Welcome to Sherwood Middle School

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**Student Arrival & Dismissal**

**Arrival 7:30-8:00am**
Doors open/Parent Drop off starts at 7:30am
Students who arrive before 7:45am report to the Cafeteria
School day & Homeroom start at 8:00am

**Dismissal 2:35pm**
There will be many different announcements to let you know
when to leave the school.
Walkers and parent pick-up students are called first.
Bus riders are called next.
Buses are called in groups of 6-8. Each classroom has a system to
keep track of which buses have been called. ASK for HELP if you
get confused!
Some students miss their buses every now and then. If you do,
stay calm, and go to the office to call a family member. The
administrators and secretaries will help you.

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**Parent Drop Off/Pick-Up Information**

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**TIPS FROM STUDENTS**

- We have great teachers and faculty members at SMS.
  They want to help you in any way they can.
- If you do not know something, do not be afraid to
  ask an adult. You will be happy that you did!
- Stay organized. It will help you save time and feel
good about your work.
- Be kind to others, try your best, and remember to
  have fun!
- There will be a lot to adjust to in middle school, but be
  patient. You will adjust more quickly than you think!

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is the 6-day cycle?**
Many students say that their days go by really quickly because
they are always changing classes. One way to fit all of these
important classes into a student’s schedule is to add an extra
day
to the schedule. For example, this is what the first few weeks of
school will look like. This may appear to be confusing at first, but
students figure this out and you will too!

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**What does the school look like? Will I get lost?**
The school has three levels, but the fifth grade classrooms are
level two and three. The teachers are there to help you out if
you get lost. Your teachers, especially in the beginning, will walk
your class wherever you need to go. Notice the signs around the
building to help lead you in the right direction.

**Do we have recess? How long is it?**
Unless the weather is very rainy, snowy or extremely cold, we go
outdoors for recess everyday for approximately 15 minutes.
Students spend recess visiting with friends, playing basketball,
soccer, four square, and other games. This is an important time
day to get the exercise and fresh air that we need.
Teaming at Sherwood Middle School

When you arrive at Sherwood, you will be assigned to a team at SMS. Your team name will be sent to you during the month of August. Teams are close communities at Sherwood. You will get to know the people on your team and in your neighborhood really well. Each team is made up of two team teachers and about 48-50 students. Each team is identified by a color (5 Purple, 6 Blue). Each team has an English Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher and a Math/Science Teacher, along with a special education teacher and instructional aide. Your ELA/SS or Math/Science teacher also serve as homeroom teachers. You start and end each day with your homeroom teacher.

Lockers
Each student has their own locker. There are no locks on any of the lockers. Sherwood students respect one another’s property, so we do not need locks.

Homework
Homework is given each night and usually expected that it will be completed the next day.
Grade 5 – 50 minutes per night (on average)
Grade 6 – 60-90 minutes per night (on average)

What if I forget my homework?
Middle school is all about learning how to be more responsible and independent. Students who do not do their homework will be expected to make it up. Sometimes students will make it up during lunchtime or they will complete it at home and bring it in the following day. Students who continue to struggle with completing homework on time will be provided with other supports to help them become more responsible. Each team has a homework policy and the school has Homework Academy for students who do not or cannot complete their homework at home.

iPad
Students are expected to bring their iPad to school each day fully charged. Your teachers will help you learn how to use them. Students and parents should check daily assignments in Schoology.
Visit our website for more information on proper use and expectations of the iPad.

School Leadership and Support Staff
The school principal is Mr. Kelly. The assistant principal for Grade 5 is Mrs. Gutekanst. The assistant principal for Grade 6 is Mrs. Gablaski. They all work with students, teachers, and families. They are available and willing to help everyone.

Students have an Adjustment Counselor. The Adjustment Counselors help students be successful in and out of school. Students
Mrs. Kristin Franger and Ms. Linda Berard are our school nurses. With teacher permission, students go to the nursing clinic for medical concerns.

We Are All Here to Help
If you would like to meet with an administrator, counselor, or nurse either you or your parent or teacher can contact us.

Special Subjects
Students participate in different Allied Arts classes throughout the school year. Allied Arts courses change every 30-days. Some examples of these offerings include:

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Grade 5 students will also have Curriculum Connections courses. Each course is content related and taught by curriculum and other specialists.

Grade 6 students participate in Foreign Language offerings. These classes run for four out of the six day cycle.

Music
Students have an opportunity to take band, chorus, or orchestra. On your schedule, it will say BCO. BCO occurs during two of the six days. Students who do not register for BCO will stay on team for an enrichment experience.

Physical Education
Do students change for Phys. Ed? Yes. There are locker rooms with stalls for students to change. Students need sneakers, shorts or sweatpants and a t-shirt for this class.

After School Activities
There are many after school activities and clubs in which students participate. Some examples include:

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Lunch
Students have many choices of food options at lunch (hot lunch, sandwiches, pizza, taco salad, etc...) During the first week of school, each team sits together in the cafeteria in order to get to know one another. After that time, you will have a chance to sit with students on other teams. It is a fabulous time to see friends that are on different teams.