

**Welcome to Dedham
Middle School:
Grade 5 Parent Presentation**
Spring 2021



Our Goals for Tonight

- Learn more about DMS
- Meet some DMS students
- Provide an opportunity for you to ask questions





Let's Talk About Transition Anxiety...

(and not just our students' anxiety)

Who is worried about what?

Parents:

- The difference of 2 teachers versus 7!
- How will I know whom to call when...?
- The middle school is so different than elementary school!

Students:

- Lost
- Late
- Lunch
- Lockers



Supporting Parents in the Transition



- Teacher & team communication in September
- Google Classroom
- Team Homework Websites
- Login for PowerSchool updates
- Contact teachers directly with academic questions
- Contact Guidance with general questions
- Contact Main Office for general information

Supporting Students in the Transition



- **Lost**

- Virtual tour for students online
- TREK opportunity

- **Late**

- Not to worry - we understand!

- **Lunch**

- Extra time at first few lunches to practice!
- Seating by homeroom to start the year

- **Lockers**

- Practice this summer with a combination lock!

Transition to Middle School

- We are in the transition business!
- How is middle school different?
 - 4 elementary schools merge
 - Team structure
 - 7 blocks/day - lots of different teachers!
 - Lunch in a cafeteria
 - Online progress reports & report cards
 - Chromebooks that travel!



Our Day

- Breakfast begins at 7:45 am
- Homeroom begins at 8:10 am
- 7 blocks/day that rotate
- Dismissal at 2:35 pm
- Late buses at 3:45 pm on Tuesday & Thursday



Unified Arts & Electives



Unified Arts:

Every Other Day for 1 Trimester

- Art
- Music
- Technology
- Tech/Engineering

Wellness:

- PE: Every other day for year
- Health: Everyday for 1 Trimester

Electives:

Every Other Day for 1 Trimester

- Art: Drawing & 3D Sculpture
- Music: Music Production & Drama
- Technology: Coding & Word Processing
- VITAL: Voice & Influence Towards Action Leadership
- Band (year-long)
- Chorus (year-long)

General Information

- Two teams per grade: Newbury & Beacon
- 1:1 Chromebooks
- Activities After School
- Daily Announcements
- Weekly Emails
- Cell phone policy



What We Believe at DMS:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Resilient



Let's hear from our
students...



Transition Activities

- Ms. Pedersen Visiting Grade 5
- Welcome Video from Staff - created by students!
- Virtual Tour Online
- FAQ Document for Families
- Middle School “Tips & Tricks”
- Summer Library Hours
- **TREK:** June 23rd-July 9th



**We look forward to
working together over the
next 3 years!**



What questions can we answer
for you?

