



MS 101

2019

**Welcome Future
Vipers!**

Introductions



Scott Feldkamp, Principal



Elizabeth Ihle, AP



Van Lewsader, AP



Justin Mewborn,
Assistant
Administrator



Vicki Rawlins,
Counselor



Sue Sabo,
Counselor



Jeff Clapper,
ITS

VCMS: Faculty





Vickery Creek Middle School Students

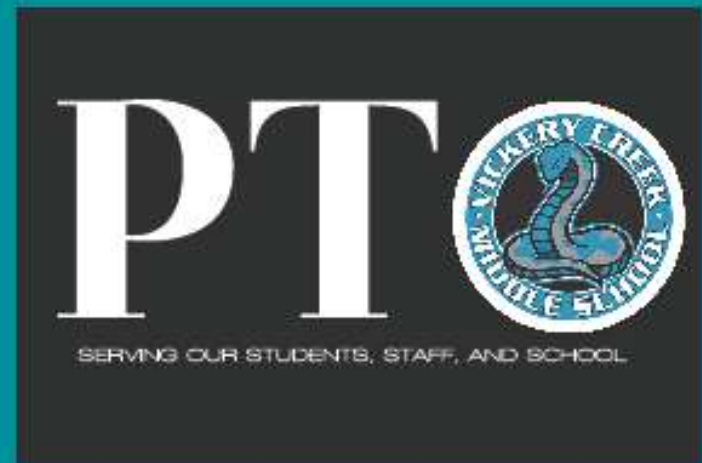


2019-2020 Projected Enrollment
1206 - total students
383 - 6th graders

We welcome 6th grade students from the following elementary schools:



WELCOME TO VICKERY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL





VCMS PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co-Presidents: Sandy Dickerhofe &
Michelle Hall

Vice President: Cheryl Kearney

Secretary: Toni Roberts

Treasurer: Allison Ryan

Parliamentarian: David White



WE WANT TO TELL YOU THE BEST
THING ABOUT VCMS PTO!

NO FUNDRAISING!!

Outside of our membership drive, we do NO external fundraising. Ever!



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN MY CHILD'S MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- Copy Parent
- Social Committee
 - Fall Event
 - Winter Event
- Red Ribbon Week
- Cyber Safety
- Hospitality Committee
- Veterans Day
- Box Tops
- Newsletter
- School Store
- 8th Grade Events
 - Picnic
 - Dance
- Book Fair/Media Center
- Lost & Found
- Outside Marquee
- Picture Day Volunteer
- **General Volunteer**



ESSENTIAL KITS:

Essentials Kits provide most of the 'extra' supply items they will need to succeed in 6th grade: a locker shelf, a small calculator, ear buds with a case, and a vinyl pencil pouch. Kits can be purchased through May 1 and will be delivered to your student at Viper Camp on July 29th.

FEE: \$30 with locker shelf/\$20 without locker shelf



We cannot stress enough to parents:

DO NOT BUY A LOCKER SHELF FROM WALMART...IT WON'T FIT INSIDE. The lockers at VCMS are “vintage” and have a very unique size. There is only one specific shelf that fits them, and we order them specifically to have on hand for parents & students. If you do not purchase an Essentials Kit with a locker shelf, locker shelves will be available for purchase at the PTO table at Viper Camp (July 29th), and we always have them for sale in the school store.



WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

- Sign up for the VCMS PTO newsletter
- Email us at vcmspto@gmail.com
- LIKE the Vickery Creek Middle School PTO's Facebook page (Social media is one of our primary ways of blasting out information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!)



THE PTO NEEDS YOU!

The PTO puts on so many great events for our students and staff, but we cannot do it without members and volunteers. Come be a part of something great at VCMS and consider being on the executive board, joining a committee or helping out as a general volunteer.

Find us in the hallway after the presentation to learn more about who we are and what we do!



**WHY
THE PTO NEEDS YOU!**

VCMS

DAILY START/END TIMES

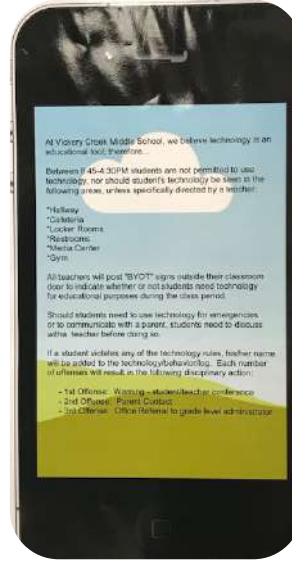
- Front doors/cafe open at 7:45am.
- Help sessions begin at 8:00/8:15 am.
- Students dismissed to lockers at 8:45am.
- Class starts at 9:00am.
- Last class ends at 4:15 pm.



VCMS Cell Phone/Technology Policy

- Between 9:00am – 4:15pm, students are not permitted to use technology, nor should student's technology be seen in the following areas, unless specifically directed by a teacher:

- Hallway
- Cafeteria
- Locker Rooms
- Restrooms
- Media Center
- Gym



-All teachers will post “BYOT” signs to indicate whether students need their technology for educational purposes during the class.

