

Welcome to Valley View!



July 15, 2011

Dear Sixth Grader and Parent/Guardian,

We are happy to welcome you to Valley View Middle School. We are looking forward to working with you this year. Your orientation, as well as this letter, will give you some important information that will help you have a successful start to the 2011-2012 school year.

- **Orientation for 6th Grade Parents and Students is Wednesday, August 31st from 6:00-7:30 pm.** Please enter through door 1, which is on the West side of the building, where there is plenty of parking. Please click on this link for more information about Parent and Student Orientation evening.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_T9BT8zi5Jzoq71Q74vzPLAKyRsMO4UILuMK8HuR2oo/edit?hl=en_US

- **The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2011. School begins at 7:45 AM and concludes at 2:40 PM.**

During your first week of school, teachers will spend a great deal of time helping you understand our expectations at Valley View. So, if you're a little nervous right now, that is understandable. Don't worry, as there are many people here to help you! You will meet many new people, both staff and students, during the first week of school. You may remember some of them from your previous orientation sessions.



- **The sixth grade teacher TEAMS include the following core teachers:**

Extended French TEAM

Elizabeth Chaigne
Claude Leroux
Pierre Schmidt
Christy Matlock
Kristi Bloom
Leah Engelkes

Kappel TEAM

Trista Virtue
Lisa Stordahl
Greg Grosz
Alisa Kappel
Melissa Zenner
Jon Moore

Irwin TEAM

Katie Higgins
Jennifer Hurt
Donna Klemenhagen
Julie Irwin
Jon Moore
Melissa Zenner

- **The specialists include teachers of the following subjects:**

Singers:	Scott Lehrke	Latin:	Mary Howe
World Music:	Christine Dold	French:	Melissa Norwood
Band:	Christopher Gumz	Orchestra:	Barb Flooding
Spanish:	Chandra Erickson	FACs:	Karen Waters
Physical Education:	Stacy Westrum	Art:	Jessica Kresa
	Josh Burhans	Special Services:	Sue Host
			Sue Ann Daley Mathieu

- **WHAT IF I NEED HELP? Where do I go? Who do I see?**

The sixth grade counselor is Ms. Gretchen Brandt. She will assist you with questions you have about your classes and will work closely with you and your classmates to assure that your experience at Valley View is successful and rewarding. The other Student Services Staff include Mr. Kent Downing (Counselor for grades 8 and 9), Ms. Lillian Dolan Ziff (Dean of Students), Ms. Mary Watts (social worker), Ms. Amy McAllister (psychologist), Ms. Colleen Ziebol (nurse), and Ms. Judy Justice (secretary). All of these individuals are here to provide assistance to you.

- Be sure to bring a copy of your schedule with you to school. Also, please make a couple of extra copies of your class schedule (one for you and one for your parents), in case the original one is lost or misplaced. Every sixth grade student will take Language Arts and Reading, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, World Music, Positive Transitions, Physical Education, and Art.
- **WHAT ABOUT LOCKS AND LOCKERS? You will need to purchase a lock from Valley View at Get Connected Day! All students must have locks, and the locks must be purchased from Valley View for safety and maintenance considerations. You will find your locker number assignment on your schedule card in your Get Connected packet for your convenience. We recommend that you bring all of your school supplies to school prior to the first day of school. Our building is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm each week day prior to the start of the school year. Our building is closed on Labor Day and weekends. One final note... do not share your combination with any other students!**
- **A list of supplies and materials you will need is on the Get Connected Day Web Site.** You may have ordered the Valley View Supply pack last Spring... you may pick up your supplies on Get Connected Day. You should review this list with your family prior to the start of the school year to ensure you have all the necessary materials. This will help you be better prepared for the start of school. Your teachers will provide you with a student planner. Check the Valley View Get Connected Website for calculator information. Students may also want to have a jump drive to transfer documents and work from home to school.
- **You might be wondering about the lunch at Valley View.** You can bring a lunch from home, or you can purchase items in the Valley View cafeteria. We recommend a bag lunch the first few days of school. If purchasing items, you'll have the same pin number as you did in 5th grade. You do not need to purchase a lunch ticket prior to the start of school. You only need to bring a small amount of cash to be able to purchase lunch in the serving line.

- **If you are eligible for bus service to Valley View Middle School**, you will receive a bus schedule in the mail from the Transportation Office. This tells you where the bus will pick you up and at what time. If you have questions about bus transportation, please telephone the Bus Garage at 848-4979.
- **If you will be dropped off at Valley View**, remember, students may be dropped off by parents on the **West side of Valley View at Door #1**. Parents/Guardians... **do NOT drop your child off on the East side of Valley View during the very busy bus traffic times of 7:20-7:45 A.M. and 2:15-2:50 P.M.** **We want to ensure all of our students are safe, and the very congested bus traffic with parent drop off traffic can create very hectic, unsafe conditions.**

Once again, we would like to welcome you to Valley View Middle School! The entire Valley View Middle School Team is enthusiastic about the 2011-2012 school year! Best wishes for a great school year!

Sincerely,

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