

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF NEW SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS – 2018/19

Welcome to Springfield Middle School – we are happy you are here and look forward to getting to know your child and preparing him/her for high school and beyond. Here is some information to get your family off to a good start:

- Our school hours are 8:05 AM– 3:20 PM. Students are considered tardy if not seated in their classrooms at 8:10. There is a five minute warning bell at 8:05. Student supervision begins at 7:40 AM and car riders may begin being dropped off at that time. If you arrive to school by car after 8:10, you must accompany your child into the office. For parents who need to drop their children off earlier than 7:40 AM, students are allowed in the building at 7:30 AM and may sit in the front office hallway until the bell rings at 7:40 AM. If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, you must pick him/her up by 3:00 PM. Students will not be released after this time.
- A supply list, a copy of the summer reading list and other important information is posted on our website and is also available in our office.
- Our school website (listed above) is kept current. You can also register on “Peachjar.com” for updates about school and district activities.
- Students should bring their school supplies to school **ON** the first day of class (not before).
- PE uniforms are required and can be purchased online or from your child’s PE teacher for \$15.00. PE uniforms will be sized and distributed in class first and second semester.
- New students must purchase a \$6.00 lock for their lockers. Returning students may use last year’s lock.
- “One School, One Book” is a shared reading experience – like a very large book club! Everyone at SMS will be reading one book together and participating in many exciting, related projects. This \$6 fee defrays these costs.
- Most student fees should be paid online through our website. Look for the “\$ Pay Fees” tab. You will need your child’s powerschool ID to create an account. Your child’s schedule will have this number.
- Book bags and cell phones are kept in lockers during the day and may not be brought into classrooms.
- Mr. Griffin emails a weekly update to email addresses on file. Please contact us if you don’t receive this.
- Report cards are issued at the end of each nine week quarter. You may also review your child’s performance using our “**Parent Portal**” website which is kept current to within two weeks. Sign up instructions are available in our office.
- When a student is absent, a parent or a medical note should be submitted to his/her homeroom teacher or given to our front office within three days. Five days per school year may be excused with a parent note.
- Seventh and eighth graders take two related arts classes each day. Each related arts class is 18 weeks long (one semester), except for band and honors chorus, which is taught the whole school year. (Students must audition to participate in honors chorus.) If your student chooses to participate in band or honors chorus, he/she will also take one semester of PE and one semester of our other available related arts classes. If your child does not participate in band or honors chorus, he/she will take four related arts classes each year. We will do our best to accommodate your child’s interests.
- Students are provided an agenda that contains a student handbook. This handbook is a comprehensive list of our policies and procedures. The handbook can also be found on our website under “Students.” We ask that you and your child review it together. All of our school rules are consistently enforced.
- Please pick up your children from all extra-curricular school events on time.
- We have a lost and found in our cafeteria and you have an excellent chance of recovering lost items if your child’s name is written on his/her belongings.
- Students are not allowed to ride a different bus to go home with a friend except in rare cases and then only with advance approval from the transportation department.
- Students may participate in sports in 7th and 8th grade. You will find more information on www.fortmillathletics.com. The SC High School League governs our sports programs.
- Classroom interruptions are strongly discouraged. Students will be paged to the office only at lunch and after school to retrieve items/messages. If your child requires early dismissal, try to time your pick up to between class periods so we don’t have to interrupt a class to page your child.
- We have a PTO and a Booster Club. More information about these organizations can be found on our website.