

August 1, 2017

Dear 6th Grade Students and Families,

We are excited to invite you to join us for our SWIM (Scullen Welcomes Incoming Middle-schoolers) Program on August 17th from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. This will be a great opportunity to welcome incoming 6th graders and introduce them to middle school life. The majority of the day will be led by our iLead students, a group of 7th and 8th graders who have been recognized by their teachers for their leadership qualities. During this day 6th graders will receive their schedules and locker assignments, take a tour of the building, practice opening their lockers, and learn about Google Chromebooks. In addition, students will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what Scullen Middle School has to offer. The schedule below is a preview of what SWIM will include:

- **8:00 – 8:30 - Check in**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> graders should enter through the main door and report to the gym.
  - Once students are in the gym, they will pick up their group assignments. Group assignments will be alphabetized by last name (for example: last name *Johnson* will be at a table labeled A-L).
  - After students have their group assignments, they can find a seat in the bleachers and wait for further instruction.
  - **Please Note:** Parents should plan on dropping students off at the front entrance - it is not necessary to accompany students into the building. Parents can return at 11:00 to help set up lockers.
- **8:30-9:00 - Administration Presentation**
  - 6th graders will hear a short presentation by the principal and assistant principals about what it means to be a great S.H.A.R.K.
  - Immediately following the presentation, students will be called down by group assignments to join their 7th or 8th grade leaders.
- **9:00-11:00 – Break-out Sessions**
  - Students will attend the following break-out sessions in order to learn about middle school life.
    - Google Chromebooks
    - Building Tour - follow a mock schedule
    - Cafeteria - behavior expectations and how to order lunch
    - Locker Practice
    - LMC - students will check out books
    - Top 10 things 6<sup>th</sup> Graders need to know Q & A
- **11:00-12:00 - Locker Set-Up and School Kit Pick-up (Optional)**
  - This is the opportunity for parents to return and assist students with their lockers!
  - Parents can meet their child in the gymnasium at the conclusion of S.W.I.M.
  - If you need to pick up a school kit, you can do so in the cafeteria
  - Parents and students may then proceed to lockers to drop off materials and decorate.

We are looking forward to meeting our new 6th graders on August 17th! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Leslie Mitchell  
Principal  
Scullen Middle School