

TO: Camp Road Middle School Parents and Students  
FROM: David A. Parler, Principal  
DATE: July 31, 2017  
RE: SCHOOL UPDATES

I hope everyone is having an exciting summer and staying busy with activities and vacations. It won't be long until the **first day of school on Thursday, August 17**. Here's an update that should answer some of the frequently asked questions. Please take a few minutes, put your feet up, and read it thoroughly.

**WEB SITES:** Currently the Camp Road Middle School web site is still under construction. Therefore, check the following sites for up-to-date information: <https://ftjohnson.ccsdschools.com> or [www.ccsdschools.com](http://www.ccsdschools.com) and search for Camp Road Middle School.

### **FACT & FEE NIGHTS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:**

This is an opportunity for parents to get a "head start" and pay the fees; receive the Opening-of-School Packet; and student schedule. *Check homeroom rosters posted in the front lobby BEFORE going to your homeroom table in the lobby or cafeteria.*

- **8<sup>th</sup> grade, Thursday, August 10- 6:00-6:45 PM-** pay your fee; receive your Opening of School Packet and student schedule; visit other booths in the lobby; and take a self guided tour; **6:45 PM** –a formal presentation by the administration will take place in the gym and should end by 7:15 PM.
- **7<sup>th</sup> grade, Monday, August 14-6:00-6:45 PM-** pay your fee; receive your Opening of School Packet and student schedule; visit other booths in the lobby; and take a self guided tour; **6:45 PM** –a formal presentation by the administration will take place in the gym and should end by 7:15 PM.
- **6<sup>th</sup> grade, Tuesday, August 15-6:00-6:45 PM-** pay your fee; receive your Opening of School Packet and student schedule; visit other booths in the lobby; and take a self guided tour; **6:45 PM** –a formal presentation by the administration will take place in the gym and should end by 7:15 PM.
- **NOTE #1:** If you still have not cleared your debts with FJMS or JIMS from the 2016-17 school year you will not receive your child's 2017-18 schedule until these debts are cleared.

### **OPTIONS TO PAY SCHOOL FEES:**

1. Stop by school during office hours, complete the **One and Done Form**, and write one check or pay with cash. If you do this prior to your grade level Fact and Fee Night, you do not have to stand in a long line. You will go to a separate table to pick up your child's information.
2. Pay your fees on your grade level Fact and Fee Night, fill out the **One and Done Form** on site, and pay by check or cash.
3. If the option to pay at our on-line web store with a credit card is developed by our RevTrak vendor prior to August 10, parents will be informed via a phone call and our web sites. This option also eliminates standing in a long line on our grade level Fact and Fee Night. You will go to a separate table to pick up your child's information.
4. As of now, there is **not** an option this year to pay by credit card on Fact and Fee Nights.

### **EXPLANATION OF SCHOOL FEES:**

- **Student Activity Fee**-\$35.00; \$17.50 for reduced lunch students. The student activity fee includes the cost of the student agenda, colored dividers for binders, AR support, locker fees, pencil pouch, index cards, IKON Copy machine support, student incentives, as well as consumable items used in the classrooms and science labs. **This fee is not optional.**
- **Yearbook**-\$35.00. Optional
- **Band fee**-\$50.00. Not optional for band students
- **PTO membership**-\$5.00. If you make a tax deductible donation (see below), the PTO membership is included in that donation.
- **Athletic Booster Club Supporter**-\$10.00 per family to support the athletic programs at CRMS.
- **Donation in Lieu of Fundraising** (see the attached letter for further explanation). The PTO requests a per-student donation to replace its traditional fundraising efforts. This includes a PTO membership and CRMS car sticker:
  1. Fundraising donation, first and second child-\$35.00 each.
  2. Family donation, three or more children-\$100.00 per family
  3. Anonymous sponsorship-any amount to offset those who cannot donate.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS:

Each grade level's list is available on the school's websites; on our Facebook page; and in the front office.

## Tdap REQUIREMENT FOR ALL RISING 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:

We still are missing approximately 45 updated immunizations!! Here is the wording from the CCSD's Nursing Services link: "SC Law requires all 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to have a dose of Tdap vaccine which protects students from tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (also known as whooping cough). Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders will not be able to receive class schedule information during registration without proof of the Tdap vaccination. Non-compliant students will not be able to begin 7<sup>th</sup> grade in August until proof of a Tdap vaccination is provided."

