

A photograph of the exterior of Dempsey Middle School. The building features a brick facade and a large glass entrance. A paved walkway leads to the entrance, flanked by green lawns and young trees. A street lamp stands on the right. The text "Welcome to Dempsey Middle School" is overlaid in red, serif font.

Welcome to
Dempsey Middle
School

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- Middle school can seem like a scary place...at first
- With a little knowledge and the help of friends it can be a fun and wonderful experience



**A DAY IN THE
LIFE OF A 7th
GRADER**

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■ The Day Begins

- Doors open at 7:25 a.m.
- Drop off by 7:25
- Warning Bell rings at 7:30
- Class starts at 7:35



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■ Classes

- All 7th graders have 4 core classes
- 2 Related Arts periods
- Academic Assist
- Lunch/Advisory



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■ Core Classes

■ Language Arts

- 7th Grade LA
- Advanced LA

■ Math

- 7th Grade Math
- PreAlgebra or Algebra

■ Science

- 7th Grade Science
- Advanced Science

■ World Studies



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Grade 7 Option 1

BandHealth

Orchestra Tech Ed

Chorus

Grade 7 Option 2

All Students

ArtFLSPE

Academic Assist



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■ Cafeteria

- Grab and Go Breakfast
- Lunch
- Advisory



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- Library Media Center
 - Research, book check out, classes
 - Extended Day



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■ The End of the Day

- School is over at 2:30
- When picking up students, do not block the front driveway
 - NO double parking--even for just a minute
- Students on first wave buses, who walk or are picked up are dismissed at 2:30
- Students on second wave buses or attending extracurricular activities are dismissed around 2:40





Communication *is*
KEY!

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- Parents access student grades using **PowerSchool**.
- Passwords will be given to parents at the beginning of the school year.
- Checking regularly will help you monitor progress.
- Students will also use their agendas daily to record assignments.

Super Job

A+

Good Effort

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- Your child's teachers should be your first contact
 - Voice mail
 - Email
 - Parent Access to Grades-PowerSchool
 - Schedule a conference
(conference nights in October and February)





GO DEMPSEY PACERS!!!

Sports, Clubs, Activities and
Honors

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Athletics

FALL

- Football
- Volleyball (Girls)
- Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Gymnastics (Girls)

WINTER

- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading

SPRING

- Track & Field
- Softball
- Baseball
- Club Lacrosse (Boys)
- Club Lacrosse (Girls)



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■ Athletics

- All 6th graders are automatically eligible their first quarter as 7th graders as long as they have a physical on file
- Eligibility thereafter is determined by the PREVIOUS 9 week grading period
- Must have passing grades in five courses AND have a GPA of 1.5 or higher
- Weekly grade checks for eligibility



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■ Activities and Clubs

- Yearbook
- Newspaper
- Art Club
- Musical/Drama
- Dempsey Singers
- Jazz Band



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- Leadership Opportunities
 - Student Council
 - Dempsey Helpers
 - Student-led Initiatives



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■ Recognition

■ Golden Pacer Awards

- Nominated by any staff
- Outstanding school citizenship and positive actions
- Monthly pizza luncheon

■ Distinguished Honor, Honor and Merit Roll Celebrations

- 4.00
- 3.50-3.99
- 3.00-3.49

■ Perfect Attendance

■ Wall of Excellence



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■ 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

- Begin an account during 7th grade year
- Prepay as much as you want
- Participate in a fundraiser to add money to the account





Just Can't Hide
That Dempsey
Pride!

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■ Dempsey P.R.I.D.E.

- Personally
- Responsible
- In
- Developing
- Excellence

Dempsey Students Are...

- Prompt
- Prepared
- Participating
- Polite



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■ Starting Next Year

■ Back to School Orientation for 7th Grade

- Turn in all completed forms
- Pick up schedule
- Get locker assignment
- Pay school fees
- TDAP

■ First day of school:
Wednesday, August 14th





How Can Parents Help?

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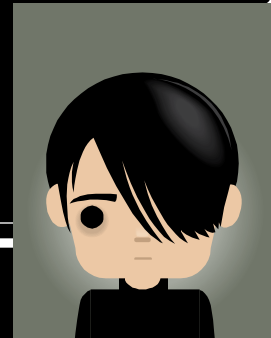
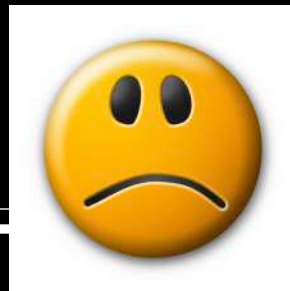
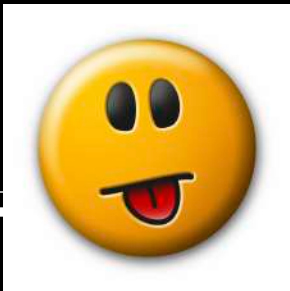


- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Dance Chaperones
- Homework help in the evening
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Sporting Events
- Drama Performances
- Award Ceremonies



A Middle School Student-What To Expect as a Parent?

- Independent, Social, Active, Thoughtful, Inquisitive, Emotional
- Act Before Thinking
- Relationships are a driving force for many students
- Students are changing by the day



A Middle School Student-What To Do as a Parent?

- Talk with and have conversations with your child. “Tell me about your day.”
- Pick your battles.
- Keep your sense of humor.
- Monitor Cell Phone, Internet and Social Media - set up expectations and parameters
- Communicate regularly with teachers and the school via phone, e-mail, website, PowerSchool and conferences

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- With all of us working together, both you and your student will succeed in middle school!

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Thank You for Coming