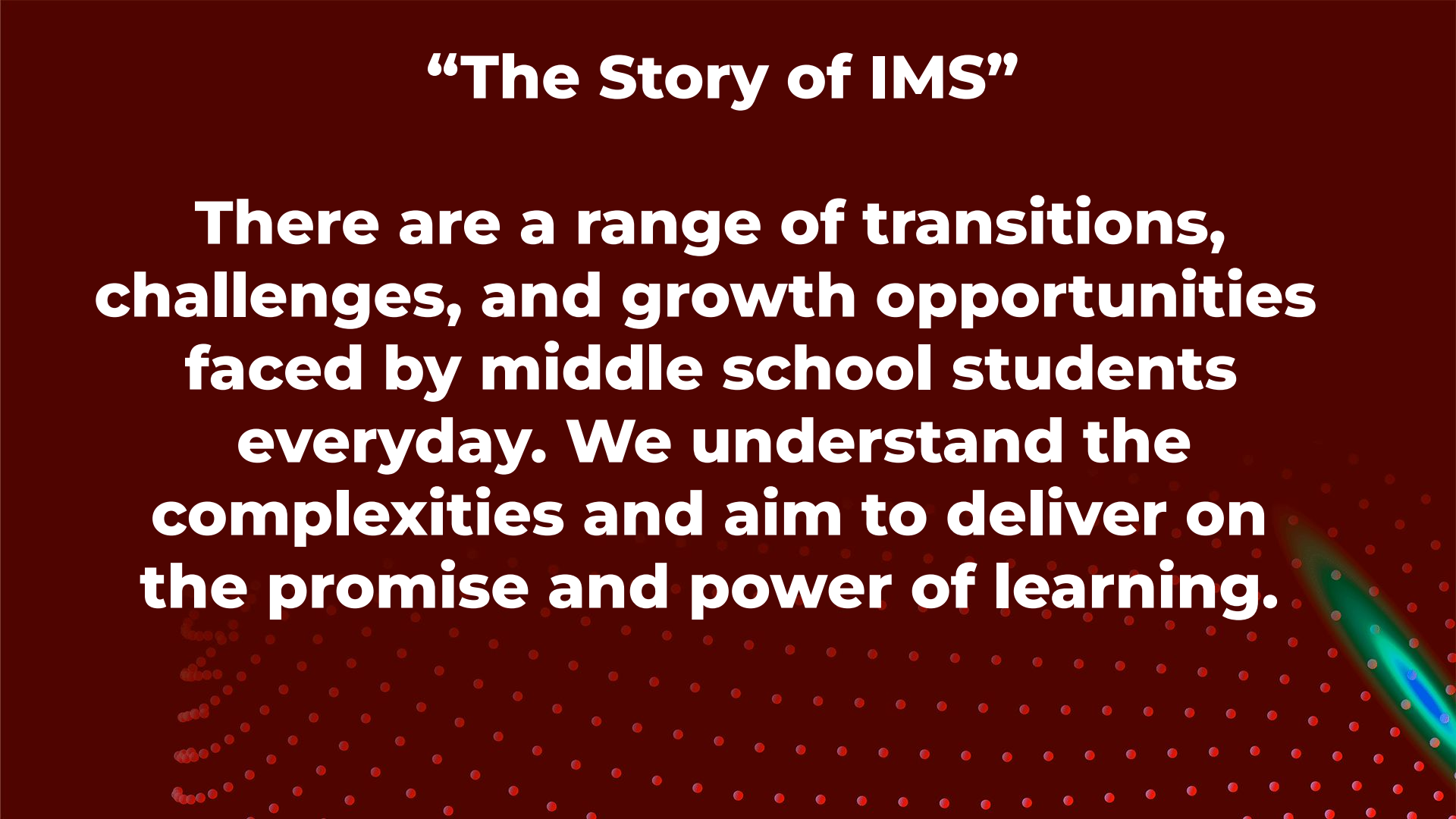
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Introduction s!

