



# Attendance-ACHIEVEMENT-ATTITUDE

July 26, 2019

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I hope this first newsletter of the year finds you having a great summer, but perhaps warming up to the idea of school starting on **August 19th!** We are really excited about the new year. Our staff loves working with middle-school students as it's challenging but gratifying to help prepare our students for success in high school. It takes three groups of stakeholders working together to make this happen: the staff, the kids, and the parents. Let me explain....

## **The Staff**

The DMS staff is committed to providing a great education for your kids. The 2019-20 School Improvement Plan reflects the high expectations we have for ourselves as educators. You can count on us to develop relationships with your kids, push them to succeed, and to communicate their progress to you! Speaking of communication....expect a periodic newsletter from me to inform you of important dates and happenings here at school as well as email blasts and voice messages. You can also receive email notifications if you are signed up through EdAlert (see DCS website).

## **The Students**

To help kids understand what they need to do in order to be successful, they are taught and challenged to get all "A's" by focusing on:

**Attendance**..... attending school every day and on time

**Achievement**..... showing effort and follow through on class work

**Attitude**..... demonstrating Cardinal Code behaviors in all areas; doing the right thing, even when it's hard. Students are recognized each marking period in these areas!

## **The Parents—You REALLY matter**

Parental guidance and support are crucial at this level! Even though kids this age are asserting their independence and sometimes appear "grown up," their brains are changing right along with the rest of their bodies. They may need more reminders and coaching to make good decisions and support in working through various ups and downs. Please know you need to stay in the game, even though the "coaching" may look or sound different than at the elementary level.

## **DMS ParentVUE—The Keys to the Kingdom for DMS Parents!**

ParentVue is one of the most powerful tools to keep parents in the loop on their students' daily agenda/assignments and grades....in all classes! Last year, about 85% of all DMS parents used ParentVue to stay in the loop. ParentVue access starts with individual Activation Keys. If you have already done the activation process, but forgot your password, no worries! You just need to follow the link to re-set your password. (start on DCS home page: [www.davisonschools.org](http://www.davisonschools.org), click on ParentVue under Quick Links). If you have never logged on to ParentVUE, you can pick up your Activation Key at our Back-to-School Student Check-in.

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**ALL STUDENTS - IMPORTANT: Required Back-to-School Check-in August 7th, 8th, and 13th**

This is required for ALL students! Please carefully read the enclosed information outlining the dates and times. Please note **August 7th is for 7th graders only** while **August 8th is for 8th graders only**. **August 13th is for all students** who were unable to attend a previous date. Schedules and lockers will be distributed after parents turn in their updated Student Profile. Please note that our system prints one Student Profile per student. If you have shared custody, we mailed the Student Profile to the first person listed on your child's profile. If you don't have one enclosed and wish to receive a copy, please call us at 810.591.0848. We are happy to mail one to you for review/update. **Please note that we will do student pictures during Check-ins again this year, just like at Davison High School so have your student dress their best!**

**ALL STUDENTS: DMS Parent Back-to-School Night is Tuesday, August 20th, 6:30-8 PM**

During this special event, parents follow their student's schedule using a mini class period format to meet teachers and learn about the "main things" in the curriculum as well as some of the important teaching/assessment routines. Please note, this is **not** an open house type event typical of most buildings. Parents report to their student's 1st hour/homeroom class at 6:30 PM and then rotate to all six classes. Here is the schedule:

1st hour/homeroom	6:30-6:45 PM
2nd hour	6:50-7:00 PM
3rd hour	7:05-7:15 PM
4th hour	7:20-7:30 PM
5th hour	7:35-7:45 PM
6th hour	7:50-8:00 PM

**7th Grade Only: IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION REMINDER!**

**NOTE: 8.14.19 - Per Patty and Diane Wright - we need to include an authorization for MICIR. (Just adding this note in now so we don't forget!)**

As mentioned in our June newsletter, **7th graders must be immunized!** The **State of Michigan** requires that all kids, **before** going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade receive:

- second dose of *Varicella* (or a documented case of the chicken pox)
- meningitis* vaccine, and
- first dose of *Tdap* vaccine (in addition to completing the primary series of DTaP)

If we have notified you that your child is in need of an immunization(s), you are required to provide proof of the immunizations listed above **prior to attending school on August 19th**. **It is strongly recommended to get this taken care of as soon as possible as doctors office/clinics start to run low as fall approaches**. Questions? Please e-mail Mrs. Galea at [pgalea@davisonschools.org](mailto:pgalea@davisonschools.org).

