



# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

Still Middle School

# Teaming

## Structure

- 5 or 6 teacher teams
  - ELA Block
  - Social Studies
  - Math
  - Science
  - Support Teacher
- 100-160 students

## Dynamics

- Smaller community within a larger population
- Balance of male and female students
- Balance from feeder schools

# Sample Student Daily Schedule

Period 1&2: ELA Block	(8:00 – 9:40)
Period 3: Social Studies	(9:42 – 10:31)
Period 4: PE (27 wks)/Health (9 wks)	(10:34 – 11:15)
Period 5: Elective	(11:18 – 11:59)
Period 6: Computers (18 wks) Study Skills (9 wks)/Flex (9 wks)	(12:02 – 12:43)
Period 7: Lunch	(12:47 – 1:17)
Period 8: Math	(1:20 – 2:09)
Period 9: Science	(2:11 – 3:00)

# Strategic Reading

- For students who have been receiving reading interventions in elementary school – from a Reading Improvement teacher, a classroom teacher or from a support teacher
- Recommendations are made by the elementary school staff
- Replaces an Encore class in the schedule
- Parents will receive a letter from Still Middle School before the end of the school year if students **will be** placed in Strategic Reading for the upcoming year
- Teachers can recommend students throughout the school year based on classroom performance and assessment data



# Team Activities

Past grade level or team activities include Greek Agora Day, Spirit Assemblies, Teens for Jeans Drive, Field Day, in-school drama presentations, field trips, and...

# Advisory

Time embedded into the Core curriculum to address the social, emotional, and developmental needs of middle school students.

Activities focus on Still's CORE values:

COMMUNITY,

SPIRIT,

EXCELLENCE

- Encourages independence, personal growth, and self worth
- Life skills
- Team building
- Character growth
- Activities to encourage positive peer relationships
- Problem-solving
- Digital Literacy
- Guest speakers

# Student of Distinction Award

- Nominations 3 times per year
- Core and Encore teams each nominate up to 4 students
- Students who show a sustained commitment to the Core values
- Picture hung in large frame in main entrance
- Celebration breakfast for award nominees, parents, and staff



# School Spirit Assemblies

Whole-school assemblies held in the gym to enhance school spirit of students and staff.

- 3 per year
- Celebrate *Student of Distinction* Award winners
- Recognize students who participate in clubs and sports
- Reinforce the CORE values of Still Middle School



# Home-School Connection

- Support your child in developing academic and life skills
  - Take an interest in the learning process
  - Encourage your child to communicate openly with his/her teachers
  - Remind your child to check online homework calendars daily
- If you have questions or concerns, let us know right away!
  - Please don't wait until conferences – contact the teacher as soon as possible

# Home-School Connection

- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in **November** and **March**
  - Structured differently than elementary school
  - We have a limited number of time slots, so not all parents will be able to meet with teachers

# Online Academic Resources

- Check the on-line grading system—  
***eSchoolPlus Home Access***
- REMEMBER—all progress/report card grades are viewed online with no paper copies sent home
- Check teacher web pages
- Online homework calendars
- Access most textbooks online

# 1:1 Program

- All students will be issued a Chromebook for use during the 2017-2018 school year
- Students will be trained on how to use and care for their Chromebooks
- Chromebook usage will be integrated into Core and Encore classes
- Chromebooks can be used anywhere there is a wi-fi connection
- More information can be found on the IPSD district website

# Summer PAWS

SAVE

THE

DATE

- Presented during Student Services Session tonight
- Strongly encourage our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders to attend

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**

# How will middle school be different?

- Lockers
  - Tip: Get a combination lock and practice opening it
- Homework
  - Students will get homework every night - and it counts towards their grades
- Time management
  - Sports, after-school clubs, activities - it's a balancing act
- Independence
  - We expect students to be responsible and advocate for themselves
- Switching classes
  - Being on time is important!

# In Closing

- ❑ Thank you!!!!
- ❑ Evaluations

**Before you go...**

# Where to go next?

- Please use the doors to the right to head to the Cafeteria for the presentation by Student Services



go this way



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US  
FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT  
ORIENTATION!

PLEASE FILL OUT A PAPER  
EVALUATION OR COMPLETE THE  
EVALUATION ONLINE.

<http://goo.gl/forms/bl5RLio2qs>