## DRESS CODE:

Camp Road Middle School students do not wear uniforms. However, the school does have a specific dress code. It is included on the website, in the student handbook your child will receive on the first day of school, and later in this letter.

## BOOTHS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY & GYM ON FACT & FEE NIGHTS:

- PTO volunteers
- Band
- Athletic Booster Club-where you can receive information on most sports programs
- Food Services-where you may put money into your child's lunch account
- T-shirt table-The PTO has 100 first time ever Camp Road Middle School *Cougars* t-shirts on sale for \$5.00 while they last. Checks or cash are accepted.
- Water bottle table- After paying your fees and getting your schedule stop by and pick up your free water bottle, courtesy of the PTO.
- Give away table- After purging and merging schools we have all kinds of neat items up for grabs: flower pens, JICHS memorabilia, career fair tote bags, and donated school supplies

## \*\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS\*\*\*\*

We still have several families who have not registered their child for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This process includes completing the **notarized** Residency Affidavit, the CCSD registration form, and providing two *current* proofs of residency. This is a District requirement. You received this information in your spaghetti dinner packet in May. If you can't locate it, then please stop by the main office at Camp Road Middle School on the James Island site, 1484 Camp Road. Please call in advance to check our office hours; 843-762-2784. **Your child will not receive a schedule until this process is completed.**

## THE SCHEDULE:

Each grade level will have four 65-minute periods for their core academic classes (ELA, math, science, and social studies). Students have three minutes to change classes, and they have a different teacher for each subject. In addition, all students will have two 45-minute related arts classes and one 45-minute lunch/DEAR/recess period. During the Fact and Fee Night presentation in the gym, the administration will review "what a typical day will look like at Camp Road Middle. The administration may need to change students' schedules within the first 15 days of school if classes are not balanced.

## HONORS PLACEMENT FOR ELA AND MATH:

Students are placed in Honors ELA and/or math according to the Charleston County School District Honors Rubric as follows:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Must earn a minimum of 5 out of 8 points in the following categories: MAP Spring 2017=0-3 points; SC Ready Spring 2016= "Meets" is 1 point; "Exceeds" is 2 points; Final course average= 80-89 is 1 point; 90-100 is 2 points; Academically identified as Gifted and Talented=1 point.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Must earn a minimum of 7 out of 10 points in the following categories: MAP Spring 2017=0-3 points; SC Ready Spring 2016= "Meets" is 1 point; "Exceeds" is 2 points; Final course average= Honors A is 3 points; Honors B is 2 points; Non-Honors A is 1 point; Academically identified as Gifted and Talented=1 point; teacher recommendation=1 point.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RELATED ARTS INFORMATION:

Band, Strings, and Chorus- are year-long courses that meet everyday either in the morning or afternoon.

Pre-engineering and PE/Health- are semester-long courses. PE/Health will be single gender.

Spanish Exploratory, French Exploratory, Creative Writing, Art, and Computer Literacy- Students will rotate each nine weeks between these classes.

There are still spaces in **band** if your child did not sign up last spring .**WE NEED YOU!** You may call the school (843-762-2784) or register at Fact and Fee Night. **Sixth graders may also be enrolled in band and strings.**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RELATED ARTS INFORMATION:**

Band, Strings, Chorus, French, Spanish, and Remedial Reading-are year-long courses that meet everyday either in the morning or afternoon.

Pre-engineering, PE/Health, Art, Google Basics (7<sup>th</sup> grade), and Multimedia Basics (8<sup>th</sup> grade), General Music (8<sup>th</sup> grade)-are semester-long courses. PE/Health will be single gender.

### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade foreign language-All students who were recommended for foreign language and returned their form got their first choice. ***If your child was recommended and has not returned the form***, you have missed the deadline. Contact the school if your child is still interested and we will check on space availability.

