

**WELCOME TO
LIBERTY!**



**6TH GRADE
ORIENTATION**

APRIL 25, 2019

6:00-7:30 PM

CHROMEBOOKS

Teachers have found Chromebooks to be a vital tool for 6th grade. We expect there to be a mixture next year of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and district devices available. It is highly recommended that each student have a device.

Information will be included in the summer back-to-school newsletter and online forms will be due **September 9th**.

Email heather.vanderwal@pccsk12.com with any questions.

SELF GUIDED TOUR - POINTS OF INTEREST

Cross Country Information - on table outside cafeteria and in room 125

Community Financial - on table outside cafeteria

Purchase Liberty T-shirt - on table outside cafeteria

Robotics and Science Olympiad - outside cafeteria

Turn in forms - on table outside cafeteria

Media Center - 2nd Floor, above the main office

Camp Information - Room 113

Choir - Room 139

Band - Room 143

Classrooms - Rooms 113 (SS), 125 (ELA), 114 (Math), 111 (Sci), & 130 (IEP Students) will be open to visit.

Tour concludes at 7:30

Thank you for coming!

EVENING AGENDA

Welcome from Mr. Hunter

Orchestra, Choir & Band Introductions

Staff Introductions

Sports/Activities Opportunities

6th Grade Camp

WEB

****Students break off for WEB activity in gymnasium****

A Day in the Life Video

Scheduling Information - Counselors

Transition to Middle School - Counselors

Getting Connected and Using Our Website

****Meet students in their assigned locations: A-K Main Gym & L-Z hallway by main office ****

Self Guided Tour - Until 7:30pm

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PARENT SURVIVAL TIPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

For children going into middle school, there are many anxieties, apprehensions and fears to deal with and overcome. Middle schools are larger than elementary schools, the school work is harder, there are more classes and more teachers - all with different expectations and personalities. If you have a child who is entering middle school for the first time, know that it is normal for your child to express concern.

- **Don't be too anxious about your child going to middle school.** Talk about the middle school experience in a positive way! Your enthusiasm and support can help make this BIG change in your child's school life a positive one!
- **Help your child develop an organizational strategy.**
 - Designate a study space and set a consistent study time.
 - Buy your child the necessary folders and binders to stay organized.
 - Conduct a weekly clean-up.
 - Keep a master calendar.
 - Prepare for the week/day ahead.
 - Provide help/support while your child is learning to become more organized
- **Utilize Liberty Middle School's Resources.**
 - Explore Liberty's website with your child.
 - <http://www.pccsk12.com/our-schools/middle-schools/liberty>
 - You can access MiStar to check grades and progress.
- **Practice a combination lock with your child over the summer.**
- **Talk about social skills.** Talk about traits that make a good friend. Discuss how words and actions can affect other people. Practice skills needed for difficult social situations. Don't forget about social media! Talk about the responsible use of social media accounts.
- **Openly communication with your child.** Keep the lines of communication open between your child and school staff. Be informed, listen, and talk to your child.
- **Monitor screen time and social media.** Sadly, social media may not be used appropriately with students in middle school. Monitoring what your child is doing while on devices is very helpful in helping them avoid bad online situations.
- **Encourage your child to get involved in school activities!** Have them join a team, club, or other extra-curricular activity and attend after-school events.
- **Help your child to be his or her own advocate.** Encourage your child to discuss problems and solutions with teachers on their own, but be ready to help as needed.

STUDENT SURVIVAL TIPS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

Middle school is a great opportunity to meet new people and begin to explore who you are and what you want to do with the rest of your life. It can also be a difficult time, as there are a lot of things that are changing in your life. You are meeting new people. There are more choices and decisions to make. Instead of being in one classroom with one teacher all day, you now have multiple teachers. You will be faced with more responsibilities. Here are a few tips to help you with the middle school transition. Don't be afraid to ask your teachers, counselors or staff at Liberty if you need help!