**8th Grade Only—Educational Development Plan (EDP)** Enclosed in this mailing is a letter containing instructions on how 8th grade students and their parents review their student's EDP plan. Once you and your child have reviewed their EDP, both you and your student will need to sign at the bottom of the letter and bring the signed form, along with your other paperwork due at Back-to-School Check-in.

**Medical**

If your student has a medical condition or had medication at school then medication and care plan forms enclosed. These forms require both parent and student signature. **Please return the form to the Health table at the Back-to-School Check-in.** **medication your student may need at school.**

**Free & Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program**

Just a reminder, applications must be renewed each year. If you have never applied, but think you qualify, we encourage you to check! The fastest and most efficient way to get the applications processed is to log on to [lunchapp.com](http://lunchapp.com). You can begin submitting online applications as early as July 1st.

**My Promise to you!**

The entire DMS Team pledges to do whatever it takes to help your child and all kids succeed at DMS this year. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns. We are here to help....ALWAYS! We look forward to seeing you in August!

...will find the appropriate

**AUGUST: Mark your calendar!**

**7:** 7th gr. BTS Check-in, 3-6 PM

**8:** 8th gr. BTS Check-in, 3-6 PM

**13:** 7th/8th gr. BTS Check-in (make up), 4-6 PM

**19:** First Day of School! (Students arrive by 7:15 AM)

**20:** DMS Parent Back-to School Night 6:30-8 PM  
for ALL parents of DMS students  
*Follow your child's schedule to meet teachers, and learn about classes.*

# MS Back-to-School Check-in 2019

**7th Graders: Wednesday, August 7th 3-6 PM**

**8th Graders: Thursday, August 8th 3-6 PM**

**Make up: Tuesday, August 13th 4-6 PM**

**WHO:** **Required** for **ALL 7th & 8th Graders/Parents**

**WHAT:** **Back-to-School Check-in!** Please plan to attend one session (grade level or make-up). **Here is what you will do:**

*7th Graders: Turn in proof of immunizations to Mrs. Galea (Health/Immunizations table - in cafe) first thing if you have not already done this before going to Step 1. **This is TOP Priority!***

**Step 1:** Go to the cafeteria to get a copy of your **Student Profile** if you do not have it with you!

**Step 2:** Go to your "check-in" room on the first floor based on last name.

**Step 3:** Turn in your updated **Student Profile** and **EDP Endorsement** (8th grade only). You will get your class schedule and your locker here! Please note: If you have moved, you must provide 3 proofs of Davison residency. We will not be able to release your child's schedule without these if you have had a change of address.

**Step 4:** Go to the cafeteria to get your school picture taken (make sure you wear a school appropriate shirt!), purchase or order a class t-shirt, find out about bus transportation, food service, and the DMS Athletic Program.

**Every student should plan to get his/her picture taken for Student ID cards** even if picture packets are not ordered. Ordering can be done during Check-in or any time during the school year. [www.photofactoryusa.com](http://www.photofactoryusa.com) / code: **DAVMS**.

**Step 5:** Find your classes; plan your routes; practice locker combination.

**WHERE:** **Davison Middle School!** **IMPORTANT:** *Please park in the north parking lot (behind building) and enter **Door 4**. The other entrances will be locked.*

## **BRING WITH YOU:**

- Your completed **Student Profile** (TIME-SAVER—You will start at Step 2!)
- Photo Factory school picture form** (unless you paid online)
- Proof of Vaccinations (7th graders only) This is top priority!**
- Medication Authorization form/Health Care plan** if applicable
- EDP Endorsement** (8th graders only) signed
- Your student!** 😊