

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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2019/20 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF RISING SIXTH GRADERS

- Our school hours are 8:05 AM– 3:10 PM. The first bell rings at 8:05 to indicate to students to report to class. Students must be in their classrooms by 8:10 or they will be marked tardy. Student supervision begins at 7:40 AM; car riders may be dropped off after 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 7:15 AM. They will sit in the front office hallway until 7:40 AM and then go to the 6th grade hallway. 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.
- Our school website (listed above) is kept current. Peachjar.com offers district and school information and opportunities. You must sign up to receive Peachjar notices – it is well worth it.
- Students should bring their school supplies to school ON the first day of class (not before).
- Fees paid for at online registration:
 - FMSD PE uniforms are required and should be purchased for \$15.00.
 - Students must purchase a SMS lock for their lockers which may be used for all three years. (\$6.50)
 - “One Book, One School” is a shared reading experience - like a very large book club! Everyone at Springfield will be reading one book together and participating in many exciting, related projects, often including an author visit. This \$6 fee helps defray those costs.
 - Most student fees (**including lunch fees**) should be paid online through our website or any FMSD website. Look for the “\$ Pay Fees” tab near the top right corner of the website to create your permanent account (if you haven’t already).
 - Non debit or credit card payments (cash or checks) should be submitted during homeroom period using the procedures set forth by the homeroom teacher.
- Book bags and cell phones are kept in lockers during the day and may not be brought into classrooms.
- 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 and instructions are available in our front 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 staff within three days. Five days per school year may be excused by parent note.
- Sixth grade students take two related arts classes each day. If not participating in band, your child will rotate through most of our available related arts classes during the school year. If your student chooses to participate in band (a full year course,) he/she will take one semester (two quarters) of P.E. and two quarters of our other available related arts classes. **Band participants must participate in band for at least one full semester.**
- Students will be provided with an agenda that contains our student handbook. This handbook is a comprehensive list of our policies and procedures. It is also found on our website under “Students.” We ask that you and your child review it together. All of our school rules are consistently enforced.
- We have a lost and found in our cafeteria. If your child’s name is found, belongings will be returned. We donate hundreds of items each year – we can’t stress how important it is to label your valuable clothing items.
- Students are not eligible to play on middle school sports teams until the seventh grade. This is determined by the SC High School League, the organization that governs our sports programs. More information can be found on www.fortmillathletics.com.
- Students may not ride a different bus to go home with a friend or others except in rare cases as a babysitter request and then only with advance approval from the transportation department.
- Classroom interruptions are strongly discouraged. Every time we need to interrupt a class, a teacher needs to recapture his/her classroom’s attention. Please respect our classrooms – important work is going on!
- We have a fantastic PTO and Booster Club. More information can be found on our website.