

## How do I get ready?

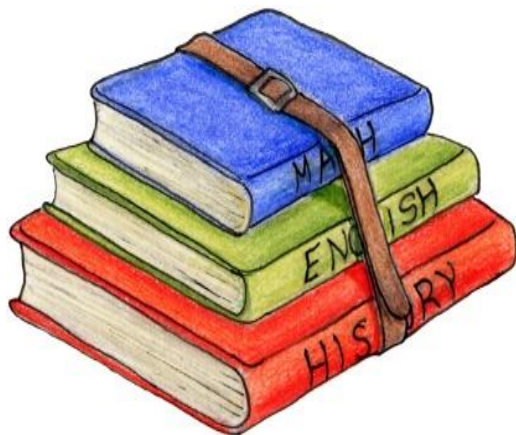
This summer enjoy your break! You can use this summer to practice things you learned in 5th grade. Don't forget to read 20 minutes daily! In August, organize your supplies. Your supply list will show what you need.

## It's not scary... we promise!

Here's What to Look Forward to...

- ⇒ Your very own lockers!
- ⇒ Different teachers and classes
- ⇒ TWO related art classes
- ⇒ Recess
- ⇒ Honors Awards Ceremonies
- ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (During the Spring)
- ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (During the Spring)

hello **sixth**  
GRADE



*We look forward to seeing you next year!*

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# What to know before you go...

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School Bound!**



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## Lockers & Cell Phone Policy

**LOCKERS:** the most exciting part of middle school. You get to decorate them and buy cool accessories! Lockers are a new tool that you will use all day long. Teachers will teach you how to use them! There will be designated locker time.

**Your cell phone should remain in your locker throughout the instructional day. If you are caught with a cell phone, it will be confiscated and turned in to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Administrator.**



**\*\*Wait to buy accessories for your locker! Get them after you put all of your books and supplies inside them.**

## Extracurricular Activities

6<sup>th</sup> graders are only permitted to participate in sports available

## Switching Periods & Different Teachers

With your schedule, you will find out who your teachers are, where your classes are, and what time you will go to each class.

Each teacher has his or her own classroom routine. You must learn to adapt to each teacher and the expectations of his or her classroom. You will receive information during the first week of school to help you! Your lunch period teacher will escort you up to your elective courses.

## Policies & Procedures

As a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, you will report to the cafeteria in the morning, and sit with your Homeroom (1<sup>st</sup> period) teacher. For lunch, you will sit with your lunch class. You are expected to transition at level zero (quietest level) during hallway transitions.

The dress code is strictly enforced. For example, all skirts must be at least mid-thigh length, NO sagging pants/shorts, and holes in jeans must be below mid-thigh and does not show skin. You are responsible for wearing your Student ID at all times. As a Hand Hornet, it is important that you look and act your best at all times!

In Middle School, there are computers for each student in the classroom. These computers will be used for educational purposes, only. It is exciting to have your own computer in class, but it comes with BIG responsibility. Each teacher will give directives on what the computer will be used for during class. Our teachers work as a team with administration to enforce all Policies & Procedures.

## After School

Students are only allowed to stay after school for academic purposes, and it must be by invitation only.

### Options to Research:

- Emily Douglas
- Boys & Girls Club
- Shandon Presbyterian Church
- Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

## School+Parent=Student Success

*Help your student with organization and time management.*

- Make use of a calendar
- Chunk large assignments
- Check notebooks, bookbags and homework list regularly
- Review notes, homework, class work daily
- Balance between school/activities/home
- Keep a Daily Routine

*We encourage you to use Parent Portal and check our school and district website to access...*

- Updates/Announcements
- Interims & Report Cards
- Conference Dates/Times

*Communicate with School Personnel*

- Stay in communication with your child's teacher
- Contact your child's counselor or an administrator if there is an extenuating circumstance that might affect your child's behavior or academic performance (e.g. health problem, a loss of a loved one, etc.).

**\*\*Parent involvement is a key factor to middle school success! \*\***