

**Voorhees Middle School**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Sixth Grade Students:

As Principal of VMS it is my pleasure to welcome you to our school. I look forward to meeting you at the orientation program scheduled for May 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the VMS Theater. The Middle School is a large facility with over 1100 students so it is our hope that this orientation meeting will be the start of a smooth and on-going transition from elementary to middle school.

In the very near future, the 6th grade Guidance Counselor and some VMS students will be meeting with 5<sup>th</sup> graders at each of the elementary schools. These meetings will give us an opportunity to share information about VMS and answer student questions.

Many times parents ask us about after school activities at VMS. There are a multitude of clubs and activities that include intramural sports, student government, chess, running club, computer club, newspaper, adopt-a-grandparent, band, vocal music, drama, etc. In addition there is an exceptional interscholastic sports program. However, before any student may participate on any interscholastic sport team, they must have completed an annual physical examination by their family doctor within 365 days before the first day of the team's tryout. School permission forms must be completed and submitted to the school nurse. Physical forms are available for download from our website.

We are changing the design of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation for the 2016-2017 school year. Orientation will take place on the first day of school, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Following a welcoming assembly, students will stay with their homeroom teachers the entire day, learning about everything from locker combinations to iPad management. Students will also be given a school tour on the first day of school. This is a very important and exciting day for our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders as it is the start of becoming a VMS Viking!

I look forward to seeing you at our first orientation meeting on Monday, May 23rd.

Sincerely,

Kris Calabria  
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