

# Circle Middle School

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## *Challenging All Students To Excel In Their Academic and Personal Development*

July 1, 2019

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Welcome to Circle Middle School! ***The Mission of Circle Middle School is to challenge all students to excel in their academic and personal development.*** In working with Parents, Staff and Students to achieve our mission statement we have enlisted the use of T-Bird P.R.I.D.E., P= Prepared, R= Respect, I= Integrity, D= Determined and E= Engaged. The faculty and staff are committed to providing each student the best education possible, reaching for T-Bird P.R.I.D.E. Our goal is to provide a family atmosphere of nurturing and caring, while providing a challenging academic curriculum and competitive athletic program in which students exhibit T-Bird P.R.I.D.E.

As you are preparing for school, there are a few items I would like to review with you. The first item concerns the first day of school, which is Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. **Only 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will report on the first day.** School will begin at 8:10, and dismissal will be at 1:00. Then on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> all students will be in attendance for a normal day schedule 8:10 – 3:12. Busses will run for these days. For the first day of school, 7<sup>th</sup> grade needs to bring all items on supply list except tissues and Clorox wipes. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only need to bring a spiral notebook and a writing utensil. Following the first full day (August 15<sup>th</sup>) we will host “Stuff Your Locker” night from 6 - 7:30 which is when the remainder of the school supplies can be brought. Each team will have a quick meeting prior to stuffing the lockers and dropping of supplies. More information will be shared regarding these days as the first day approaches.

The second item concerns Circle Middle School sports. Please mark your calendar for August 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the 7-12 grade sports parent meeting at Circle High School. **The information provided at this meeting will pertain to all sports offered at CMS for the 2019-2020 school year.** The first day of fall practice will be Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. This will include Volleyball, Football & Cross Country. Cheerleading will begin on August 26<sup>th</sup>. All practices will last until 5:15 p.m. with shuttle buses returning students to their base elementary schools around 5:30 p.m. Coaches will communicate when they will be having a parent meeting for their specific sport. All students participating in an athletic event will need to have a current physical form and concussion form on file prior to participation. Please have physicals in hand to turn in at the first practice, or bring them to the locker night and hand them to the office staff. If there is not a completed form turned in, the student will not be allowed to practice. These forms are available at the Circle USD 375 district office, CMS office or on the district website. We encourage you to keep a copy of the physical.

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The next item is one of utmost importance. Parent Involvement! As a parent you play a key role in the success of our school and all of our students. One way for you to be involved, or stay involved is to become a member of the CMS Site Council. The **Site Council** is an advisory group that makes recommendations to the school administration about policies and procedures of the school. Please consider joining us for the first meeting on **September 17th 7:00 p.m.** in the CMS library. Prior to Site Council meetings we host sessions for parents called Middle School 101. During these meetings we assist with all things Middle School. From being able to access the students google account, to asking what the attendance policies are for CMS. Middle School 101 is held from 6:30 - 7:00 on the same evenings as Site Council. All parents are welcome to attend.

There are several important documents that can be found at <http://www.circleusd375.com/> . For back to school supplies, please refer to the CMS supply list and to the CMS Student Handbook for Dress Code guidelines. USD375 district calendars will be printed and available for you to pick up at CMS office, but for quick reference refer to the website.

Like us on Facebook at "CMSTbolts" (As we are still in the transition between T-Bolts and T-Birds) Back to school and weekly updates can be found on Facebook.

Attached to this letter are some very important dates for your calendars. These dates are not a full picture of events, please refer to district calendar to see all events. Again, welcome to the Circle Middle School family! We will see you in August.

Sincerely,

*Brenda L. Young*

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Principal

### Important Dates

August 14	First Day of School ( <b>7<sup>th</sup> grade only</b> )	8:10 – 1:00 p.m.
	ALL sports parent meeting @ CHS	6:00 pm
August 15	All students attend	8:10 – 3:10
August 15	Grade level parent meetings / Stuff Lockers	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
August 19	FB/VB/CC Sports practices begin	3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
August 26	Cheerleading practice begins	3:15 - 5:15 p.m.

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