

Middle School Orientation



April 10, 2017
6:30pm in CDPAC

Welcome to Central DeWitt Middle School!



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Orientation Topics

- **Central DeWitt Middle School & Administrators**
- **Scheduling**
- **Courses & Courses Registration**
- **Extra-Curricular Activities**
- **Laptops & PED Expectations**
- **Preparing for Middle School**
- **Family & School Partnership**
- **The First Week of School**

Central DeWitt Middle School

- **Grades 7 and 8**
- **210 Students (2016-2017)**
- **Opened February 2012**



Administrators



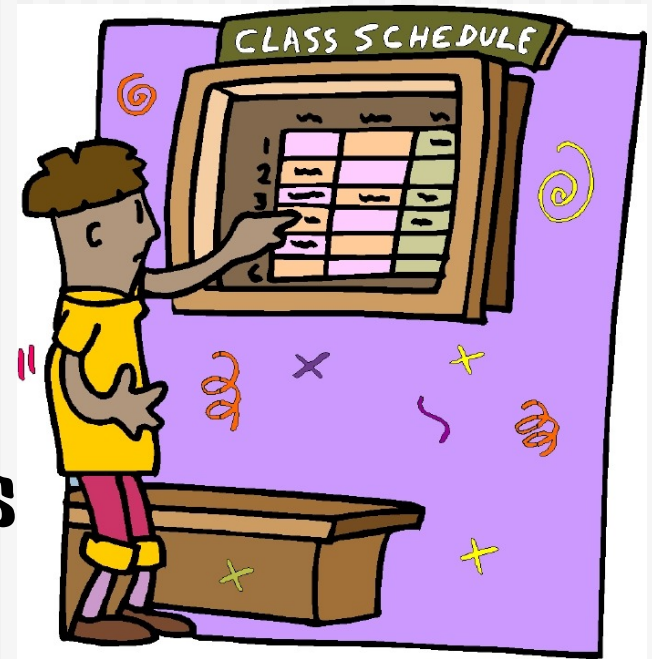
Mr. George Pickup
Principal



Mrs. Terri Selzer
Assistant Principal 7-12

Scheduling

- **Block Schedule**
- **4 - 90 Minute Blocks**
- **Blocks and Skinnies**
 - **Day 1 & Day 2 Rotation**
- **Core Classes = 90 minutes**
 - **Skinnies = 45 minutes**



Courses

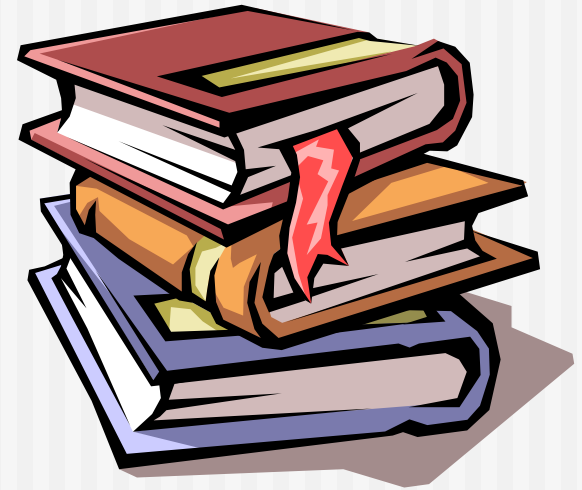
We have 2 different categories of courses at CDMS:

- **Core/Mandatory**
 - **L.A., Math, Science, Reading, Eastern Cultures, FCS/Health, P.E Art, Music Tech, STEM & Careers**
- **Elective/CHOICE/Skinny class**
 - **Fine Arts, STEM, CTE**



Core/Mandatory Classes

- **Language Arts 1**
- **Math**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**
- **Music Tech, Art, FCS/Health, P.E.**
- **Reading 1, STEM 1, and Careers**



Choice Classes

- **Fine Arts:**

7th Grade Band & Chorus 7 (Two Semesters)

Guitar 1, Piano 1, Guitar 2, Piano 2

- **STEM:**

**Next Generation STEM, Intro. to Coding,
Design 1 (One semester each)**

- **Career Tech. Education (CTE):**

- **Clothing Construction**

Course Registration

- **April 3-4- Course Registration sheets will be handed out and explained to incoming 7th graders.
- DONE**
- **April 10th - Parent/Student Middle School Orientation Night.**
- **April 10th-12th - Parents and students should choose and record elective classes.**
- **Return registration sheets by Wednesday, April 12th to your 6th grade teacher/Homeroom.**

Extra-Curricular Activities

- **Fall Variety Show**
- **Winter School Play**
- **Student Council**
- **Athletics**
 - **Fall- Cross Country, Volleyball, & Football, Cheerleading**
 - **Nov/Dec. - Wrestling & Girls Basketball, Cheerleading**
 - **Jan/Feb. - Boys Basketball, Cheerleading**
 - **Spring/Summer - Track and Softball**

How is Middle School Different?

- **Hallway Locker with a Combination**
- **Change classes and teachers during the day**
- **Change clothes for Physical Education and have a gym locker with a combination lock**
- **Carry laptop to each class. Can take home.**
- **New Types of Classes**
- **More Independence for Students**
- **More Responsibility for Students**

Electronic Devices

- **Electronic Devices include cell phones, iPod Touch, MP3 Players, handheld gaming devices, etc.**
- **Powered off & out of sight between 8:10-3:00**
- **If problems occur, the student handbook is enforced.**

Preparing for Middle School

- You will receive your class schedule and locker combination via Infinite Campus (August 9th).
- Rewrite your schedule in an easy to read format.
- Practice finding your way to your classrooms.
- Practice opening your locker and memorize your combination.
- Put your school supplies in your locker **BEFORE** the first day of school.
- August 21st, Middle School Open house

Preparing for Middle School

- **Designate a study space at home.**
- **Set a regular homework time each day.**
- **Homework is an important part of Middle School.**
 - **Continuation of Learning**
 - **Necessary to Successfully Master Skills & Knowledge**
 - **Develops Personal Responsibility**
 - **Leads to Successful Transition into High School years**
 - **Fact of Life**

Family and School Partnership

- **Fall & Winter Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **Middle School Student Handbook**
- **Teachers have a daily planning time**
 - **Phone calls, e-mails, meetings**
- **Infinite Campus - parent portal**
 - **Grades, Assignments, & Attendance**
 - **Updated weekly**
 - **Messenger**

The First Week of School

The first week is designed to help your child adjust to CDMS.

- **Help with Schedules, Lockers, Extra time between classes**
- **Introduction to seventh grade teachers**
- **Tour of the building**
- **Review Policies and Procedures for the school and classes. Each student will be given a copy to share with his/her parent(s).**

Laptop Computer Expectations

- **Students carry computer from class to class**
- **Students may take laptop home at night**
- **MUST always carry in zipped laptop case**
- **Keep in locked locker when not carrying it or taking it home**
- **Fully charge laptop every night**
- **Do NOT take into locker rooms or to sporting events**



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- **If you would like a copy of this presentation, please call or e-mail Mr. Small**
 - **carl.small@cd-csd.org**

Thank you

**We are looking forward
to seeing you in August!**