

MERRIMACK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Sixth Grade Parents/Guardians:

We are very excited to invite you all in for a Parent Open House on Wednesday May 11th at 6:30 PM in the MMS cafeteria. We will be sharing important information about your student's experience at MMS during the 22-23 and 23-24 school year! This meeting is geared towards providing parent information, and while students are welcome, it is not intended to address the many important and interesting questions that students might have. There will, however, be more information coming home soon regarding your student spending part of a day near the end of the month at MMS for tours, a panel presentation, lunch, and questions!

Some of the topics that we will be discussing:

- School start/end times
- Parent drop-off/pick-up
- Attendance
- Phone use
- Chromebook expectations
- Discipline
- Team structure
- Overview of specials classes
- Spanish v. Hatchet
- Curriculum overview for content classes
- FLEX/Advisory
- Extracurriculars

All students can participate in either a World Language Program or Hatchet Time. We wanted to share some details with you to help you make an informed decision that is in your student's best interest.

We automatically enroll students in Spanish at MMS to support the continued development of a strong foundation related to world language studies. This two-year program is a continuation of the language experience that students have participated in at JMUES. Students who are successful during their 7th and 8th grade experience may be eligible for placement in a Spanish 2 course for their freshman year. Permission to withdraw from world language may be granted in situations in which students are experiencing significant challenges in their core content classes or have demonstrated a need for supports.

Hatchet Time provides students with opportunities for small group reteaching, extra academic assistance, and/or additional reinforcement of specific executive functioning abilities such as study skills, organization techniques and time management tools. It is also a time for supports such as Title 1 Math and/or Title 1 ELA. Please note that students who do not participate in the World Language Program at MMS will have the opportunity at Merrimack High School.

If you have any questions, please contact Guidance Counselor Leslie Warhola (leslie.warhola@sau26.org) or me via email or by phone! We look forward to collaborating over the next couple of years!

Thank You,



Adam Caragher
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