

# **MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION SHEET**

2014-2015

### ***WELCOME INCOMING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS and their FAMILIES to MOUNTAIN VIEW!***

Here are some highlights from our Student Handbook and General Information to help you and your child prepare for middle school this fall. Please call **(503)554-4500** with any questions.

#### **ABSENCES**

In order to ensure the safety of our students, please call in your child's absence (vacation, sick, late, etc.) by 7:30 am to (503)554-4500. We have 24-hour voice mail so that you may call anytime. If we have not heard from you and your student has been marked absent during first period, we call the parents/guardians to make sure you know where they are and that they are safe.

#### **AFTER SCHOOL**

After school looks different for a sixth grader. At Mtn. View, we ask that once the end of the day bell rings, students exit the building, are with a teacher, in the Library or are in After School Study Hall. Mtn. View has a late bus available Monday-Thursday that departs between 3:45 and 4 pm and delivers students who live within Newberg city limits. If your student has finished staying with a teacher, we ask that they exit the building, in the Library or stay in After School Study Hall until their ride arrives or until they board the after school late bus.

Unless a student is riding a bus home with a friend or riding a different bus than normal (see Bus Information/Notes for more information), we do not need to know who your child is going home with after school.

If your student walks to Mabel Rush after school, we ask that they stay at Mtn. View (with a teacher, in the Library or in After School Study Hall) until 3 pm. The reason for this is so classes are not interrupted because Mabel Rush's school day ends at 3:10 pm.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Student announcements are verbally communicated daily to students. Unlike elementary school, there is very little paper that goes home with students regarding upcoming events.

We communicate with parents via ESchool News, the Newberg School District (NSD) App, Facebook and an occasional One Call Now. Our website is also a good place to check. To register for the above:

Go to Mtn. View's website <http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/mountainview>

\*ESchool News link is on the gray bar just below the picture

\*Newberg School District App instructions/information is located at this link

<http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/district/newberg-mobile-app>

\*Facebook link is on the bottom right corner under "Stay Connected"

\*One Call Now, please make sure we have your current phone numbers.

#### **BEFORE SCHOOL BBQ**

On August 26, we will hold a BBQ for 6<sup>th</sup> graders from 5-8 pm. During this event, your student and you will have the opportunity to purchase and receive PE Uniforms, purchase a yearbook, receive your student's schedule and locker combination and much more. Watch your mail in mid-August for details. If you have a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, we will hold a very similar event the next evening...again watch for details in mid-August. If you'd like to volunteer to help during the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade evening, we'd love to have you. Contact the main office at 503-554-4500 to let us know you'd like to volunteer.

#### **BUS INFORMATION/NOTES**

If you have any questions about what bus your student will ride, please call **First Student Bus Transportation** in August at **(503)538-8365**. During the school year, if your student is riding home with a friend or on another bus, please send a note with your student's name, the friend's name, bus number and drop off address. These notes must be turned into the office before the school day starts. The office is required to take this information and place it on an Alternate Destination form that is available for the student to pick up on their way to lunch.

#### **CAFETERIA**

Current prices for 2014-2015 (subject to change) are breakfast at \$1.50 and hot lunch at \$2.85 (includes a drink). Ala carte is available from \$.25 to \$1.50 and includes pizza, chips, cookies, ice cream, muffins and miscellaneous entrees. We have 3 lunches consisting of one-half hour each. *Students are reminded verbally when their account is low.* Sorry,

the cafeteria doesn't allow food to be charged. If students are out of lunch money, a cheese sandwich and milk are available at no charge for one day only. ***Free or reduced lunches are available to families meeting federal guidelines and applications must be filled out EACH YEAR.*** Menus are published on our website, are available in the office and also available on our information bulletin board. There are two ways to put money on your student's account: 1. having your student bring cash or check to the Cafeteria or 2. by going on-line at this link <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

## CONFERENCES

Middle School conferences are sometimes held "Arena Style" in the Gym and are sometimes held in the teacher's classroom. For specific information regarding conference times and dates, watch for details via E-school News, NSD App, Facebook and Mtn. View's website.

