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Dear Middle School Families,

As we enter the final stretch of summer, I hope each of you has enjoyed sunshine, relaxation and the opportunity to refresh yourself before diving into the excitement of a new school year. We are so eager to welcome you back to campus for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8.

As we move into the last weeks of our break, I wanted to share some information that may be helpful as you prepare for the 2026-2027 school year. Below, please find contact information for the Middle School office and a number of important pieces of information, some of which may require your attention or response prior to the beginning of the school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Contact Information:

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Mrs. Kirstin Rogers, Head of Middle School: krogers@WHschool.org , (908) 754-1882 x 305

1. Summer Reading and Math: Please be reminded that the summer reading assignment for Middle School students is accessible on the school website: MS Academics. Please scroll down to the bottom right of the page for the link for your child's grade level.
2. The recommended summer mathematics skills are available to your child using their IXL login. If they need assistance logging in, please reach out to the middle school office.

3. School Supplies: A school supply list is also available on the school website: MS Academics. You will find that list above the Summer Reading Information. The school will provide a paper planner to all middle school students and a school-issued iPad as well as all necessary textbooks for academic classes.

4. iPad Bootcamp: Every newly enrolled middle school student in grades 6-8 is required to attend our iPad Bootcamp Session with a parent or guardian in order to receive their school-issued iPad. This important event will be held on September 2, 2026 at 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM. Please be sure to bring the iPad Agreement Form enclosed in this mailing to your bootcamp session, as it is how we will take attendance and ensure your student is prepared for the school year.

5. Dress Code: a link to the Lands' End School Uniform Shop can be found here: Lands End Uniform. Please be sure to follow the guidelines of the Middle School Dress Code found in the Student and Parent Handbook. A copy is also included in our summer mailing. If there is a discrepancy between the items available on the website and the Dress Code information, please contact the Middle School office so we can quickly address the issue.

6. Athletics Registration Form: In addition to participating in Health and Physical Education, which takes place during the academic day, all Middle School students are invited to participate in our interscholastic athletics teams.
   Please take a moment with your child to complete the Athlete Eligibility and Sports Registration to indicate which sport, if any, your child may choose to participate in during the fall season.

7. New Student/Parent Orientation: All new Middle School students and families should plan to attend New Student/Parent Orientation on Tuesday, September 1st at 9:00 am. This event, which runs simultaneously for students and parents/guardians, is designed to welcome new families to our community and to review important information prior to the start of school.

8. Parent Partnership Conferences: To support all Middle School students as they join our school community, all new families are invited to participate in Parent Partnership Conferences at the start of the year. These are scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 3rd. You will hear directly from your child's advisor by the end of August to schedule these meetings.

9. School Communication System: Please make sure that your household and contact information is updated in PCR, our digital communications portal. We will be using PCR for any school closing notifications as well as to communicate student academic reports throughout the year, so it is imperative that your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you need any assistance in logging into PCR and updating your information, please contact the Middle School office.

10. School Arrival and Drop-Off: Our Middle School day begins with advisory check-in at 7:45am and ends at 3:00pm.
    In the morning, all students should be dropped off at the Middle School doors and proceed to the AP room, if they arrive prior to 7:40am, or directly to advisory. The MS doors are locked at 7:55am, at which point all students must enter via the main entrance.
    In the afternoon, students are dismissed to sports practices or to the MS doors for pickup at 3:00pm. Please see the attached sheet for more detailed information.
    Students not picked by 3:15pm will be escorted to Encore.

We are currently working on faculty and student schedules; these are traditionally shared with families at the start of the school year.

Kindly note that only fully enrolled students can be scheduled for classes and athletics. Please contact the business office directly to finalize enrollment if you have not already done so already.

I am eager to partner with you in support of a wonderful school year for our students. I look forward to seeing you on the first day of school and at the Welcome Back BBQ on Tuesday, September 8.

Best,

Kirstin Rogers

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Head of Middle School