

Welcome to 6th Grade Parent Night



CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Introductions

Charese Duffey - Principal

Carri Newnham - 6th Grade Assistant Principal

Janis Bennett - 6th Grade Counselor

Brenna Johnson - 6th Grade Team Leader

Lisa Stevenson - 6th Grade Team Leader

Stay Involved

- Speak with your child weekly about his/her classwork and social aspects of school.
- We are happy to welcome parents for Picnic With the Parents on the 3rd Friday of each month. You can eat lunch in the courtyard with your child or at our parent table.
- Help your child to stay organized (binders, folders, agenda checks).
- Prepare your child for middle school by reading the student handbook this summer. Lots of things change after 5th grade year, and a great way to prepare them is by becoming familiar with policies and procedures.
- Remind your child to get involved as well. Involved students are happier, more motivated students!
- **Join the Clark PTA!**

Communication Tools

- Our school website: <http://schools.friscoisd.org/ms/clark/site/home>
 - Links to follow us on Social Media - Facebook and Twitter
- Cougar Communicator updated and e-mailed to parents weekly
 - Important Dates
 - Student activities and meetings
 - Upcoming Events at Clark
- Home Access Center (HAC)
 - Online Grade Book
 - Goes “live” during the 3rd week of school
- Contact your child’s teachers should you have concerns. Please give them 24 hours to respond.

Lockers and Attendance

- Practice
- Lockers and combinations are assigned, not chosen
- School locker, gym locker, and band/orchestra locker
- Locker decorations
- Locker combo confidentiality/sharing of lockers
- Attendance
 - 8/9 periods a day to be tardy or absent
 - 3 days to turn in written documentation for absence - note, email, fax
 - Unexcused vs. Excused
 - Attendance Contracts and Truancy Court

Transportation & After-School Care

Please discuss the transportation arrangement you plan to use with your child this summer. Once students are released from their last class of the day, they are not escorted to a pick up line; please discuss if they will walk, ride their bike, ride the bus (if eligible), or where their ride will pick them up to decrease confusion and stress.

If eligible for bus transportation, students typically have 7-8 minutes from the end of school to board the bus. Buses will not wait for students. They will allow a little extra time the first week of school while students are adjusting. Please check the transportation section of the FISD website to check for bus eligibility and bus stop information.

There is NO after-school care provided through the school in middle/high school. You can arrange for after-school care through various outside resources (i.e. Frisco Shuttle, Boys & Girls' Clubs, etc.) on your own.

Tutorials and Cougar Den

- Teachers offer tutorials before and after school.
 - 7:55-8:05 AM
 - 3:35-4:05 PM

- We have “Cougar Den” 9th period class 3 days a week for students to get extra help from their teachers.

School Supplies and P.E. Uniforms

- A general school supply list for middle school will be posted the FISD website.
- Cheerleaders will sell a boxed set of supplies. The link will be posted on our website this Spring. The box is delivered to you at home.
- 6th graders will need a P.E. uniform. They are available for purchase at Clark (late summer), at Frisco Sports Center on Preston/Lebanon, or you are welcome to shop for these items anywhere:
 - Gray t-shirt
 - Black shorts (basketball length)

Registration Visits and Course Card

- Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Newnham will visit with 5th graders on the following dates:
 - February 8 - Shawnee Trail
 - February 13 - Christie
 - February 15 - Spears
 - February 17 - Smith

- Students will bring home a course card to be filled out and signed, front and back, by a parent or guardian. Course cards are due back to teachers on FEBRUARY 21.

Cougar Camp!

- We will send a “Save the Date” to your campus.
- Cougar Camp is in August.
- What is Cougar Camp? It’s fun!
 - Students pick up their schedules, meet teachers, walk their schedules, and practice opening their lockers.
 - 6th Grade Parent Orientation
 - Separate date/time to set up lockers - please do not bring school supplies to Cougar Camp.