

July 10, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

You are cordially invited to attend the Beaver Area Middle School “Open House” on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 (7:00PM – 9:00PM). This is an opportunity to meet teachers and learn about the educational programs and activities for the 2017-2018 school year. Note that our middle school “Open House” format is different than a traditional elementary school “Open House.” In fact, the MS/HS campus revamped the concept by having separate events to meet our varying needs on campus. In the middle school, we have a pressing need to communicate with families in an attempt to bridge the gap of transition, especially with the personalization of the one-to-one technology program implemented a few years ago with the iPads. Thus, we have titled the Open House: “Curriculum Night”. We will begin the event by inviting all parents and guardians to the main MS/HS auditorium at 7:00PM.

We are asking parents/guardians to bring their child’s iPad along with them on August 30<sup>th</sup>. You will want to make sure that you have access codes for the device. Specifically, if your child has the device “locked” with a private code, you will need that information to assist with the evening. Your student will have preloaded apps placed on the iPad, such as the PowerSchool student app and needed course materials, to make our evening more meaningful. Our goal is to provide families with enough knowledge during the evening on August 30<sup>th</sup> to be able to support their child while students are away from campus. Please, consider reviewing the PowerSchool app with your child periodically to assist with improving self-monitoring and completion of tasks.

We strongly encourage you to attend our Open House event on August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need your child present to assist you in using the iPad, please bring them too. However, we will be limited in space throughout some areas of the MS/HS building. So, I am asking those who can manipulate the iPads without assistance to refrain from bringing your child.

For those interested in learning the format of the high school’s Open House program, it will now take place in the form of another “Curriculum Night” during late winter to assist in scheduling classes for the next school year. Thus, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade families will also be invited to visit that program prior to scheduling classes for 2018-19.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beltz  
Principal  
Beaver Area Middle School