



June 2019

Welcome to Durant Road Middle School! Every school year is exciting and brings different experiences. The 2019-2020 school year will be no different. My name is Kristen Faircloth, Principal at Durant Road Middle School. The staff and I are very excited about the beginning of the new school year. We have wonderful students, parents, and staff at Durant Road Middle School, and we are looking forward to partnering with each of you as we continue to make DRMS a great place to learn and grow. We would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you that will help make the “back to school” transition smooth.

Durant Road Middle School

Durant Road Middle School strives to provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers.

Single Track 4 Calendar

Durant Road Middle School will run on a single track 4 calendar starting in the 2019-2020 school year. All students will follow the track 4 schedule. The first day of school will be Monday, July 29, 2019.

6th Grade Transitional Camp

6th Grade Transitional Camp is scheduled on Thursday, July 18, 2019. This event is a combination of “Meet the Teacher” and “Open House”. An additional “Open House” will not be scheduled. 6th grade students and parents will attend the 6th Grade Transitional Camp together. Parents, please plan to arrive at your scheduled time and stay with your child for the duration of camp. During the 6th Grade Transitional Camp, you will have the opportunity to receive your student’s schedule, meet the teachers, learn about curriculum and expectations, purchase PTA school spirit wear and join the PTA, check on bus schedules, take care of items related to your child’s cafeteria account, sign up for a PowerSchool account and register to volunteer.

- Morning session: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM (Last Names A - L)
- Afternoon session: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM (Last Names M – Z)

7th Grade & 8th Grade Academy

7th Grade Academy & 8th Grade Academy are scheduled on Thursday, July 25, 2019. These events are a combination of “Meet the Teacher” and “Open House”. An additional “Open House” will not be scheduled. Students and parents will attend the Academy together. Parents, please plan to arrive at your scheduled time and stay with your child for the duration of the Academy. During the 7th Grade Academy & 8th Grade Academy, you will have the opportunity to receive your student’s schedule, meet the teachers, learn about curriculum and expectations, purchase PTA school spirit wear and join the PTA, check on bus schedules, take care of items related to your child’s cafeteria account, sign up for a PowerSchool account and register to volunteer.

- 7th Grade Academy: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- 8th Grade Academy: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Instructional School Hours

DRMS’ instructional school hours are 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM. Please plan for your child/children to arrive by 8:00 AM. This will allow them to prepare for the start of the instructional day at 8:15 AM. Students should not be dropped off before 7:45 AM.

Carpool Transportation

Carpool is located in the back of the school. To drop students off at arrival, parents should turn right after entering the school grounds and circle around to the back of the school. To pick up students at dismissal, parents should follow the same procedures.

Bus Transportation

Bus routes will be posted to the WCPSS Transportation website and will be communicated to families via School Messenger on June 21, 2019 for year-round calendar schools.

We welcome you to Durant Road Middle School and look forward to a successful 2019-2020 school year where we will partner with you to develop learners to be critical thinkers, productive collaborators, effective communicators, and creative learners.

Sincerely,

Kristen J Faircloth
Principal