

WELCOME TO BEAVER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL!

May 15, 2017

Parents(s)/Guardian(s) of 6th Graders:

On April 27th, Grade 6 students met with Rob King (MS counselor) and myself. Our initial meeting discussed the below information, which will be reviewed with parents on May 17th (Noted at end of letter). If questions arise, give the Middle School a call. Also, our counselor Mr. King will be present most Wednesdays during the summer should questions arise later.

The students were given scheduling information to discuss choices with guardians. Guardians are asked to sign the completed form and return it with the student to DRE homeroom teachers. The 2017-18 registration booklet is available on the district's website. Use the online booklet to read course descriptions, and it can be accessed by going to www.basd.k12.pa.us and locating the "Beaver Area Middle School" page by selecting the picture at the very bottom of the main page. "Middle School Class Scheduling 2017/18" information is located in the center of the Middle School page. Other information will appear at this location too, like required summer reading.

Core courses are predetermined for 7th grade; however, the Middle School also offers students elective classes. Although elective requests may not be met initially due to scheduling limitations, students will have another opportunity to choose those elective courses again in 8th grade. To assist with the transition to the Middle School, we will be offering an orientation day to 7th grade students at the MS/HS campus on the morning of Thursday, August 10th (9:30AM – 12:00 PM). Students do not need to pre-register for the event, but they should bring \$3 for lunch in the café. An informational session for parents will be held in our MS/HS main auditorium on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00PM. Any student unable to attend the August 10th date can plan to take an abbreviated tour of the MS on Tuesday, August 22nd (1PM-2PM). The iPad rollout programs will follow orientation sessions on August 9th (7PM) and August 10th (12PM). A guardian must accompany their child to these rollout sessions to claim the student's iPad. A \$60 insurance payment will also need to be made upon collecting the iPad. This will cover the iPad insurance coverage for three years. Students may accompany adults to the parent session on August 9th to assist with iPad pickup, if needed. An alternative iPad rollout date of August 14th (7PM) was created to assist family schedules. All iPads rollouts will take place near MS/HS Room 101.

We also addressed Middle School athletic offerings and gave those students fall sports physical information on April 27th. Fall teams offered through the middle school are: girls' basketball, girls & boys' cross country, girls & boys' soccer, and boys' football. A second round of physicals will be offered in October for students desiring to participate in winter sports. For those participating in the fall, our district will offer free physicals on June 1st beginning at the MS/HS at 8:00AM. Forms will need to be completed and submitted to the athletic office or the DRE school nurse by May 19th. The students will be given an appointment time once the form is submitted. Call the athletic office (Nancy Gailey X1861) or Allison Palombo (X3804) with any questions at 724-774-0250. Physicals can be completed by a private physician too, but the official PIAA form must be used. Also, physicals must take place after June 1st each year.

On May 17th, students in Grade 6 are invited to a free activity evening at the MS/HS (6:00PM-9:00PM), which will include transitional elements, tours, and activities. For those families new to the Middle School, a parent/guardian meeting session will also take place at 6:00PM with myself in the main HS auditorium. Families who have not submitted 7th grade immunization records to the school nurse, please bring those records with you for collection after the meeting. We will need those documents prior to students beginning Grade 7 in the 2017-18 school year.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beltz
Middle School Principal