



July 15, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardians:

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer with family and friends! On behalf of Carrithers Middle School staff, we would like to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. To our returning families, thank you for making the 2018-2019 school year such a success!

Carrithers Middle School staff members are dedicated to student achievement through continuous improvement. With the assistance of all stakeholders, we implement instructional strategies that support student learning. These instructional strategies used during the school day equip your child with the skills and knowledge to make well-informed decisions, be successful in high school, and open doors for choosing a college and/or career.

At Carrithers Middle School, your student will be expected to engage in reading, writing, discussion, and hands-on learning. The vast majority of learning occurs in the classroom with the teacher and classmates. Students will collaborate, communicate, reason, experiment, and reflect throughout each day. Therefore, being in class is very important for each student, every day.

You have the greatest impact on your child's school performance. It is our expectation that as partners in your child's education, you will be doing your part as well. For example:

- Does your child read at home each day for at least 20 minutes?
- Is there a quiet location in the house for homework time and do you check your child's homework each night?
- Are after school activities monitored so that your child is not "overbooked" and their stamina compromised?
- Is your child in school daily [except when they are sick] and not taken out of school for any reason other than illness?

ALL STUDENTS (6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADES) MUST REGISTER FOR SCHOOL. We will have registration at Carrithers Middle on Wednesday July 24 (1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and at Southwick Community Center on Thursday, July 25 (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE REGISTRATION EVENTS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO SO, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 485-8224.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Sixth graders must have updated immunizations and physicals.
2. **NEW REQUIREMENT – ALL students must have two doses of hepatitis A vaccine and an updated immunization certificate.**
3. Students new to Jefferson County must also have updated KY immunizations and physicals.
4. Proof of address (current mortgage, lease or utility bill) is needed for all new students or any students who have moved over the summer.
5. School Spirit Wear will be available for purchase in the bookstore.

For your convenience, you will find enclosed information regarding **dress code**. Please read the dress code; students need to follow the dress code every school day.

The **First Day of School** for the 2019-2020 school year is **Wednesday, August 14 from 7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.** Students will receive a copy of their schedule on the first day of school.

All students are to be in their first period by 7:40 a.m. Staff will assist the students. Student schedules are subject to change after the first week of school due to the results of assessments or enrollment numbers.

If your child rides a JCPS bus, it is very important, **that he/she ride the bus to school on the first day.** This will ensure that your child knows his/her bus number and bus stop for correct pick-up and delivery at the proper location. This information regarding your child's bus stop can be obtained by logging on to Jefferson County Public Schools' website, www.jcpsky.net, click on Parents, scroll down to General Information, click on Bus Information/Bus Finder, and follow the directions.

The safety of your child is very important to us. Every day we take necessary steps to see that your child is learning in a safe environment and that your child's ride to and from school is safe, but we need your help. We are requesting that you review with your child the school bus rules that will be distributed at registration.

It is very important to remember that being able to ride a school bus is **a privilege, not a right.** We will not tolerate inappropriate behavior on the bus that endangers the lives of others. If your child is continuously involved in any altercations that place the bus or an individual in any harm, the bus privilege can be taken away and transportation will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Please refer to the *Student Support and Behavior Intervention Handbook* for the consequences regarding school bus misbehavior.

If your student will be a car rider, follow the driveway to the left and drop students off at the side of the building. There will be staff members to direct you. For your child's safety, please do not drop students off in the main parking lot.

If your child is a walker, he/she must enter the building through the main doors in the morning. In the afternoons, students will use Exit 4 located by the main parking lot. While on school property, your child must remain on the sidewalk.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

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| • Registration @ CMS | Wednesday, July 24 | 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| • Parents & Principals Q & A & Southwick CC | Thursday, July 25 | 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| • Registration @ Southwick CC | Thursday, July 25 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| • Parents & Principals Q & A @ CMS | Tuesday, August 6 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. |
| • Sixth Grade Orientation @ CMS | Tuesday, August 6 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Orientation will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be served. All students must arrive prior to 9:00 a.m. in order to participate. | | |
| • First Day of School | Wednesday, August 14 | 7:40 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. |
| • Family Fun Night | Friday, August 30 | 6:00 p.m. |
| • Open House | Thursday, September 5 | 6:00 p.m. |

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your child. Please take a few moments to browse our website. You can also contact teachers via email from our website if you have any questions.

Mission of CMS:

Our mission is to increase the achievement and growth of every student through effective and engaging teaching and learning strategies. Together, utilizing rigorous academic standards, we prepare our students to be productive citizens who are committed to learning.

Sincerely,

Denise Williams
Principal
Carrithers Middle School