

INDIAN VALLEY TRANSITIONER

WELCOME

Indian Valley welcomes the class of 2032 to middle school! We are excited to meet the current 5th grade students who will be attending IV next year from 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.

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.

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 Citizenship, and Art.

We at Indian Valley are extremely proud of our newly renovated school and we 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 WINGS UP, FLY HIGH!!!

The First Step in Preparing for the Transition...

If you were unable to attend the town hall meeting, on April 29th, please visit the IVMS website for more information.



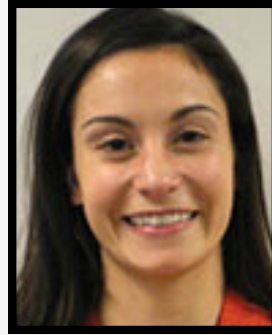
WHO'S WHO AT IVMS?



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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—Indian Valley’s website is a great tool for general information about the school as well as upcoming events.
- Schoology Pages—Each team has a Schoology page where the team teachers will post assignments, homework and announcements.
- 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.

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!
- 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.

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.

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.

All lockers are a combination lock. Lockers are assigned to each student near their Advisory classroom.

Students can come IVMS during the summer and practice opening their lockers once schedules are available in early August.

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!"



IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

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!*

- May 5, 2025—Oak Ridge Elementary School
- May 8, 2025—Salford Hills Elementary School
- May 9, 2025—Vernfield Elementary School

May 14, 2025— Incoming 6th Grade WEB Carnival at Indian Valley— 6:00 PM—7:30 PM