



Middletown Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The 2012-13 school year is upon us and we are looking forward to working collaboratively with you to create the best possible educational environment for our students. Welcome back to our returning families, and a special welcome to our 6th graders and new 7th and 8th graders.

Student schedules are available on the Parent Portal as of August 24th. When school opens on Monday, September 10, 2012, students can arrive beginning at 7:45 a.m. (**please note that the breakfast program is no longer available at Thorne**). The doors will be opened at 8:03 a.m. and students must be in the building by 8:05 a.m. Students are to report directly to their homeroom at which time they will receive their locker combination. Homeroom will be extended for the first three days of school, and the remaining schedule will be adjusted accordingly. Students will be dismissed at the regular time, 2:37 p.m.

This year Mrs. McQuillan will be our 6th grade guidance counselor, Ms. Greenberg will be our 7th grade counselor, and Mr. Faaland will work with our 8th graders. If you have any questions feel free to contact them or call the main office at any time. If any parent wishes to contact his or her child's teacher or teachers, please use the district email (teacher's last name, first initial @middletownk12.org). The parent/teacher relationship is vital to student success so we encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity.

Schools will be closed September 17th in observance of Rosh Hashanah and September 26th in observance of Yom Kippur. Also, students will be dismissed early on September 19th as staff will be involved in Professional Development. The first PTA meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All parents are invited and our PTA is looking for volunteers to work on their numerous committees. Back to School Night will be held on Monday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. All parents are cordially invited to see our school and meet your child's teachers.

The media permission slip form found in the e-backpack on the school website must be returned by your child to his/her homeroom teacher. Free/reduced lunch forms, for those eligible, are also available in the e-backpack and should be returned to the main office. School insurance forms will be given to students in homeroom. Please make every effort to submit all forms as soon as possible.

Bus passes will not be mailed. Please visit our district website at www.middletownk12.org and click on Versa Trans e-link Student Bus Pass for transportation information, if applicable. You will need your Student ID# to access pass.

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive new school year working with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Thomas Olausen
Principal

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