

The "Transitioner"



Indian Valley Middle School

Welcome Class of 2030!!

WELCOME!

Indian Valley welcomes the class of 2030 to middle school! We are excited to meet the current 5th grade students who will be attending IV next year from our sending elementary schools: Salford Hills, Vernfield and Oak Ridge. The purpose of this newsletter is to share important information that will help students and parents prepare for middle school as well as key dates about events coming up for current 5th grade students. This is the first of two newsletters that will be sent this spring. It is also important to note that important dates or changes in dates will be posted on the IV website.

Middle school is an exciting time in a young person's life. While it offers new challenges it is sure to be a memorable time for meeting new friends and preparing academically for higher learning.

At Indian Valley we have two administrators: Principal - Dr. Pammer and Assistant Principal - Dr. Heller. As a 6th grade student you will be part of a team. The 6th grade teams are: Nike, Ares, Marathon, Odyssey, and Olympia. The subjects on team in 6th grade are: English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Math. We also offer Related Arts which includes: Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Wellness, Family & Consumer Science, Technology Education, Guidance, Digital Leadership, and Art.

Indian Valley also offers programs and courses designed to meet the needs of all students. We provide numerous supports for our Gifted and Learning Support students.

We at Indian Valley are extremely proud of our ever-changing environment and are looking forward to all our students experiencing our new uniquely designed learning spaces.

Our goal remains to help all of our 6th grade students experience a positive transition from elementary to middle school.

REMEMBER: Be Awesome and **INDIAN VALLEY ROCKS!!**



The First Step in Preparing for the Transition...

If you were unable to attend the town hall meeting, on April 25th, please visit the IV website to view the recording.

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Who to Know

Dr. Jeff Pammer
Principal



Dr. Catherine Heller
Assistant Principal



We cannot wait for you to meet our two school counselors:

Ms. Jen Toby
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Mrs. Kristen Raught
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Technology and Innovation

Each incoming 6th grader will be loaned a device to be used both in the classroom and at home. Through the use of Schoology and many other technology platforms you will be joining our current Valley students in a world of innovation and creativity.

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Communication is Key

As your child enters middle school there are several forms of communication we use in middle school:

- **School Website/Twitter**—Indian Valley's website is a great tool for general information about the school as well as upcoming events. Also, please follow us on twitter: https://twitter.com/sasd_liv
- **Schoology Pages**—Each team has a Schoology page where the team teachers will post assignments, homework and announcements. Teams may also have textbooks and resources to assist in your child's educational experience.
- **Home Access Center (HAC)** - Parents have the ability to check the HAC. This is where you can stay up to date on your child's grades. Teachers update HAC weekly.
- **Parent Email**—If you are not already signed up to receive parent emails from your child's school and the district you can do so on your child's school website under parent resources.

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HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE SCHOOLER

- Plan on setting time aside every night to read, complete homework, and review notes from all classes.
- Keep track of what is due! Use technology to help you!
- Don't ever be afraid to ask for help! Your teachers want to help you.
- Keep yourself organized - designate a place for homework, class notes, and handouts.
- Be POSITIVE! A positive attitude will help you and those around you in creating an enjoyable learning environment for all.
- Participate and get involved in class! The teacher wants to hear your thoughts and your classmates can learn by listening to you!

WEB

Where Everybody Belongs

WEB is an 8th grade leadership group whose main goal is to assist in the transition to middle school. WEB groups will consist of 2 WEB leaders and 10-13 6th grade students. The WEB groups will meet throughout the 6th grade year to do fun activities, learn skills, discuss middle school, have lunch, and many more activities. The 8th grade WEB leaders attend intense leadership training in the summer so they are prepared to work with the 6th grade.

WEB truly represents all that Valley stands for!!



Lockers

Lockers will be one of the new tools for middle school students. Each student at Indian Valley is assigned their own locker. The locker should be used to store text books, notebooks, lunch and outerwear.

Students should keep their locker combination private and not share with friends or fellow students.

The first few weeks of school WEB students will help 6th graders with opening their lockers. Teachers will also be helpful in assisting students in learning how to use their locker.

All lockers are a combination lock. Lockers are assigned to each student in a close proximity to Advisory.

Students will be able to come in to the building and practice opening their lockers once schedules are available on August 7, 2023..



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Advice From Current 6th Graders

Current 6th grade students offer the following advice for 5th graders who are preparing for middle school:

"Be nice to everyone"

"Don't worry about getting lost. There are plenty of helpful people, even 8th graders!"

"Organization = Success" When organized you have a better chance of doing well in your classes."

"Ask for help!"

"Always come prepared with your binder and several pencils!"

"Don't worry about the lockers. They will be a piece of cake once you are here."

"Use your time wisely. If a teacher gives you time to start on homework make sure you are working!"

"Participate in class"

"Do your homework!"

"Remember to wash your gym clothes!"

Important Dates and Information

Still have questions? Use the link below to ask any additional questions you may have. Answers will be in the next Transitioner.

<https://forms.gle/SZXt9BgQXk6t9kJv6>

Listed below are the dates of our student town hall meetings. We will be visiting each elementary school to discuss the transition to middle school. These dates are for students only!

March 13, 2023—Vernfield Elementary School
March 15, 2023—Salford Hills Elementary School
March 16, 2023—Oak Ridge Elementary School



Looking to purchase some Indian Valley spirit wear for your incoming 6th grader? Check out our school store [here!](#) All orders can be picked up and paid for at Indian Valley.