

Dear Middle School Families,

We are busily preparing for the start of school in August, and we cannot wait for you to arrive on campus! We want to share some information below that will excite you and your student about the upcoming school year as well as hopefully lessen any anxiety you have. After reviewing the information below if you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out. We are looking forward to a great 2021-2022 school year!

Sincerely,

Maria Croley Madden

Middle School Division Head

### **New to Heathwood Families:**

#### **Does my child need to take a math placement test?**

- Yes, [click here](#) to register for your child's math placement test if you are a new student entering the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and have not already done so.

#### **Will my child be paired with a student ambassador?**

- Yes, student ambassadors are assigned for our newest students in grades 6th - 8th to help facilitate social interactions, nurture friendships, and lessen anxiety.
- Contact information for new students was shared with returning students the first week of June.
- Since all 5th graders are new to the Middle School, we host a special orientation for them in August.

#### **When is new student orientation? When can my child set-up his/her locker?**

- Orientation and locker set-up for ALL 5th-grade students and their parents will be held on Monday, August 16th from 1:00-2:30 pm.
- Orientation and locker set-up for new 6th-8th grade students and their parents will be held on Tuesday, August 17 from 8:30-10:00 am.

#### **How do I know my child's schedule?**

- Class schedules are created for each student based in part on math placement and world language choices.
- There are no electives that need to be chosen; all students rotate through all related arts classes.

Schedules for new students will be given out at orientation, and advisor assignments are shared at orientation.

### **All Middle School Families:**

#### **How do students sign up for and try out for athletics?**

- To participate in athletics, students must register on [Family ID](#).
- Once registered, students will receive information about summer practices.

#### **Where do we locate summer reading, math packets, and supply lists?**

- All items related to summer reading requirements, math packet assignments, and supply lists will be posted on the Back-to-School page of our website on June 15.

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- There are no electives that need to be chosen; all students rotate through all related arts classes.
- Schedules for returning students will be available online when the Virtual Bookstore opens in late July.

**Locker Set-up for returning students in grades 6-8 will be on Tuesday, August 17th (drop-in) from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm.**

### **First Day of School and Advisory**

Teachers will mail notes to students during the week of August 2nd welcoming them, and sharing the name of the student's advisor. School begins on Wednesday, August 18 at 8:10 am and dismisses at 12:00.

### **How do we order our books?**

- The Virtual Bookstore is what families use to purchase consumables and/or rent textbooks for the school year. The Virtual Bookstore will know the specific textbooks, workbooks, and novels that your child will need per his/her schedule. More information will be shared in mid-July regarding how families will access The Virtual Bookstore.

### **Plaid Peddler Summer Hours/Dress Code Information**

The summer hours for The Plaid Peddler are as follows: June 1st - July 15th - open 9:00 am-1:00 pm and by appointment in the afternoon until 4:00 pm.

Starting July 15th the store will be open 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday.

Dress Code updates will be shared with families by the end of June and available in the Middle School Handbook by early August.

### **Back-to-School Night: Save the Date!**

Please save the date for **Wednesday, September 1st - 6:30 - 8:00** - for Middle School Back to School Night. We will send out more information for this event closer to the start of school. This event is a great time to meet your student's teachers and learn more about our curriculum.