



# **MS 101**

**2018**

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**Welcome Future**

**Vipers!**

# Introductions



Scott Feldkamp, Principal



Vicki Rawlins,  
Counselor



Elizabeth Ihle, AP



Amy Ingram,  
Graduation Coach



Van Lewsader, AP



Justin Mewborn,  
ITS



# Vickery Creek Middle School Students



**Projected enrollment 2018-2019**  
**1241 total students (389 -6<sup>th</sup> graders)**

**We welcome 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from the following elementary schools:**



# VCMS: Faculty





# VICKERY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO



## 2018 - 2019 PTO Executive Board

Sandy Dickerhofe & Michelle Hall - Co-Presidents

Cheryl Kearney - Vice President

Toni Roberts - Secretary

Allison Ryan - Treasurer

David White - Parliamentarian



Want to know the best thing about the VCMS PTO?

**NO FUNDRAISING!**

Outside of our Membership Drive, there is NO 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





## ESSENTIALS 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 30th.

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



## LOCKER SHELVES

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 30th), and we always have them for sale in the school store.



## WHERE TO FIND THE PTO:

Want to know what's going on?

- Sign up for the VCMS PTO newsletter
- Email us at [vcmspto@gmail.com](mailto: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.

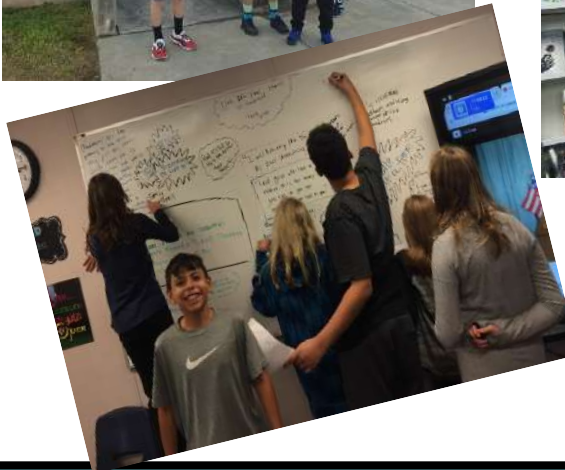
Come be a part of something great at VCMS and consider joining a committee or helping out as a general volunteer.

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



# VCMS: Students

**THE 7 HABITS**  
BE PROACTIVE  
BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND  
PUT FIRST THINGS  
**FIRST**  
THINK WIN-WIN  
SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND  
THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD  
SYNERGIZE  
SHARPEN THE SAW



# Preparing your child for VCMS:

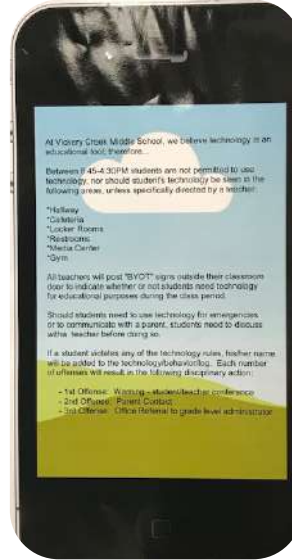
- Doors open at 7:45am
- Help sessions begin at 8:00/8:15 am
- School start/end times 9:00am – 4:15 pm
- Viper Academy – Wednesdays 4:30-5:30



# VCMS Cell Phone/Technology Policy

- Between 8:45am  
– 4:30pm 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  
discuss with the teacher,  
first.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Warning-  
student/teacher  
conference
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Parent  
Contact

# Lockers:



Before

After







# VCMS Schedule

8 period day

- 5 Academic Classes  
(approx. 50 mins each)

- 2 Connections  
(approx. 50 mins each)

- Power Time  
(approx. 30 mins)

# Rotating Schedule: A-B-C

## A Week

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, PT, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>

## B Week

1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, PT, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

## C Week

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, PT, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

PT Power Time



# VCMS Schedule



## A Week Schedule

<b>Period</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
1	9:00 – 9:55 (50)
2	9:57 – 10:46 (49)
3	10:49 – 12:08 (49) Lunch (30)
PT	12:08-12:43 (35)
4	12:46 – 1:36 (50)
5	1:39 – 2:28 (49)
6	2:33 – 3:22(49)
7	3:25– 4:15 (50)

# Class Placement

- Placement is based on student data, learning characteristics, and teacher input.
- Verification letters will be sent home regarding placement by May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Verification letters are due to elementary teacher by May 14



# Accelerated Math



- **Parent information letters will be sent home to selected students based on set criteria. This letter will be distributed by Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.**
- **If a student successfully completes 3 years in the Accelerated Math program at VCMS, the student will achieve a high school credit for Algebra I. Students will be eligible to continue the Accelerated track in high school, which includes Geometry B /Algebra II as a freshman.**
- **If a student withdraws from the Accelerated Math program at any grade level, then he/she is placed in the Advanced Math course for that grade level.**
- **Upon successful completion, students on the Advanced Math track will receive Algebra I credit. As a freshman, these students will take Geometry for a full school year.**

# Accelerated Math

## Testing Dates and Times



- Kelly Mill ES- May 1st at 8:30am
- Vickery Creek ES- May 2nd at 8:00am
- Whitlow ES- May 3rd at 8:30am
- Vickery Creek Middle- May 31st at 8:00am (makeup session)

**\*Please note families will be notified of Accelerated Math placement by June 3rd. Verification letters will reflect Advanced Math placement prior to June 3rd.**

# P repare   O rganize   W ork   E ngage   R ead



## POWER TIME IS...

- Quiet
- Structured
- Individualized/Independent study time
- Time to read a book
- Time to complete homework or classwork
- Time to receive extra help from a teacher
- Time to organize notebooks
- Time to make-up work from an absence

## POWER TIME IS NOT...

- Social time...No talking!
- Personal technology time
- Time to go to the media center
- Study hall with a friend
- Nap time
- Time for club or group meetings
- Time to decorate or clean out lockers
- A locker break or restroom break.



# VCMS Connections



## School Placed:

- **Jr. Leadership (7 Habits)**
- **Art**
- **Business Computer Science**
- **Drama**
- **Health**
- **Exploring Engineering and Technology**
- **Physical Education**

## 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](mailto:pdoyle@forsyth.k12.ga.us) with questions.
- **Chorus (Year)** If you have any questions, email Mrs. Grizzle at [mgrizzle@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:mgrizzle@forsyth.k12.ga.us)
- **STEAM (Semester)**  
**First come, first served when selecting STEAM.**



# VCMS Connections



## VCMS Connection Formats:

- **Band + Chorus**
- **Band + STEAM + 2 random classes**
- **Chorus + STEAM + 2 random classes**
- **Band + 4 random classes**
- **Chorus + 4 random classes**
- **4-5 random classes + PE**
  
- **Sign-up for band and/or chorus through Google link on website beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>.**
  
- **Sign-up for STEAM through Google document on website from May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm through May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm.**

# Parents



- Although your child may not want you to eat lunch with them like elementary school, they need you involved now more than ever!
- Structure, routines, organization!
- Balance
- Involvement
- Volunteer
- Limit/monitor social media
- Social media exaggerates typical squabbles and social challenges of middle school students.
- Develop healthy relationships by accepting differences.

# Communication



- Its Learning
- VCMS Website
- Parent 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 14th- VCE
- ❖ May 16th- Whitlow ES
- ❖ May 18th- Kelly Mill ES

## VCMS Tours

- ▶ May 10th– Whitlow, Kelly Mill, and  
Vickery Creek ES

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

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Open House-**July 30 from 4:00-6:30  
pm



