Dear 5th Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians of Coleytown and Kings Highway Elementary Schools,

Welcome to Coleytown Middle School! Our team of kind and caring educators is excited to welcome your family to the CMS community as we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year. Transitioning to middle school is a significant milestone, and we have organized a series of events and opportunities to help students and families become familiar with our programs, staff, and operations.

Meet Your Leadership Team

For the 2026–2027 school year, our dedicated leadership team for incoming 6th-grade students includes:

- **Principal:** Mrs. Janna Sirowich – Administrator for Grade 7
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- **Assistant Principal:** Ms. Lauren Pitocco - Administrator for Grade 6
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- **Assistant Principal:** Mr. Jamar Greene - Administrator for Grade 8
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- **School Counselor:** Mrs. Lindsey Shortell
  Email: lshortell@westportps.org
- **School Psychologist:** Dr. Cheryl Balkcom
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This incredible team will work closely with our students throughout their middle school journey.

Special Events for Parents and Students

CMS Grade 5 to Grade 6 Transition Night (Parents Only)

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Location:** CMS Auditorium

Parents are invited to join us for this important event, which includes an informative presentation in the auditorium and a brief, high-level tour of our school. During the presentation, you will learn about our World Language and Music course offerings to help guide course selection decisions in PowerSchool.

Special Education Coffee (Parents Only)

- **Date:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026
- **Time:** 9:30-10:30
- **Location:** Library

Parents and guardians of special education students: Please join us for an informational meeting regarding support services at the middle school.

Transition to Grade 6 CMS Field Trips (Students Only)

Each 5th-grade class will visit Coleytown Middle School during the school day for a special field trip, which includes an information session in the auditorium and small-group tours of the building led by CMS staff and student leaders.

- **CES 5th Grade Visit:** Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 10:00-11:15
- **KHS 5th Grade Visit:** Monday, May 18, 2026, from 10:00-11:15

Transportation Details:

- KHS students and their teachers will be transported by bus.
- CES students and their teachers will walk to CMS.

6th Grade Student Orientation (Students Only)

- **Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00–2:00 PM

During this event, CMS staff and student ambassadors will warmly welcome incoming 6th graders. The orientation is designed to help students feel prepared, confident, and excited for the first day of middle school.

Additional Transition Efforts

To ensure a smooth transition for all students, our CMS team is working closely with elementary school staff to review and transfer important information, including:

- 504 Plans and IEPs
- RTI placements
- Student emergency health care plans
- Other key details to support individual student needs

We look forward to meeting our incoming students and families and working together to make this transition as smooth and positive as possible. Thank you for trusting our team to welcome your students to Coleytown Middle School!

Sincerely,
Janna Sirowich
Principal, Coleytown Middle School