- **Get organized.**
 - Use a planner.
 - Color-code your folders and notebooks OR use an accordion file.
 - Keep your locker and backpack cleaned out.
- **Do your homework.**
 - You will have more homework. Schedule your time wisely. Allot a certain amount of time every night for homework and study. Don't wait until an assignment is due - start early! Keep track of your homework assignments and their due dates.
- **Talk to your teachers.**
 - Ask questions. If you are unsure of an assignment, what you need to be doing, or anything - just ask! Your teachers are there to help you!
- **Get involved in extracurricular activities.**
 - Find things that you enjoy - sports, clubs, activities and get involved! This is a great way to meet new people and to have fun.
- **Get good grades.**
 - Turn your homework in on time, ask questions and take advantage of extra-credit opportunities.
- **Stay healthy.**
 - Get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before school.
- **Talk to your parents and keep them informed of what is going on in your middle school life.**
- **Find an adult you trust to talk to when you have problems.**
- **Choose your friends wisely.**
 - Don't choose friends who make bad decisions.
- **Avoid social media.**
 - Social media typically plays a role in most conflicts that happen at school.
- **Come to school and have fun.**
 - You can't learn if you are not at school.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

8/22/2019 - 9am - Noon - WEB activity

8/22/2019 - Afternoon - Schedule pickup & school pictures - times and details on this coming soon!

9/3/2019 - First day of school - $\frac{1}{2}$ day

9/4/2019 - Cross Country begins

10/28-10/30 - Sixth Grade Camp



WEB - WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS!

WEB is a great way to start your student off on the right foot in middle school. WEB will be hosting a welcome event on the morning of August 22 from 9am until noon. **Specifics on this will be coming soon.** Students will get a chance to meet other 6th graders, tour the school, and maybe even try their hand at opening a locker! This program will help ease the nervousness about the transition to middle school - you won't want to miss this!

PBIS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a nation-wide behavioral program that focuses on positive behavior reinforcement. We strive to have a positive school climate that encourages academic success, respect, responsibility and safety. We believe that students should be taught the expected behaviors in different locations of our school. We start the year teaching the expectations so students understand how to be successful.



CURRICULUM + ELECTIVES

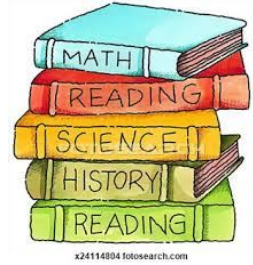
Core Curriculum - Year Long

Math

Science

Social Studies

English Language Arts



Possible Elective Classes

Change Quarterly:

P.E.

S.T.E.M.

Art

Project Based Learning

Life Management

Health

Write On

Band (year long)

Choir (year long)

Math Support - *support for qualifying students*

Read 180 - *Reading support for qualifying students*



SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST*

**This is just a suggested list of supplies - teachers will hand out content-specific lists during the first week of school.*

Pencils - #2 or mechanical

Paper - Filler paper or notebook(s)

Composition Notebook (2)

Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils/Crayons

Heavy duty 3 ring binder + 5 tabs

Student planner

Soft sided pencil case

Earbuds/Headphones (inexpensive pair for use with Chromebook)

Erasers

Dry erase markers

Highlighters

Folder(s)

Tissues (1 or 2 boxes)



LIBERTY ATHLETICS 2019-2020

Which sports are offered for 6th graders at Liberty?

Cross Country - Dates: 9/4/19-10/15/19 Coaches: Mr. Boyd and Mrs. St. Peter
Wrestling - Dates: 3/9/20-4/23/20 Coach: Justin Winnie

How do I sign up for sports?

- Make sure there is a sports physical on file with the school office dated April 15, 2019 or later.
- Show up to the first practice/tryout.

How much does it cost to participate?

- 6th Grade - \$125.00 for first sport. Additional sports are free.
- Pay-to-Participate fees are waived for students on Free/Reduced Lunch

Payments can be made via PaySchools on the LMS homepage. Payments are due before the first meet/match/game.

When and where are the practices?

All practices for 6th grade sports are right after school here at Liberty. Cross Country practice ends at 4:45pm. Wrestling practice ends at 5:00pm. All athletes must be picked up within 15 minutes of practice ending. Repeated violations may result in removal from the team.

Is transportation provided?

Transportation is provided one-way to all meets/matches. All athletes must be picked up within 15 minutes of the meet/match ending.

I have questions not listed here, who can I contact?

Visit the district website

<http://www.pccsk12.com/our-schools/middle-schools/liberty/lms-sports>

Email the athletic liaison, Patrick Calzone patrick.calzone@pccsk12.com