

Hello YMS 6th grade parents,

I am so ready to start the 2020-21 school year. I'm excited to learn more about the class of 2027. I believe we have the best middle school in the state and I can't wait for your child's middle school years to begin in our building. Enclosed in this mailing is your child's schedule highlighted with the answer to the all-important question...whose family am I in?

I am pleased to let you know that the Class of 2027 will have an Orientation/Parents Night on Monday, August 10th. Here is the plan!

Bring your child to York Elementary by 5:00 p.m. as the YES 5th grade teachers would like to have a proper send-off/closure activity with your child. 5th-grade teachers will then walk the students over to YMS for our 5:30 p.m. Orientation/Parents Night. What if your child didn't attend YES last year? No problem, come to YMS at 5:30 p.m. for the meeting and to pick up your parent/student packet and schedule.

Parents we will open the doors at 5:10. We would appreciate you coming at that time or before 5:30 so that you can pick up a packet of information for your student. This will allow us to start right as close to 5:30 p.m. as possible with our presentation.

Our presentations will include; my talk about life at YMS, our safety procedures for the school year, hear from 6th-grade teachers about their class, learn the important role of the school counselor, and how parents can continue to partner with YMS to promote learning.

Next students and parents will travel with their Family Adviser to their classroom for a quick introduction/activity. After the time with Family Advisers is finished students/parents can then elect to tour the building (as noted on their class schedule) and place personal items in their locker. You can also see a member of the transportation department for busing. You may visit the school nurse about any health needs of your student. You can also put lunch money on the student's account as well as sign up for the After School Program.

Here are the safety measures and considerations we will put in place for the evening:

- Masks are required to attend and need to be worn at all times. Since we cannot guarantee social distancing we require everyone in attendance to wear a mask.
- No more than two adults with each student. Please leave other children or adults at home. We have just enough room for two adults per child and no more.
- Even as masks are worn please be mindful of social distancing.
- In order to honor the time of our teachers who will be working hard to prepare for the first weeks of school, please exit YMS by 6:30 p.m. that evening.

If you have any questions, please call YMS 402-362-6655 or send me an email at [kenny.loosvelt@yorkdukes.org](mailto:kenny.loosvelt@yorkdukes.org). Again I can't wait to see our new YMS Dukes!

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