

July 13, 2018

Dear Parents of Incoming 6th Grade Students,

I am back from vacation and will be working in the office for the remainder of the summer.

This is the second letter I have sent to parents of incoming 6th grade students. The first was on June 11, 2018 (which can be found on the GOMS website).

COMMUNICATION

Today I wanted to share the four main ways I communicate with families.

1. Weekly GOMS eNEWS

I send a weekly email to all parents on Fridays (like this email). This is called the GOMS eNEWS. In it I include highlights of what happened during the week as well as a list of events that will take place in the future. This is sent to the primary guardian email account in your child's PowerSchool account. It is important that this email address is one that you check.

2. GOMS Website

I will be updating the GOMS website this summer and you will find useful information on this site including: school schedule, events, staff directory, and a variety of other items. The GOMS website is: <http://goms.oxfordpublicschools.org>

3. Twitter

I am getting back in the habit of posting links to articles related to middle school students, parenting tips for adolescent children (I have an 8th grade daughter of my own), or issues related to adolescent behavior on my Twitter Account. I will also be linking the weekly eNEWS to Twitter. If you use Twitter please consider adding me - @GOMSprincipal

4. Individual Email and Phone Calls

My school email address is hibberta@oxfordpublicschools.org. I always welcome parent compliments, concerns, and questions. It is my policy to return emails within 24 hours. You can also reach me via telephone at 203-888-5418. My secretaries Mrs. Fleishman or Mrs. Swann will get me if I am available. I do not have voicemail so they will take a message if I am not available and I will return your call.

INFORMATION

Attached is a letter with information related to:

1. First Day of School (August 29, 2018).
2. Student Supply Recommendations
3. Meet the Teacher Night (September 20, 2018)
4. Student Picture Day (October 17, 2018)
5. New Student to Oxford Public Schools Orientation (August 21, 2018)

[Parent Info Letter Summer 2018.pdf](#)

I will be following this email up with others over the next few weeks to provide you information with Great Oak Middle School. These emails will include: daily schedules, an explanation of how specials classes run, information on extra-curricular activities, etc. I hope that you will find this information helpful.

Enjoy your weekend.

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