

Pine Valley Central School
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Dear Parent/Guardian of a future middle school student:

The transition from elementary school to middle school can be a time filled with excitement, curiosity, and stress. The biggest concerns about starting middle school reported by our sixth-grade students are learning a new building, meeting new teachers, having enough time between classes, experiencing peer pressure/bullying, and lastly, having more academic responsibility. We want to prepare our students for this new time in their life and be proactive in helping them plan for their futures.

Due to the Covid-19 school closure our Middle School Transition Program will look different this year. My goal, as your child's counselor, is to support them as much as possible in moving to 7th grade. We have created a link on the school's homepage entitled "Welcome to Middle School." We are asking every parent and child to visit this webpage to view the middle school presentation slide show. I have posted important information regarding the academic requirements for 7th grade, how to read a schedule, and tips for supporting your future middle school student.

In addition to this support on the website, I will be calling every student and parent to have a scheduling meeting via phone. This will be a discussion of coursework that your child will be taking next year as well as any other questions I can answer. My goal is to decrease any worries and fears your child may have due to this transition. These meetings will occur towards the end of May and into June. You can always contact me by calling my elementary school office number at (716) 988-3291 ext: 3322. My office line is directly forwarded to my cell phone at home, so I can be contacted. I have also enclosed a map of the building with this letter to keep on hand to reference where classrooms are located. This will be helpful when you child is able to view their final schedule and map out their day. We are hoping to offer a "Zoom" building tour in the future. More information on this will be coming soon.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Middle School Transition Program please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Amanda M. Miller M.S., N.C.C., N.C.S.C.

Elementary/Middle School Counselor