

Dear Middle School Students and Parents,

Enclosed in this packet you will find the letter explaining general information for all students regarding Orientation, forms, dates, and other essential things to know. We also wanted to share with you some other items specific only to Middle School.

This year we will be moving to a new schedule to accommodate several innovative changes. We will have an 8-period day of 45 minutes each plus a 23 minute lunch:

Homeroom	7:50-7:57
Period 1	7:57-8:42
Period 2	8:45-9:30
Period 3	9:33-10:18
Period 4	10:21-11:06
Period 5	11:09-11:54
Lunch	11:57-12:20
Period 6	12:23-1:08
Period 7	1:11-1:56
Period 8	1:59-2:44
Homeroom	2:47-3:00

Each core class will meet every day. This means that even on Mass days you will have every core class, so the number of instructional minutes over the course of the year will not decrease.

By doing this, we are also able to incorporate Band into the regular school days on Tuesdays and Thursdays while General Music students will have a supervised Study Hall. During their class' General Music period in the week, the Band students will have a supervised Study Hall. We hope this helps family schedules while also providing more quality performance times for music as well as more preparation time for everyone.

We will also be introducing periodic Flex Periods for each Middle School class. These periods will allow for us to do things such as Study Skills, ISTEP and Placement Test prep, individual help, meetings, and specific initiatives, as well as practice for events so we do not have to take as much class time to do these things.

We know this will take some time to which to get accustomed, but we are excited about the opportunities this schedule provides.

Thank you for all the hard work which we know you will give this coming school year. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year, but that cannot happen without you! So we want your input and your ideas.

We wish you a fantastic 2011-2012 school year!

Sincerely,

David Smock
Principal