

# BENNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is difficult to believe that the start of a new school year is just a couple weeks away. Bennett Middle School will open for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on Monday, August 27, 2007. All students in grades six, seven and eight, will report to school on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. School hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Back to School night is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Following a brief PTA meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet your son or daughter's teachers as you follow a typical daily schedule. Student schedules will be distributed prior to the start of the general meeting. Sixth grade parents and guardians will meet in the cafeteria, seventh and eighth grade parents and guardians will meet in the auditorium. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

I am looking forward to another successful school year as we work together to ensure your child's academic success. Bennett Middle School will continue to focus on improving student achievement through a continued focus on reading in the content area. We will also expand our reading initiative to include a school-wide writing focus. During the upcoming school year language arts and mathematics classes will meet daily for a 90 minute period, while science and social studies classes will meet daily for a 45 minute period. Special area classes, including art, music, physical education, family consumer science, computers and technology education will continue to be offered on an A/B day schedule.

Bennett Middle School will continue to implement the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program. This program will focus on improving overall school climate by teaching appropriate behaviors and by recognizing students for exhibiting these behaviors during the school day. Bennett Middle School's pledge: **Behave Respectfully; Make Responsible Decisions and Strive for High Achievement.**

Your involvement in your child's education is a key factor in improving academic achievement and continued social growth. Please establish and maintain an open line of communication with your child's teachers, attend parent/teacher conference nights, check homework and review completed class assignments and assessments. Please remember you can always reach me at 410-677-5140 or at [cjohnson@wcboe.org](mailto:cjohnson@wcboe.org).

I am pleased to report that student achievement continues to improve at Bennett Middle School as measured by the Maryland School Assessments. Student achievement improved at all grade levels in both reading and mathematics. Please take time to review our MSA and HSA results at [www.mdk12.org/data/msa\\_data/index.asp?K=221308](http://www.mdk12.org/data/msa_data/index.asp?K=221308).

I am looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at our Back to School Night!

Sincerely,



C. Michael Johnson  
Principal

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