



Copeland Middle School is a collaborative community, where all stakeholders work in solidarity, thus creating an environment of mutual-respect, trust, and responsibility while empowering all individuals to be their authentic selves.

September 9, 2022

Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank everyone for an amazing first week of school. Your children entered the building with smiles on their faces ready to meet their teachers, and engage in conversations with their peers. I could not be happier to see a group of students so motivated and eager to be part of our school community. At Copeland, we will look forward to supporting you and your children as they navigate the waters of middle school. To that point, Copeland Middle School is happy to reintroduce CMS Family Nights (CMS Parent Workshop Series). On these nights, students and their families are invited to Copeland to spend screen-free time together, and to participate in an informational session that will help us work together as a team in support of our children. In order to ensure our programming fits your needs, I am asking that you take a few minutes to fill out the voluntary [survey](#). All answers are anonymous, but will help guide our topics.

Important Information:

- In order to ensure that all communications are directed to the right person, please use the attached [CMS Communication Framework](#). Please use this framework with regard to all school related inquiries.
- Please navigate the [CMS website](#) for updates and pertinent information.
- Please see the [CMS Assessment Dates Calendar](#).
- Please review the [CMS Opening Day Letter](#) which contains important information about bus procedures, Dress and Grooming Guidelines, and attendance.
- **Please see the attached [Sandy Hook Promise Letter](#) ** *Attention, this contains important opt-out information regarding your child.* ****
- PE classes will have a “change optional” component added to PE class beginning Wednesday, September 21st. Students are asked to wear attire that is appropriate for physical education. If a student wishes to change, the locker rooms will be available. Please be advised that students must bring their own lock, and must take their belongings and lock at the end of each PE period.
- Due to technical difficulties, the Panorama Education Survey was not administered on Thursday. The survey will be rescheduled for Wednesday, September 14th during the Advisory Period.
- Please review the [District Bus Procedures](#) with your children.
- CMS Back to School Nights will be held on the following dates:
 - 6th Grade-September 19th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 - 7th and 8th Grade-September 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Have a great day!

Best,

Alfonso A. Gonnella

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Principal
Copeland Middle School



We have H.E.A.R.T.  Honesty. Empathy. Acceptance. Respect. Trust.