Dear Middle School Families,

The school year is finally here! I hope you all had a wonderful last couple of weeks of summer and are looking forward to your children’s return to school tomorrow.

My hope in this letter (briefer, as promised) is to remind you of a couple of things for tomorrow, to share advisor groupings for the year, and pass along the links to some important documents. As always, please remember to look at our online Middle School Family Folder or the Packer Website for additional information or resources.

This Week’s Schedule:

**Wednesday, September 9: Orientation Day**
*Please remember to send your children to school with a bag lunch!*

- **All 5th Grade Students and Families:**
  - 8:30 AM: Welcome Reception in the Garden.
  - 9:00 AM: Brief Advisory Welcome (advising locations)
  - 9:15 AM: 5th Grade Parent Orientation, Chapel

  Parents will be finished by 9:45 AM. Students will remain with their advising groups

- **New 6th-8th Grade Students:**
  - 10:00 AM: Arrival, front hall. Welcoming reception, Packer Atrium
  - 10:30 AM: Student Orientation, Laptop Distribution, and Buddy Building Tour

- **All Students:**
  - 12:00 PM: Picnic Lunch, Garden
  - 1:00 PM: Opening Chapel
  - 1:45 PM: Opening Advising Meetings
  - 3:15 PM: Dismissal, 160 Joralemon (Pratt) Exit

**Thursday, September 10: First Full Day of Classes**

8:00 AM: Arrival, all students
8:10 AM: Advising.

Please send your children to school with the supplies that they will need for their first day of classes, including appropriate clothes for gym, etc. Students will have an opportunity to go to all of their classes in a slightly abbreviated schedule. Lunch will be available in the cafeteria.

**Friday, September 11: Second Full Day of Classes**

ALL STUDENTS should plan on arriving to Packer by 8:00 AM. We’ll follow essentially the same schedule as Thursday, to allow students to visit all their classes, with extra time for advising and for Field Day teams to meet. Lunch will be available in the cafeteria.

**Advising Groups:**

Careful thought was placed into advising placement for the year. Please share this information with your children to make for a less-hectic arrival tomorrow:
Middle School Advisor Finder
Middle School Advising Group Locations

Permission Slips:
Just in case you haven’t filled all these out, please do so tonight.
Blanket Permission Slip
Field Day Permission Slip
Eighth Grade Out-to-Lunch Permission Slip

School Supplies:
Last minute purchases? Not too late!
Fifth Grade Supply List
Sixth Grade Supply List
Seventh/Eighth Grade Supply List

Book Ordering:
Remember, English books should be purchased new, so students can annotate their texts!
Follett Website
Packer Book List

Summer Reading:
Summer is over, but there are lots of good ideas for independent reading throughout the year.
Fifth and Sixth Grade Summer Book Lists
Seventh and Eighth Grade Summer Book Lists

Health Forms:
I’ve reminded you a bunch of times, here’s the final one:
Health Form Information

After School Sports:
Our Middle School Fall Sports Interest Meeting takes place this Thursday, September 10 at 3:30 PM in the Chapel. If you have any questions, contact Darrin Fallick at dfallick@packer.edu.
2015 Middle School Athletic Letter
Athletic Team Schedules

Important Additional Resources:
Middle School Handbook
Middle School Family Calendar
Middle School Curriculum Guide
2015-2016 Middle School Schedule
Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
Student Sexual Harassment and Bullying Policy

Upcoming Events:

Rosh HaShanah: Monday, September 14, No School
8th Grade Transition Breakfast: Tuesday, September 15, 8:00 AM, L/S Music Room. RSVP
7th Grade Transition Breakfast: Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 AM, L/S Music Room. RSVP
6th Grade Transition Breakfast: Thursday, September 17, 8:00 AM, L/S Music Room. RSVP
Yom Kippur: Wednesday, September 23, No School
Middle School Parent Night: Thursday, September 24, 6:00 PM, Chapel
Middle School Field Day: Friday, September 25, All Day, Prospect Park
Reception for New Parents: Thursday, October 15, 6:30 PM, Atrium

And that’s it for now.

My very, very, very, (that’s a couple of extra verys) best,

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