

Middle School Orientation



Monday April 8 , 2019

6:30pm in CDPAC

Welcome to Central DeWitt Middle School!



CENTRAL DEWITT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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**
- **227 Students (2018-2019)**
- **Opened February 2012**



Administrators



Mr. George Pickup
Principal 7-12



Mrs. Terri Selzer
Assistant Principal 7-12

Scheduling

- Block Schedule
- Blocks and Skinnies
 - Day 1 & Day 2 Rotation
- Core Classes = 86 minutes
 - Skinnies = 42 minutes
- QueST Time = 38 minutes



Courses

We have 2 different categories of courses at CDMS:

- **Core/Mandatory**

- L.A., Math, Science, Reading, Soc. Studies, FCS/Health, P.E., Art, Music Tech, STEM 7, Computer Science 1, Career Ready

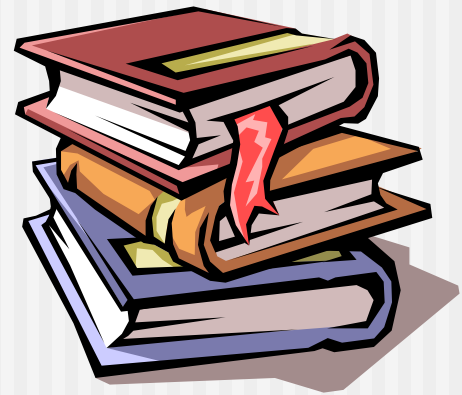
- **Elective/CHOICE/Skinny classes**

- Fine Arts, STEM, Career Technical Education



Core/Mandatory Classes

- Language Arts 7
- Math
- Science
- Contemp. Global Studies
- Music Tech, Art, FCS/Health, P.E.
- Reading 7, STEM 7, Career Ready, and Computer Science 1



Choice Classes

- **Fine Arts:**

7th Grade Band, Chorus 7 (Two Semesters)

Guitar 1, Piano 1, Guitar 2, Piano 2 (One Semester each)

- **STEM:**

Next Generation STEM, Design 1 (One semester each)

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

Clothing Construction (One Semester)

Course Registration

- **April 2nd / 3rd**
 - Course Registration sheets will be handed out and explained to incoming 7th graders.
- **April 8th**
 - Parent/Student Middle School Orientation Night. 6:30pm
CDPAC
- **April 9th - 12th**
 - Parents and students should choose and finalize elective classes.
- Return registration sheets by Friday, April 12th to your 6th grade teacher/Homeroom.
- Students will register in class on April 15/16th!

Extra-Curricular Activities

- **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 Device Expectations

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

Preparing for Middle School

- You will receive your class schedule and locker combination via Infinite Campus.
- 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.
- **Wed. August 21st, MS Open House 6-7 pm**

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**
- **Teachers have a daily planning time**
 - **Phone calls, e-mails, meetings**
- **Infinite Campus – parent portal *******
 - **Grades, Assignments, & Attendance**
 - **Updated weekly**
- **Wednesday, August 21st –OPEN HOUSE 6-7pm**
- **Same night as Ekstrand and Intermediate Open House**

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 the building (Aug. 19-22, Mon.-Th. (8am-3pm)
- School starts Friday, August 23rd
- Review Policies and Procedures for the school and classes. Each student will be given a copy to share with his/her parent(s).
- Student Handbook / Physical & Good Conduct Releases
- Introduce Faculty

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
- Leave name tags on computer bags

**We invite you and your student
to now take your first step...**

**If you would like a copy of this presentation, please
call or e-mail Mr. Small**

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Thank you

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