

June 16, 2016

Dear Parents and Students of Great Oak Middle School:

We hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the summer. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is Monday, August 29, 2016** and it is a full day, with classes beginning at 7:58am.

- **Students are able to enter the building at 7:45am.**
- **If you wish to contact your child, please contact the main office (203-888-5418). All cell phones must be placed in student lockers at the beginning of the school day.**
- **E-Readers are not allowed at Great Oak Middle School.**
- **If your child is absent from school for an extended period of time, please check PowerSchool for missing school work.**

Many parents and students have asked about required or necessary school supplies. The following represents items which should be included in each student's back-to-school possession:

One inch binders in the following colors:

Red – Reading and Language Arts

Blue – Social Studies

Green – Science

Black – Math

A dictionary for home use

3-hole Notebook paper for binders

Pens

Pencils

Ruler – both metric and standard

Dividers – several for each subject

PLEASE refrain from purchasing TRAPPER KEEPERS. They are too large to fit in the lockers and desks. The above color coded binders are in use throughout all middle school grades. The supplies listed above will help us teach the organizational skills that, in turn, help your child succeed in middle school.

A reminder to all parents to update your demographic information in PowerSchool.

A summer book report project, as described in the Summer Reading Program, is required for each student entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Information on the summer reading packet is available on the Great Oak Website at goms.oxfordpublicschools.org/.

For your planning purposes, **Meet the Teachers Night** at Great Oak will be **Wednesday, September 14, 2016** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. **PICTURE DAY** will be **Thursday, October 6, 2016**. Picture makeup day will be **Thursday, November 10, 2016**.

On behalf of the teachers at Great Oak, we hope the upcoming school year is your best year ever. Working together, we are certain it will be!

ON AUGUST 17, 2016 (9:00AM) THE SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR WILL CONDUCT A WALKTHROUGH AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE TRANSFERRED INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Best Regards,

Anthony T. Hibbert
Principal

Donna Morelli
Assistant Principal

P.S. Bus Routes will be listed in VOICES. Questions regarding student transportation should be addressed to All-Star Transportation at 203-888-2128.