



5TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

Still Middle School

Teaming

Structure

- 3-6 teacher teams
 - ELA Block
 - Social Studies
 - Math
 - Science
 - Support Teacher
- 90 -160 students

Dynamics

- Smaller community within a larger population
- Balance from feeder schools

Sample Student Daily Schedule

Period 1&2:	ELA Block	(8:00 – 9:24)
Period 3:	Achieve	(9:27 - 10:06)
Period 4:	Lunch	(10:09 – 10:48)
Period 5:	Elective	(10:51 - 11:30)
Period 6:	Elective	(11:33 - 12:12)
Period 7:	PE (27 wks)/Health (9 wks)	(12:15 - 12:54)
Period 8:	Math	(12:57 - 1:36)
Period 9:	Science	(1:39 - 2:18)
Period 10:	Social Studies	(2:21 - 3:00)

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
 - Have a designated time and location for students to complete their assignments

Parent-Teacher Conferences

- If you have questions or concerns, let us know right away! DON'T wait until conferences.
 - Contact the teacher as soon as possible
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in **November** and **February**
 - Structured differently than elementary
 - Limited number of time slots
 - Not all parents are guaranteed a time slot

Online Academic Resources

- Check the online grading system—
ParentVue / StudentVue
- REMEMBER—all progress/report card grades are viewed online with no paper copies sent home
- Check team/teacher web pages
- Online homework calendars
- Access most resources online

How will middle school be different?

- Lockers and Supplies
 - Space is limited!
 - Refer to Supply List--Replenish as needed
- Homework
 - Students will get graded homework every night
- 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 for every class period!

Helpful Tips/Reminders

- Lockers
 - Tip: Get a combination lock and practice opening it over the summer
 - Limit extras in locker
 - Pay attention to supplies on school list--replenish
- Establish at home routine
 - Charge Chromebook each night in the same space
 - Check homework calendar/teacher webpages for current assignments
 - Create a dedicated time and location for homework completion
 - Pack your bag at night to ensure all materials are there

Strategic Reading

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

Achieve

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:

SPIRIT,
COMMUNITY,
EXCELLENCE

- SEL Lessons (Second Step)
- 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
- Study Hall (2 days per week)

Student of Distinction Award

- Nominations 3 times per year
- Core and Encore teams each nominate up to two students
- Students who show a sustained commitment to the Core values
- Recognition at School Spirit Assemblies with picture hung in large frame in main entrance
- Celebration breakfast for award nominees, parents, & 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
- Encourage School spirit with fun games/activities

Team Activities

Past grade level or team activities include:

- Spirit Assemblies
- Previous Service Project Examples:
 - Fleece Tie Blankets for Pediatric Patients
 - Socktober-Socks for homeless individuals
 - Teens for Jeans
- Field Day
- In-school drama presentations

In Closing

- Thank you!!!!
- Evaluations

Before you go...

Where to go next?

- Please exit behind you and head to the Cafeteria for the presentation by Student Services.