



DESANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Rising 6th Grade Students:

The transition activities from 5th grade to 6th grade are just getting started. The staff at DeSana Middle School is anxiously anticipating the arrival of your 5th grader and is working hard at making the transition as smooth as possible. We have planned many activities for the rest of this year and would like to give you a timeline so you can make plans to attend and be prepared for the numerous questions your child may have. Our records indicate that your rising 6th grader is currently virtual, enrolled at DMS out of district, or not currently at one of our feeder elementary schools. We are having in person tours for our feeder elementary schools and would like to invite your child to participate in **one** of the in person tours (there are 2 dates). If your child would like to participate in that event, please contact Sarah Coats (sjcoats@forsyth.k12.ga.us) to let her know. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation. We are not able to include parents in the tour in May, but you will be able to tour the building during the 6th grade open house in August. There will be several other opportunities for your rising 6th grader to see our building if they cannot make one of our tour dates.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 101 PARENT NIGHT

April 21, DeSana Middle, 6:30

Join us for this parent informational night to discuss the “nuts & bolts” about curriculum, instruction, grading, communication, workload and more! We will also have this meeting in Spanish the same night.

TEACHER COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

May 2, Parent Portal

Teacher course recommendations are live in parent portal.

ADVANCED STUDIES & GIFTED INFORMATIONAL MEETING

May 5, DeSana Middle, 6:30

Learn about how advanced classes and the gifted program work at DeSana and what to expect for the next 3 years. We will go over important waiver information if you wish to change the teacher recommendations.

5th GRADE TOUR OF DESANA

May 17, DeSana Middle, 9:30-11:15 (Brandywine will be touring)

May 18, DeSana Middle, 9:30-11:15 (Midway and Big Creek will be touring)

Fifth graders travel to DeSana in the morning for a band and chorus concert and an exciting tour from the 6th grade Ambassadors. Please let Sarah Coats (sjcoats@forsyth.k12.ga.us) know if your 5th grader will be attending **one** of these tours.

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BAND & CHORUS RECOMMENDATIONS DUE

May 20, DeSana Middle

Students turn in their band or chorus preference forms to DMS. Students have the option (but are not required) to take band or chorus in middle school. Sixth grade is the perfect year to join the music department at DeSana – no prior music experience is necessary. Band and chorus are the only connections classes that middle school students can “pick,” the other connections classes are selected for them.

ADVANCED STUDIES WAIVERS DUE

May 24

Students wishing to change course recommendations need to do so electronically. Students/Parents can waiver into or out of advanced classes.

DRAGON CAMP/MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

August 1, DeSana Middle, time TBA

Parents and students tour DMS, meet teachers, purchase school paraphernalia, etc. Students receive a copy of their schedule and get their locker assignments. Parents will be given a “to do” list to make sure they don’t forget anything!

Please reference the DeSana Middle School 5th to 6th grade transition website at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/desana for updated transition information including any changes related to COVID.

We are DeSana!

Sincerely,

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