

Welcome Back to School Letter

Chillicothe Middle School

2017

Greetings!

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year as principal of Chillicothe Middle School. This summer has been filled with activity in preparation for the upcoming year. I am pleased to assure you that we have the highest quality teachers and staff whose focus is what is best for kids. The programs we offer and the efforts that have been made through the years have made things better for students. Those efforts have continued as plans were formulated this past spring and continued throughout this summer.

Many things have been done to our facilities to make things better for our students. The building's floors have been scrubbed, sealed, and waxed and shine. There has been a great deal of painting completed as well. Our facilities look good and our custodians and maintenance workers have worked hard this summer to get things ready. They have put a good deal of pride and effort into the job they have done and are to be commended.

We are very pleased that we now have an enclosed connection between buildings. The voters supporting the last bond issue has put this into motion. This addition will certainly provide additional safety and security for our students.

Last year we had the privilege of providing chromebooks to each of our students to use as educational tools. Our teachers have been and continue to go through trainings to equip them to utilize this technology in an educationally efficient manner. We will continue to build the groundwork laid and look forward to lessons we certainly will learn as we continue to use technology to prepare our students for successful futures!

There are some important dates that I want you to be aware of as we get student information ready for the upcoming year. Parents of 6th graders or parents new to the district can choose either the **evening of August 8 starting at 6:00 PM or the afternoon of August 10 starting at 1:00 PM** for a 6th grade orientation/technology time for parents and students. Both of these will start with a general meeting in the field house. This time will provide the parents an opportunity to learn about policies and procedures related to the chromebooks and CMS in general and is required for a student to be issued a chromebook to take home. Chromebooks will be issued at that time to those who sign up and pay the \$20 insurance fee. Parents then will be able to register their child utilizing our electronic format. The students will also have an opportunity to meet several of their teachers, gain familiarity with where their classes are located, and put things in their assigned lockers during these events. **August 10** from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM will be our registration times for 7th and 8th grades. We will have chromebooks available to fill out needed information. **August 17** from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM will be our Back to School Night for the entire middle school. This night will provide the parents an opportunity to go through their child's

schedule and meet each of their teachers while learning some of the things the students will be doing in each class. 7th and 8th grade parents will have the opportunity to get signed up for student led conference times and will be able to sign up and pay the \$20 insurance fee so that their child can take home a chromebook. We will be having our Fall Sports Parent Nights **August 22 and August 24** and starting at 6:00 p.m. for athletes that will be participating in fall sports. Parents of Fall Athletes will need to attend one of these sessions to make their student athlete eligible to participate in fall contests. Parents are only required to attend one of these sports nights to meet that portion of the student athlete eligibility requirements.

There are many other details and positive things we have going for us that are beyond the scope of a welcome back letter. Those details will be covered through various functions and communications throughout the year. I encourage you to check out the middle school calendar on the district website to keep informed as to upcoming events and to be very involved in your child's education. I look forward to this school year and working together as partners with you as we make things the best we can for our kids!