### **WHAT'S NEW OR EXPANDING FOR 2017**

- Charleston County School District's Food Services Office is offering complimentary breakfast every day to EVERY student, no matter their economic status. Please take advantage of this healthy way to start your day.
- We have four building administrators: Mr. Parler, principal; Mrs. Anita Huggins (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Dr. Alice Jones (7<sup>th</sup> grade), and Mr. Andy Westergaard (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- We have four counselors: Mrs. Susan Miller (6<sup>th</sup> grade); Mrs. Paula Engle (7<sup>th</sup> grade); Mrs. Erica Ciucci and Mrs. Jordanne Lotts (8<sup>th</sup> grade).
- There will be two expanded car loops for morning and afternoon drop off: one in the back of the campus and one across the street in the church parking lot. There will be more details on this at Fact and Fee Nights and in the Opening-of -School Packet.
- Eighty-seven percent (87 %) of the teaching faculty is returning from either James Island Middle School or Ft. Johnson Middle School.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms are new trailers (AKA "learning cottages") with a restroom in each one, new carpet, cubbies for lockers, and new technology. All the classroom trailers are joined by a massive deck built above the ground which looks really cool and is very unique.
- We now have a front office receptionist which neither school had before, thus increasing the level of customer service we can provide in the front office.
- ***We will continue to require parents who are signing their child out early to do this by 3:00 PM. In addition, this year we are asking parents to work with us on Fun Fridays. Because it can get very hectic in the front office and time consuming to find students once they are out at the various Fun Friday venues, we are asking parents to sign their child out by 2:20 PM on Fun Friday.***

### **DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW:**

- Mon, 8/21-Solar Eclipse, no school
- Mon, 9/18-Fall Picture day
- Tues, 9/19- **PTO Meeting and Open House, 6:15 PM in gym**
- Fri, 9/22-Progress Reports
- Wed, 9/27-Early Release at 1:30 PM for Teacher PD
- Thurs., 10/19-Early Release at 1:30 PM for Teacher Workday
- Fri, 10/20-Family Data Conferences, no school
- Wed, 10/25-Report Cards

### **CRMS DRESS CODE POLICY**

#### **Adopted summer 2017**

- All sleeveless tops/straps for girls must be a minimum of two inches/three fingers in width.
- PE shorts must meet dress code standard. PE uniforms are to be worn in PE only.
- Sheer tops or tops that fall off a shoulder may not display an undergarment or a sleeveless shirt that does not meet the minimum width of two inches.
- All shorts and skirts must not be shorter than FIVE INCHES above the knee, as measured by a 3X5 index card.
- No clothing may be worn which has wording designated to draw attention to certain body parts.

- No jeans/pants may be worn that has skin showing above the knee.
- Students should not expose their chest/cleavage or midriff (in standing or sitting positions).
- Underwear and undergarments of any type must be covered at all times.
- Boys may not wear white t-shirts/undershirts or sleeveless shirts.
- No hats, caps, head stockings, athletic style headbands, bandannas, head kerchiefs are allowed AT ANY TIME on campus. These items will be confiscated by a teacher or administrator and returned only to a parent or guardian.
- The hoods of jackets or sweatshirts may not be worn inside the building.
- No **backless shoes**, bedroom slippers, flip-flops, or **high heels** are allowed for safety reasons. Shoes with laces must be laced and tied at all times. No Heelys allowed (shoes with wheels).
- No gloves may be worn in the building.
- No pajamas are allowed.
- No beachwear is allowed.
- Sunglasses may only be worn outside the building.
- Pants will be worn at the waist.
- Clothes that advertise alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, or other suggestive messages/merchandise (i.e. weapons, sexual or racial references, profanity) are not permitted.
- Leggings/Jeggings and spandex *may not* be worn as an outer garment. Shorts/skirts of finger-tip length *must* be worn over them and cover the bottom. (Descriptors: Pants = pockets with buttons/zippers in front; Leggings = no pockets)

### **Policy JICA**

**\*CRMS may restrict the wearing of clothing, adornments, or personal grooming which affects the safety or health of the student or other students.**

**\*CRMS may restrict the wearing of clothing, adornments, or personal grooming which disrupts in any way the learning process within the classroom or school.**

**\*CRMS may restrict the wearing of clothing that causes unusual wear on floors, furniture, or equipment.**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**At this time I am in conversation with a business that would like to do some volunteer work at our school. If that does not work out, I could use help from some of our willing parents. Some projects that need to be accomplished are: painting approximately 50-80 science lab tables; painting two benches; and yard work. Yard work would consist of cleaning out shrubs; digging up dead shrubs; and spreading pine straw. If you are interested and available please contact Anita Huggins via email or the front office: [anita\\_huggins@charleston.k12sc.us](mailto:anita_huggins@charleston.k12sc.us); 843-762-2784. Please let her know the times and dates that you would be available between now and the first day of school on August 17.**