



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Another full week of school is behind us and I cannot believe the month of August is almost over. The first month of school has flown by. I hope everyone has enjoyed it so far.

Sail the 7 C's: Our first "C" the middle school is discussing this month is Critical Thinking. Below are three definitions of critical thinking we are discussing with the students. We will add more definitions as the weeks move along.

1. Use various types of reasoning (inductive, deductive, etc.) as appropriate to the situation.
2. Analyze how parts of a whole interact with each other to produce overall outcomes in complex systems.
3. Effectively analyze and evaluate evidence, arguments, claims, and beliefs.

Important Announcements:

Pep Rally: This Friday! Students should show their school spirit and by wearing either orange or blue for the pep rally.

Parent Night: Thank you all who attended on Monday. If you were not able to attend and have questions about any of your student's classes, please email your child's teacher.

Anti-Bullying Week August 27th – 31st: We are focusing on a positive school environment this week. We took an anonymous survey on Poll Everywhere and students were given the opportunity to meet and greet each other in all grades.

RenWeb: Assignments, tests, quizzes and grades are being entered in to RenWeb, if you are having trouble viewing these grades and assignments please let us know. You will also receive notifications from teachers about good, poor, and any missing or incomplete grades. We want to communicate with you as much as possible and we are willing to meet with you to discuss any grades. Remember, the beginning of the year takes time to adjust, continue to check your child's planner and RenWeb to be sure he/she is organized and prepared.

Student Council: Student council is working on creating the profile of a Valwood Middle School Student. They are compiling a list of characteristics of a successful Middle School student to be put up in the hallway.

Thanks for all your support and help!

GO VALIANTS!

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