



MURDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Where Students Come First!

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Dear MMS Families,

I hope you and your family are doing well during these unprecedented times. I am both excited and delighted to be serving as your child's principal. All of us at Murdock Middle School are excited that your child will be attending this upcoming school year. The first day of school is September 14, 2020. Murdock Middle School will begin in a hybrid model as we start the school year. Any decision to change learning models will be based on the number of COVID-19 cases in our area. We are committed to the health and safety of our students and our staff.

While I'm excited to begin the new school year, I also understand many, including myself, are concerned and anxious about what this year may bring with the many changes that are happening due to COVID-19. This year presents unique opportunities and challenges for us all. Our staff is committed to making the best of the situation and ensuring all students at MMS are provided with the best education possible.

In an effort to ensure our students are prepared for the first day of school, we have scheduled September 3rd as our Chromebook and class schedules distribution day. Please arrive at the school during the scheduled time for your student's grade level. During the distribution day, parents and students are asked to wear a mask and maintain social distancing when picking up materials. If students kept a Chromebook over the summer, they may use the same computer for this year. If you are unable to make it, please notify Mrs. Paulitzky in the main office and we will arrange another time.

September 3, 2020

Grade 6: 9:00-11:00

Grade 7: 11:00-1:00

Grade 8: 1:00-3:00

Prior to the first day of school, we will conduct an onboarding session for students' and their family. Onboarding is the process of familiarizing students, along with their parents, with the procedures and expectations for the school year. Onboarding sessions will be scheduled by each student's mentor during the week of September 7th.

EVERY individual, upon leaving MMS, is equipped with the skills, knowledge, and habits necessary to persevere and realize their unique potential.

In conclusion, we thank you for your willingness to follow the procedures and expectations during this upcoming school year. As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, it is paramount we work together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school. Stay encouraged and stay safe!

Sincerely,



Jessica L. Vezina
Principal