



PERRY HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer vacation. As you know, however, the new school year is about to begin. I hope you are looking forward to the opening of school on Monday, August 27, 2007. All students, 6th, 7th and 8th graders, are scheduled to attend school on August 27th. We are planning several transition activities for incoming sixth graders, including: extended homeroom, schedule orientation, building tours, locker assistance, an extended lunch period and early afternoon dismissal.

This package includes a considerable amount of information, which is important for you to know. Your schedule for the upcoming school year and information regarding your homeroom and bus stop are included. If your schedule does not reflect the courses for which you registered in the spring, please call the guidance office at 887-5102 so corrections can be made before classes begin. **Bring your schedule with the attached mailing label to school with you on the first day of classes.** Located on the mailing label in the upper right corner is your bus stop number. This corresponds to the locations listed on the enclosed bus sheet. Bus cards will be distributed at a later date. All students will be allowed to ride buses without a card until this time. If you are a walker who has to cross Ebenezer Road, please do so at the corner of Yvonne & Ebenezer. A crossing guard will be present at this location before and after school to ensure your safety. On Friday, August 24, we will hold an orientation for our new 6th grade students and their parents. There will be two orientation sessions on that morning - one at 8:30 a.m. and a second at 10:00 a.m. If your child's last name falls in the beginning of the alphabet, A-L, please attend the 8:30 a.m. session. Students with last names from M-Z will attend at 10:00 a.m. If for some reason you cannot attend your scheduled orientation, feel free to attend the other, but please make every effort to attend the orientation scheduled for you so that no one group is overcrowded. You and your child should report to the homeroom listed on the class schedule included in this mailing. There will be staff members in the halls and signs posted on that morning to assist you in finding the assigned rooms. During the one-hour orientation, students and parents will meet their team of teachers, locate their classrooms and receive valuable information about your student's sixth grade year.

Make sure that you bring the copy of your schedule from this mailing with you on that morning. The schedule has two columns, "A" days and "B" days. "A" days are even numbered calendar days; "B" days are the odd numbered days. We do ask that all visitors leave the classroom areas by 11:00 a.m. so that teachers can continue with preparations for the opening of school.

Our 6th grade students will need to purchase hanging combination locks for their lockers. The cost of the locks will be \$5.00 each. We are selling these locks at cost, and once purchased, a student will be able to utilize the same lock for all three years at Perry Hall Middle. **Because the administration needs to access all lockers in the building to ensure student safety, only those locks sold by the school, for which administrators have master keys, will be allowed.** These locks will be sold on August 24 during the 6th grade orientation and again during homeroom the first week of school. These locks will be the only items available for sale at this time. Physical education uniforms and locks will be sold during the first two weeks of school. Information concerning physical education will be sent home after your child attends their first P.E. class.

Students should “dress for success” when preparing for the school day. Shorts should be an appropriate length (approximately to the finger tips), halter tops, tank tops, bare midriff tops and t-shirts that promote drugs and alcohol should not be worn. Pants should be waist height and beach shoes, such as “flip-flops,” are not allowed. Appropriate student dress helps contribute to a safe and orderly learning environment.

We will hold two Back-To-School Nights this fall. Our 6th grade Back-To-School Night will be held September 5 at 6:45 P.M. Back-To-School Night for 7th and 8th grade parents will be on September 19 at 6:45 P.M. This evening will provide parents with an opportunity to meet teachers and to learn more about the year’s instructional plans.

Perry Hall Middle School is fortunate to have a very active PTSA that assists in the purchase of instructional enhancement materials and special programs for students. They also provide social events such as the “Star Search” talent show. It is necessary for our entire school community to show support for this important group. When you receive your PTSA enrollment envelope, please join immediately.

As the principal of Perry Hall Middle School, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students back from summer vacation. The proud tradition of excellence that exists at Perry Hall Middle has been built through the combined efforts of outstanding students, parents and staff members. With your assistance, this tradition of excellence will continue this year. We want you to be successful and to make this your best year ever.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Zink
Principal