

Greetings!

Whether you are 6th grade or new family, or one of our seasoned 7th and 8th grade families, we hope you are looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year in Middle School with excitement and anticipation! The Lord has really been at work this summer as we've prepared to welcome you back. Last year brought many changes and transitions, and we are pleased to see the progress that has been made within the program. Our staff will be returning ready to jump into this new year, open doors of learning for students, and partner with parents to ensure a rich and successful experience! We are also pleased to welcome 2 new staff members to our team, Mr. Ehren Simmer, and Ms. Michelle Lee. Among their many talents and trainings, each brings with them a passion for Christian education that we know will benefit each of our middle schoolers!

Introducing the 2017-2018 Middle School Teaching Staff:

- Mrs. Laurie Decker – Language Arts, Social Studies
- Mrs. Marisol Irwig – Spanish, Band
- Mr. Ehren Simmer – Mathematics, Physical Education, Technology
- Ms. Michelle Lee – Science
- Mrs. Becky Henzel – Language Arts, Christian Education, Middle School Director

Get a jump start on the new year by reviewing the **attached preparation checklist** for Middle School families, and **mark your calendars** for the following important upcoming events!

Back to School Morning
Friday, August 25, 7:45am-9:30am
(Check out enclosed flyer for more information.)

Back to School Night
Thursday, September 7, time TBD (evening)

- * *Pick up copies of class curriculum lists and syllabi*
- * *Teacher presentations*
- * *Q & A session*

A few important reminders to help your students start the year off with the utmost success:

- Remember Middle School begins at **8:20am** (this is 10 minutes earlier than K-5th)
- **PE clothes** will be required beginning September 6 but are recommended for August 30.
- **Band** begins right away so bring your instrument if you have already selected one with Mrs. Irwig.
- All grades have **registration forms** due during EARLY September (6th grade camp, 7th grade Catalina, 8th grade Washington DC). Please be sure to read the weekly email update in the coming weeks for registration links and forms.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer! We'll see you soon!

Becky Henzel
Middle School Director