-Should students need to use technology to communicate with a parent, they should ask for permission from the teacher.

-Students are allowed to check phones after lunch and prior to dismissal.

Lockers



Before

After





VCMS Schedule

8 period day

**- 5 Academic Classes
(approx. 48 mins each)**

**- 2 Connections
(approx. 48 mins each)**

**- Power Time
(approx. 42 mins)**

Rotating Schedule: A-B-C

A Week

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, PT, 6th, 7th

B Week

1st, 6th, 7th, 2nd, 3rd, PT, 4th, 5th

C Week

1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, PT, 2nd, 3rd

PT Power Time



VCMS Schedule

A Week Schedule



Period	6th Grade
1	9:00 – 9:53 (48)
2	9:56 – 10:44(48)
3	10:47 – 11:35 (48)
4 + Lunch	11:38-12:56 (48 + 30)
5	12:59 – 1:47 (48)
PT	1:51 – 2:33 (42)
6	2:36 – 3:24(48)
7	3:27– 4:15 (48)

Power Time

- **Quiet**
- **Structured**
- **Individualized/Independent study time**
- **Time to read a book**
- **Time to complete class assignments**
- **Time to study for upcoming tests**
- **Time to receive extra help**
- **Time to organize notebooks**
- **Time to make-up work from an absence**



Class Placement

- Class verification letters sent home on Friday, March 29th.
- Signed class verification letters are due to elementary teacher by April 18th.



Class Placement

- Placement is based on student data- Milestone scores, overall class grade, summative scores.
- Placement is based on learning characteristics observed by teacher.



Class Placement

Core classes have 2 levels of instruction: on-level and advance gifted.

Core classes are Language Arts (ELA), Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Note: There is a 3rd level of instruction for math.



Second Look Form



VCMS does provide input from parent about course placement through the Second Look form.

Form is accessible on VCMS homepage- Latest News- Transition Information. Forms are due April 18. Forms may be returned to elementary teacher or VCMS front office.

Administration will review Second Look forms after final grades are posted and 1819 Milestone scores are known. Administration makes final placement decision. Parents will be notified of final placement decision.

Accelerated Math



- **Parent letters will be sent home to advance math students. This letter will be distributed by Friday, April 26th.**
- **At present, VCMS has 137 advance 8th graders completing Freshman Algebra I for a high school credit and only 66 students in 8th Accelerated math. There are nearly 200 students in 8th grade on-level math.**

Accelerated Math



- Accelerated math students complete 3 years of middle school math in 2 years. In 8th grade, accelerated math students complete Freshman Algebra 1 during the first semester and Geometry A during 2nd semester.
- Accelerated math students gain the same Algebra I high school credit as the advance students in 8th grade.
- Accelerated math students are 1 semester (Geometry A) ahead of advance math students.

Accelerated Math

Testing Dates and Times

- Kelly Mill ES- May 1st at 8:00am
- Vickery Creek ES- May 3rd at 8:30am
- Whitlow ES- May 1st at 8:30am
- Vickery Creek Middle- May 31st at 9:00am (makeup session)



***Note: Parent notification about math placement into Accelerated Math will be communicated by end of school year.**

VCMS Connections

2 connection classes per term



Family Selected:

• **Band (Year)** All students begin on a wind instrument. Percussion spots are auditioned for in late Fall. Email Mr. Doyle at pdoyle@forsyth.k12.ga.us with questions.

• **Chorus (Year)** If you have any questions, email Mrs. Grizzle at mgrizzle@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Signup Deadline- April 18.

Sign up links located on VCMS homepage- Latest News- Transition Information.

School Selected:

- Physical Education
- Health
- Business Computer Science
- Video Production/STEAM
- Art
- Drama
- Jr. Leadership

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VCMS Connection Formats:

- Band + Chorus
- Band + 1 school selected connection per term
- Chorus + 1 school selected connection per term
- PE + 1 school selected connection class per term

- Sign-up for band and/or chorus through Google link on website-Latest News- Transition Information.

- Band and Chorus sign-up deadline is April 18th.

- *Band and Chorus are no longer a high school credit class in 8th grade*

Communication



- Its Learning
- VCMS Website
- Campus Portal
- Email
- Phone communication
- Social Media (FB and Twitter)
- Coffee & Conversations with Mr. Feldkamp
- Monthly School Newsletter
- PTO Newsletter



Future Transition Dates

VCMS Ambassadors to Elementary Schools

- ❖ May 2nd - VCE
- ❖ May 8th - Whitlow ES
- ❖ May 10th - Kelly Mill ES



VCMS Tours

- ▶ May 6th– Whitlow, Kelly Mill, and
Vickery Creek ES

Viper Camp- July 29 from 9:00 -11:30 am

7th & 8th Open House-July 30 from 4:00-6:30
pm





VCMS: Students

