



## ARDSLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear AMS Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the remaining days of summer! We have been busy here at Ardsley Middle School ensuring that the 2021-2022 school year is one that will be engaging, challenging, and successful for all of our students.

This school year marks the 50th anniversary of Ardsley Middle School! We look forward to celebrating this milestone throughout the year. We will continue the five-decade long tradition of our students entering the building on the first day of school welcomed by a caring, enthusiastic, and professional staff.

As Dr. Schoenfeld previously noted, we are continuing to iron out the details for the upcoming school year. There will be follow-up emails in the next three weeks. In the meantime, here's information that you might find useful.

### **Schedule and Supplies**

- Tentative schedules will be available Friday, Aug. 20 at 3:00 PM on the [Parent Portal](#). While every attempt was made to finalize schedules by Aug. 20, they are subject to change. Updated schedules are also reflected on the Portal
- To access supply lists, go to our [website](#) and select the supply list for your child's teachers or grade. If a teacher is not on the list, s/he will notify you directly at the start of the year if anything is needed.
- Students will need to bring a copy of their schedule to school with them.

### **Chromebooks and Technology Use**

- Chromebooks will be distributed on the first two days of school: 5th graders on Thursday, Sept. 9 and 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on Friday, Sept. 10.

### **Self-Guided and Guided Tours**

- Our building will be open Aug. 24, 25, and 26 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM for students to practice their schedules and get acclimated to the building.
- On Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, new students and incoming 5th graders are invited to join guided tours led by current students. Thank you PTA for arranging this.
- Everyone entering the building must wear a mask and socially distance.

### **5th Graders**

- The first day of school for our 5th graders is designed to assist with the transition to middle school. Upon arrival, 5th graders will go directly to the auditorium and meet their **8th period** teacher who will remain with them for the majority of the day.
- The PTA is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social for our 5th grade students on Sept. 2 from 11:30AM - 12:30 PM. Ms. Goldenberg and I will meet with our 5th graders in the auditorium, welcome them to the middle school, and then they will have an opportunity to enjoy some ice cream and socialize with their 5th-grade classmates.

**Transportation**

- For those students eligible for busing, our [transportation portal](#) will open on Friday, Aug. 27 at 4:00 PM.

**Back-to-School Night**

- 5th and 6th grade back-to-school night will be Thursday, Sept. 23. 7th and 8th grade back-to-school night will be Wednesday, Sept. 22. An email will be sent once we have established the format and times.

**Lockers**

- We will not be using lockers at the beginning of the year. Once we have a few weeks under our belt and we see how the school year is going in terms of safety, our hope is that we transition to students having access to lockers. That being said, hold onto those locks!
- Now that we will be at full capacity in the building, we ask that students do their best to use regular-sized backpacks. We have limited space in our classrooms to fit everything!
- Should students eventually have access to lockers, they will be limited to using smaller string bags throughout the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, Sept. 9. Don't forget to check your inbox for follow-up emails!

Regards,

Stu Horlacher  
Principal