- Becky Mulvain - Associate Principal
- Katie Gallagher – Associate Principal
- Aaron Miller – Co-Principal
- Mary Jo Budzius – Co-Principal
- Stephanie Burnett– Current PTSA President
- Jennifer Crespi – President-Elect 2025/2026
- Cathy Chen - Co-VP Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Jessie Bronson - Co-VP Operations
- Harry Brown – Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Counselor
- Dru Klein – School Counselor – last names – A- G
- Janet Goldstein – School Counselor – last names – H - O
- Jayna Dash – School Counselor – last names – P - Z
- Kat Kuszak - Instructional Technology Coach
- Maria Fontana - Instructional Coach
- Rebecca Hedlund - Science Teacher
- Andreeves Ronser - Director of Technology
- Mike Hogan - Tech Specialist
- Tessa Low - Drill Coach/7th grade Social Studies Teacher
- IMS Drill Team Members and IMS Student Panelists

“The Story of IMS”

There are a range of transitions, challenges, and growth opportunities faced by middle school students everyday. We understand the complexities and aim to deliver on the promise and power of learning.

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Our Goals!

- Learn about IMS culture, expectations, and daily routines
- Get key info on logistics like schedules, communication, and resources
- Understand what students experience both in and out of the classroom
- Leave feeling ready and confident for the middle school transition

Where Everyone Belongs! (WEB) - 6th grade Transition Program

Handclap Activity

WEB Purpose



Why WEB?

Transition is Important!

Research shows that having the WEB program can result in decreased discipline referrals, increased attendance and improved academic performance.

Purpose & Goal

Create a safe and positive learning environment

Provide structure in which students make real connections with each other

Develop student leaders that want to and can help.

MS to HS

Students who have a positive experience in middle school have a greater chance of continued success in high school

At IMS:

- We seek to meet the unique needs of students in the middle grades.
- We work to be a caring community where all members feel safe to take the necessary risks to grow.
- We strive for high quality in all we do.
- We value belonging.
- We believe that respect, cooperation, and kindness provide the foundation for our Islander community.

THE Middle years are complex!

**Great
things
happen in
the middle**

and We are a place of learning.

and We value relationships.

and We believe learning happens at different rates and isn't linear.

and We work hard to seek accountability, understanding and community.

and We respond and partner with students and families.

**Challengin
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Middle!

Sports:

Cross Country (Fall)
Volleyball (7th/8th Fall)
Drill Team (Fall/Winter)
Wrestling (Winter)
Ultimate Frisbee
(Winter/Spring)
Wrestling (Winter)
Esports (Winter/Spring)
Track (Spring)

Clubs & Activities:

Art Club
Baking Club
Board Games Club
Creative Writing Club
Dance Club
Drama Club
Dungeons & Dragons
Golf Club
Green Team Club
Homework Club
Knitting Club
Philosophy Club

News Club
QUILT BAG
Robotics
Softball Club
Sources of Strength
Student Lead Musical

Competing Clubs:

Destination Imagination
Jazz Band (7th & 8th)



IMS Drill Team

Performance

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Mathematics		
Language Arts		
Social Studies		
Science		
Tech Block	Health	Physical Education
Music Band, Choir, Orchestra		
or		
Art	Creative Writing	Drama
Gator Time		

6th Grade Student Day

How do you connect with staff?

- **Class-specific question? Email or call the teacher directly;**
If needed, teachers are always willing to set up individual conferences with families.
- **Social/emotional concern? Reach out to your child's counselor.**
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- **Multiple classes/teachers? Contact the counselor to help coordinate.**

Where do you find Information?

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www.mercerislandschools.org

- Monday Announcements - posted on Schoology and the IMS Website
- Skyward Communication
- Weekly Admin Updates
- Counselor Newsletters
- Staff Newsletter
- PTSA Newsletters & eBlasts
- www.imsptsa.org
- islanderptsa.membershiptoolkit.com

Important Transition Events



- WEB Visits to Elementary Schools (June 2025)
- Back 2 School Day - (August 2025)
- New Families & 6th Grade Pizza Night (September 2025)
- Curriculum Night (September 2025)

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Welcome to IMS**

