



FALL 2012

## Welcome Rising 6th Graders

Coan Middle School has planned a series of events just for rising 6th graders and their parents. These events are designed to answer, among other things, questions about Coan's curriculum, discipline standards, student composition, academic achievements, extracurricular activities - and yes - what it means to have a middle schooler!

During the year, parents and students will have an opportunity to:

- Meet Coan faculty and staff including Principal Dr. Betsy Bockman, the 6th Grade Counselor, and members of Coan's 6th grade teaching team;
- Visit the school and 6th grade classrooms; and
- Ask questions.

The list of this year's transition in events is on the right-hand side of this page. Please mark these dates on your family's calendar now. Additional information about these events will be provided closer to the date.

We look forward to personally welcoming your family to Coan Middle School.

## Getting Ready for Middle School

For general information about middle school, check out these websites:

- Atlanta Public Schools, [www.atlanta.k12.ga.us](http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us)
- APS Kids, [www.apskids.org](http://www.apskids.org)
- Georgia Department of Education, [www.gdoe.k12.ga.us](http://www.gdoe.k12.ga.us)
- Association for Middle Level Education, [www.amle.org](http://www.amle.org)

For families who are new to the middle school years or who have children who are anxious about middle school, you might read and discuss the following book together:

- *Middle School: The Real Deal*, by Juliana Farrell and Beth Mayall
- *Helping Boys Succeed in School*, by Terry Neu and Rich Weinfeld
- *Not Much Just Chillin'. The Hidden Lives of Middle Schoolers*, by Linda Perlstein

### TRANSITION IN CALENDAR

*For Parents Only -*

#### An Introduction to Coan for 5th grade parents

Date: November 13, 2012 (Tuesday)  
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Place: Coan Middle School Media Center

*For Students Only -*

#### 5th Graders Visit Coan

Time: 9:30 am - 11:15 am  
Place: Coan Middle School  
Date: February 6th, 2013 (Wednesday)  
Toomer, Burgess-Peterson, and Whitefoord

*For Parents Only -*

#### Dr. Bockman's Elementary School Visits with Parents

Place: Whitefoord Elementary  
Time: 12:00-1:15PM  
Date: February 20, 2012 (Wednesday)

Place: Toomer Elementary  
Date: February 21, 2012 (Thursday)  
Time: 8:15-9:30AM

Place: Burgess-Peterson Elementary  
Date: February 22, 2012 (Friday)  
Time: 8:15-9:30AM

*For Parents Only -*

#### A Comprehensive Overview of Coan and Its 6th Grade Curriculum (for parents)

Date: April 18, 2013 (Thursday)  
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Place: Coan Middle School

#### Coan's In-Zone Rising 6th Grade Registration!!

Dates and Times:

**To be announced soon**

Place: Coan Middle School

#### First Day of School: To Be Announced



## Registration Documents

To register your rising 6th grader, you will need the following documents:

- Deed/Mortgage Statement or Lease (your address must be on the deed/lease)
- Original Power Bill (dated within thirty (30) days of the date of 6th Grade Registration)
- Voided Check with your current address *OR* Driver's License with your current address
- Student's Birth Certificate
- Student's Social Security Card
- Current Ear, Eye, Dental Certificate for Student (Form 3300)
- Current Immunization Certificate for Student (Form 3231) (See special note about immunizations)
- All Other Documents included in Coan's Spring Mailing to the rising in-zone 6th graders (including among other things, the General Enrollment Affidavit (notarized), Enrollment Form and Cell Phone Policy)

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ALL OF THESE DOCUMENTS, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT.**

So, start collecting your documents early!!

### QUESTIONS ABOUT TRANSITIONING INTO COAN MIDDLE SCHOOL?!?

- ◆ Contact Coan's Counselor, Shawne Haston, Ed.D.
  - ◆ Phone: 404.802.6608
  - ◆ Email: [shaston@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:shaston@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

### GET LINKED IN TO COAN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- ◆ Visit our website, <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/1708>



### A Special Note About Immunizations and Health Certificates

**Please note that some immunizations and certificates have expiration dates.**

If your certificate has an expiration date, you must renew the certificate when it expires. If your certificate does not have an expiration date, then your child's certificate is complete for school enrollment purposes and the form will be marked as such.

**Ensure that your child's vaccinations are all current, including:**

- *Varicella (chicken pox) Vaccine – Two (2) Doses.* Students are now required to have two (2) doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or documentation of disease or laboratory proof of immunity. When your child entered elementary school, only one (1) dose of this vaccine was required.
- *Two (2) MMR or 2nd Measles Vaccinations.*
- *Complete Hepatitis B Series - Series Consist of Three (3) Doses.*

**Start Now - Don't Wait Until May to Check Your Student's Records!**

Your student's immunizations and records need to be updated and completed prior to the start of your child's sixth grade year at Coan Middle School!! Check with your Elementary School now to make sure your child's certificate is in good standing.

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