

Welcome to Valley Middle School 6th grade Parent Orientation

Tuesday, May 17, 2022



Session Goals

- ✓ To have you meet us
- ✓ To familiarize you with our building, staff, schedule, and programs



Who We Are and What We Do

- **TBD**, Principal
- **Holly Larson**, Associate Principal
- **Evan Pederson**, Dean of Students
- **Aaron LeDeaux**, Dean of Students
- **Laura Gillan**, Dean of Students
- **Casey Black**, School Resource Officer
- **Michelle Ruse**, Counselor
- **TBD**, Counselor
- **Dawn Kriewald**, Social Worker

Pride in Self, Pride in Others, Pride in School

- Teach, Reinforce, Re-Teach, Celebrate
- Our Core and Culture
- Advisory

Fortitude Tenacity
Pluck Courage
GRIT
Bravery **Stamina** **Perseverance** **Resolution** **Determination**
Passion **Spirit**

Valley Middle School

Elementary vs. Middle School

- Classes/Teams
- Instructional Methods
- Independence/Responsibility
- Communication: little less “push,” little more “pull”
- ADOLESCENCE!

Typical 6th Grade Schedule

- Band/Orchestra (Optional)
- Royal Time
- Math
- Science
- English Language Arts (2 periods)
- Social Studies
- PE/Music
- Allied Arts - Art, Tech, Innovations, Health (1/4 Classes)
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Sports/Activities

- Sixth Graders participate in **intramural sports**: no travel, participation the goal
- **Cost is \$12.50 per activity**; Waivers available
- Girls Soccer, Boys Flag FB, Co-ed VB, Basketball, Floor Hockey, Outdoor Games
- No physical needed
- 6th grade choir - after school practices
- Student Leadership
- Other clubs (TBD)
- See VMS website for activities info
- How / when to register for fall activities

Office FYIs

- **Office Staff:**
- Michelle Applegren
- Kristin Kasowski
- Secretary TBD
- Phone: 701-746-2360
- Attendance Line: 701-746-2326
- Please call or send a note for absences
- Homework requests
- Student checkout
- “Forgotten” items
- Drop Off and Pick Up (8:30 and 3:30)

Valley Website

<https://www.gfschools.org/valley>

- Teacher contact information
- Homework assignments and Google Docs
- **POWERSCHOOL!** Grades, attendance, etc.
- Set up to inform you about updates
- Printable forms
- Supply lists this summer
- Sports/Activity information
- Encourage your student to GET INVOLVED!
- Links to Media Center resources
- MORE!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF
YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL
OR INTERNET ACCESS!!!

INFORMATION "PULL"
vs. "PUSH"...



Ms Ruse and TBD

- For all students
- Academic Planning
- Social Emotional Lessons and Counseling
- Responsive Services
- Referrals to community agencies



Random
Ramblings

- Dress code heads up - Hoods
- Phones and other “smart” items
- Door access
- A la carte
- Locker combination practice



Sixth Grade Registration

- August 11 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (drop in any time)
 - At Valley Middle School

OPEN HOUSE

- TBD
 - Dinner Served
 - Meet the Teachers
 - Tour the Building

Dates to Remember

- **Welcome Letter:** **Early August**
- **Registration Day:** **August 11** **9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
- **Open House:** **TBD**
- **First Day of School:** **August 24**

THANK YOU!

