

Circle Middle School

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Challenging All Students To Excel In Their Academic and Personal Development

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As I am writing this for the 20-21 school year, we have not yet received guidance from the Kansas Department of Education regarding guidelines for operation due to COVID19. Please be aware that there could be changes to this information. When or if that occurs- please read emails sent, access the website, or follow us on facebook for further information. .

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 these are the items to be aware of :

- First day of school Wednesday, August 12^h: At the time of writing this letter the preliminary plan is to have 7th grade students report on the first day. School will begin at 8:10 with dismissal at 1:00. Then on Thursday, August 13th all students will be in attendance for a normal day schedule 8:10 – 3:12. Once we receive the guidelines from the Kansas State Department of Education regarding school operations, this structure may change. Please reference our CMS facebook page (@CMSTbirds), CMS website and emails for further information. Busses will transport the 7th grade students on the first day to CMS and back to base elementary school or home if the student rides a route bus.
- What to bring: 7th grade needs to bring a writing utensil and one composition notebook. All other items on the supply list can be brought to “Stuff your Locker” the evening on the 12th. 8th grade students will have the opportunity to also “Stuff their Lockers” the evening of August 12th. All supplies will already be here for their first day of school.
- Stuff Your Locker and Team Meetings: We encourage you to come with your student the evening of August 12th to meet the teachers, hear about how CMS works within a teaming structure for each grade level and student expectations. Following the team meetings there will be an opportunity to see the classrooms, drop off community supplies and put the remainder of items into the lockers. This is also a good time for students to practice opening and closing the lockers. Due to not having a spring new

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student orientation, 7th grade will be meeting with parents from 5:30 - 6:30. 8th grade will meet with parents from 6:00 - 6:30.

- Sport parent meeting: August 13th 6:00 pm at Circle High School. **The information provided at this meeting will pertain to all sports offered at CMS for the 2019-2020 school year.**
- First day of practice: Monday, August 17th. This will include Volleyball, Football, Cross Country and Cheerleading. 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 host a parent meeting for their specific sport. All students participating in athletics will need to have a current physical form and concussion form signed and turned into the office prior to participation. Please have physicals in hand to turn in at the first practice, or bring them to Stuff your Locker night to hand them in. 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.

As a parent of a middle school student, your involvement with the school will change. We encourage you to become a member of our 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 21st 7:00 p.m.** in the CMS library. As a parent you play a key role in the success of our school and all of our students. Prior to Site Council meetings we host sessions for parents called Middle School 101. During these meetings we assist with all things Middle School. 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 <https://www.usd375.org/o/cms>. 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 “@CMSTbirds” Back to school and weekly updates can be found on Facebook, website and live feed. Looking forward to seeing returning students and meeting our new ones.

Sincerely,

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