



August 18, 2022

Dear _____ and Family,

Welcome back to school! We hope you've had a fun, relaxing summer! We are really looking forward to having you back and getting the school year started. A special welcome to our new students and incoming grade 6 students. It is going to be a great year!

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 6** for all middle school students. The school day will be from **8:40 a.m.- 3:15 p.m.** You should report to your advisement in **room _____** upon your arrival. Your **advisement teacher is _____**. There will be faculty and staff on hand to assist you if you aren't sure where to go.

Students will receive a paper class schedule in advisement on the first day. Students are often eager to see their schedules. Please be aware that we are working hard to adjust and balance classes, right up until the start of school. If you see a schedule reflected in the Parent Portal after August 19, it may change prior to September 6.

Information about student bus routes will be sent directly by transportation before the start of the year. On August 12, all VA parents should have received a parent square message from me (e-mail) regarding [school lunch](#), [supply lists](#), [covid-19 procedures](#), the [school calendar](#), [Grade 6 Orientation](#) and other information important to the start of school.

Orientation for our incoming grade 6 students is on [Tuesday, August 30 from 9-11 a. m.](#) This is for grade 6 students only. Our new sixth grade students don't need to bring anything but themselves!

Students and staff will have the option of wearing a mask when in school. Many of our students, faculty and staff will wear them and we want students to be comfortable doing so if they choose. Beyond masks, we'll be running grade level [lunches](#), classrooms and student activities very similarly to how we were pre-pandemic.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Luke Rakoczy
Principal-Van Antwerp MS

To The Parent Or Guardian Of

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