

Mount Slesse Middle School

Welcome Incoming Grade 5 Families!



Our Family of Schools

Cultus Lake Elementary



Promontory Heights Elementary



Watson Elementary



Unsworth Elementary



Vedder Elementary



Small groups from other elementary schools



Mount Slesse Mission Statement

We are the Mount Slesse Middle School Timberwolves!

MSMS is a caring community of enthusiastic life-long learners who strive for excellence in a respectful and positive environment.



Grade 5 Info Night Agenda

- ▶ Welcome and Overview
- ▶ Video to Orient Families to the MSMS Site & Staff
- ▶ Grade 6 Program
- ▶ Mount Slesse Supports & Transition Process
 - Our Counselling Team: Mrs. McAlpine & Mr. Pinckney
- ▶ Keys to Middle School Success
 - Our VP Team: Mr. Kotanko and Mrs. Lightle
- ▶ Questions

Current Numbers

- ▶ We will have approximately:
 - 1000+ students next year
 - 55 teachers
 - 22 Educational Assistants
 - 4 Secretaries and 1 Accounting Clerk
 - 7 Supervision Assistants
 - 3 Custodians
 - 3 Administrators
 - 35 Divisions
 - 11 Portables



**Don't worry,
we do many things
to make our
large school
feel
small & connected**

SD 33 Middle School Structures

- ▶ **Teaming** - working with one or two other teachers to support a core group of students
- ▶ **Exploratory** - providing students the opportunity to sample high-interest courses
- ▶ **Advisory** - dedicated instructional time with students to foster connectedness and positive relationships
- ▶ **Collaboration** - ongoing inquiry-based team work

MSMS Grade 6 Program

- **Student Connect Time**
- **English**
- **Math**
- **Social Studies**
- **Science**
- **Physical & Health Education**
- **Career Education**
- **French**
- **Flex - Interest based courses**

With Core Teaching Team

- **Band (if selected instead of Flex)**
- **Exploratory Course Rotation**
 - **Art (Fine Arts)**
 - **Computer Studies (ADST)**
 - **Drama**
 - **Foods & Nutrition (ADST)**
 - **Technology (ADST)**

With Specialist Teachers

MSMS Bell Schedule

Time of Day	Minutes	
8:30 - 9:28	58 min	116 min Learning Time
9:28 - 10:26	58 min	
10:26 - 10:41	15 min Break	
10:41 - 11:39	58 min	116 min Learning Time
11:39 - 12:37	58 min	
12:37 - 12:49	12 min In-class Eating/Connecting	
12:49 - 1:19	30 min Lunch	
1:19 - 2:17	58 min	58 min Learning Time

Transition Process



- ▶ Counsellors did virtual visits with feeder elementary Grade 5 classes - February
- ▶ Information Evening - Tonight!
- ▶ Articulation/Transition meetings between staff members (teachers, LAT, RT, counsellors, admin) - April
- ▶ School Tours - Organized with feeder schools - May/June
- ▶ W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs) Orientation Day - Sept 2nd
- ▶ First Day Welcome - Sept 7th

Who Do I Contact?

- ▶ **Core Teachers** - for most questions or concerns, either academic, social, or behavioral
- ▶ **Counsellors** - for more serious academic, social, or behavioral or when you need help getting to the right person
 - Last Names A - L: Jan McAlpine
 - Last Names M - Z: Brent Pinckney
- ▶ **Case Managers** - if your child has an Individual Education Plan a Case Manager oversees their program
- ▶ **Vice-Principals** - for more serious concerns, usually of a safety or behavioral nature regarding students
 - Last Names A - L: Michael Kotanko
 - Last Names M - Z: Cheryl Lightle
- ▶ **Principal** - if you need additional help - call Mrs. Wicker 😊

Keys to Middle School Success



- ▶ Get Involved !!
- ▶ Support Learning at Home

Get Involved - Activities



- ▶ Soc Hops
- ▶ Spirit Weeks
- ▶ Assemblies
- ▶ Clubs (Library/Drama/Builder's Gamers/Tech)
- ▶ Intramurals
- ▶ School Trips
- ▶ Band Concerts

Get Involved - Sports



- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Track & Field
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Field Hockey
- ▶ Volleyball
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Rugby
- ▶ Intramurals



Supporting Learning at Home

- ▶ Each student should be spending between 30 min to 1 hour doing school work each night.

Review concepts	Review notes	Reorganize binder
Study for tests	Reflect on learning	Finish class work
Do corrections	List of questions	Gather supplies
Research concepts	Journal entry	Read

- ▶ Create a structure for home study (time, space, & expectation)
- ▶ Consistent sleep (no electronics in bedrooms)
- ▶ Monitor social media use actively and regularly
- ▶ Communicate with teachers regularly (see website)

Common Concerns



▶ Lockers

- Each student has his/her own locker & combo
- Keep the combo private
- Learn how during Tours, WEB Orientation & first week



▶ Bullying

- WEB Leadership students committed to supporting you
- Staff takes all reports of bullying seriously

▶ Moving Between Classes - No longer!

Additional Information

- ▶ Closed Campus
- ▶ Cell Phones
- ▶ P.E. Strip
- ▶ Cafeteria
- ▶ Sugary & Energy Drinks
- ▶ Don't forget W.E.B. Orientation Day
 - ▶ September 2nd!!



First Day of School



- You will know your Core Class by email
- You will know your Door Entrance by email
- Go to your Core Class - lots of help to get you there - Green Shirts
- Welcome Message
- Short Core Class
- Locker Practice

Questions ?



