

July, 2020

Dear Middle School Families,

We are excited to welcome all of you to an adventurous school year at Maclay Middle School. Although it is understood that school will look different than in the past as we navigate through uncharted waters, we are committed to ensure that each of our students has a successful middle school experience.

All rising sixth graders are invited to a **Rising Sixth Grade Student Virtual Gathering on Monday, August 10th from 9:00-9:30am**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our **sixth-grade students** to meet new friends and visit with current ones virtually. Our parents will also be provided with details about middle school through a **Rising Sixth Grade Parent Virtual Webinar** (pre-recorded) for your convenience. We will also provide **parents** with an overview of the middle school world and learn about the “ins and outs” of middle school.

Our **New Student Orientation will take place on Monday, August 10th from 11:00-12:00pm**. All new middle school students will be dropped off at the Cartee Gym for the orientation. This orientation is for the **students only**. At orientation, we will provide an overview of the middle school, answer any questions your students may have, and escort our new Marauders on a tour of our middle school campus. For our new parents, there will be a **New Family Virtual Webinar (pre-recorded) for your convenience to learn about Maclay Middle School**.

Schedules will be emailed by the end of this week. Please remember that **lockers will be used differently this school year** where they will be used only to store bookbags, PE bags, and/or lunch bags. Students will bring items such as textbooks and binders needed on a given day inside their bookbag, while the other textbooks and binders not needed on a given day stay at home.

Our **first day of school is Wednesday, August 12th**. Students should plan to report to their advisors/homerooms by 8:15am. Following homeroom, students will attend all their scheduled classes (1A/B – 4A/B).

Below, you will find information regarding important middle school dates and reminders as we approach the new school year. I have attached some important items to this letter.

- **Block time schedule for the 2020 - 2021 school year**
- **Middle School A/B Calendar**. Please notice that our **dismissal time has changed to 3:10pm every day (except Wednesdays at 2:10pm)** in order to dismiss our students safely. More details will be provided.
- a chart that provides an **overview pertaining to our middle school plans** (contains few edits compared to last week's chart)

A few reminders.

- Middle School students wear uniforms (Maclay School's preferred vendor is Land's End----- [www.landsend.com/shop/school-uniforms](http://www.landsend.com/shop/school-uniforms)). The Maclay School Code is 900100223. Once you select your child's grade, the appropriate uniform options are available.)
- The Middle School Store will be selling Physical Education uniforms online only until July 31<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, please remember to purchase the P.E. uniforms online before Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> as our stock on campus is limited. If you have any questions pertaining to the P.E. uniforms, please contact Mr. Dean Gargiulo.

- Rising seventh graders **must** email Immunization Certifications to Nurse Nancy Teems before the first week of school.
- Summer reading and Khan Academy should be completed by Wednesday, August 12th--our first day of school!

I understand how you have been receiving a lot of information about our school's opening plans, schedules, etc. We want to make sure we communicate with you throughout the school year as our current circumstances are continuously evolving.

If you have any questions, please contact the Middle School Office at 850-893-4981.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Rubio-Gomez  
Director of Middle School