What are "Arena Style" conferences? All teachers will be set up in the Gym with a few exceptions (a list will be available of these teachers at Conferences). We will have signs with teacher's names next to the teacher. Chairs will be set up for waiting parents in front of each teacher.

Do I have to sign up for conferences? No, all conferences are on a first come, first serve basis and we ask that you limit your time to 10-15 minutes per teacher as other parents are waiting. If you require a longer session, please contact the teacher via email to request a meeting with them.

Do I need to bring my student? That is up to you. What would be good for you to bring is a list of their teachers. Not sure of the teacher's names? At the beginning of the school year, you will be given a ParentVUE activation code. Sign up for ParentVUE and access your student's schedule. <http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/district/welcome-parentvue>

## FEES

- Electives - Fees are charged for some of our electives which are noted on the Forecasting form and are collected at the beginning of the school year
- P.E. Uniforms – required shirt and shorts - purchase at August BBQ or from main office (\$15)
- P.E. Sweat Pants and/or Sweat Shirt (\$23/set or \$11 for sweat shirt and \$12 for sweat pant) – optional, but if your child wants to wear sweatpants and/or sweatshirts during PE they must wear these.
- Yearbooks (\$20) – optional

## LATE START SCHEDULE

To provide staff development time, Newberg School District will be continuing late starts on Wednesdays. The schedule on Wednesdays will be a one hour later start time with the same ending time. Students arriving early will be sent to Study Hall. Late start begins the first week of school.

## MEDICATIONS

**ALL MEDICATIONS** (ie: topical ointments, pain relievers, throat sprays, eye drops, OTC or prescription medication, etc) **MUST BE CHECKED IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE BY A PARENT, GUARDIAN or AUTHORIZED ADULT AND MUST BE IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER.** Students are NOT ALLOWED to carry any medicine, unless an Authorization for Self Medication Administration form is completed and on file in the Office. If your child will need Advil, Motrin, or Tylenol throughout the year and you are comfortable with the main office administering it, you may bring in an original container anytime during the school year.

## PARENTVUE

Newberg School District parents will have password-protected, online access to their student's grades, class schedule, attendance, assignments and report card grades via ParentVUE. Parents and students will receive activation codes in the Fall. The ParentVUE portal can be accessed through the school district mobile app or the ParentVUE website. <http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/district/welcome-parentvue>

## PARKING LOT

- When dropping your student off in the morning or picking them up after school, please be aware of these guidelines:
- \* If in the South parking lot, pull to the south end as far as possible. If in the North parking lot, pull to the north end as far as possible. Why? There are busses, other parents, and staff members trying to get into the parking lot.
  - \* Do NOT stop in the yellow zone
  - \* Drop off/pick up quickly
  - \* Be safe and be aware of other students and parents that are in the parking lot.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Office is open for parents from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The school day will be longer by ½ hour, but start and end times have not been determined.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be the first week of school. Optional photo packages will be sent home with students the first day of school. Students will take pictures for identification purposes regardless if a purchase is made. The picture retake date will be a month or so after school starts. School dress code always applies including: picture day, retake day, dances and any other school-related event.

## SUPPLY LIST

School Supply List will be mailed in late August and will be posted on Mtn. View's website in late June.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MVMS encourages parents to be involved in their child's new learning environment and their education. Volunteering is a way to be involved and informed. We have many volunteer opportunities available (see below for examples). The Mtn. View Parent Group (MVPG) meets monthly, please check future communications for the dates and times of these meetings.

Anytime you volunteer, please wear your ID badge and check into the Office. The first time you volunteer during the school day, please bring your driver's license to enter into our security system. Please be sure to have your picture taken at the District Office, 714 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, to receive your badge.

Volunteer Opportunities at MVMS	
<b><u>August</u></b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social	<b><u>All Year</u></b> <b><u>Weekly</u></b> After School Snack Shack Classroom Laminating Library
<b><u>September</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School - Before and After School Picture Day MVPG Fundraiser	<b><u>Occasionally</u></b> Box Tops Bulletin Board by Office Bulletin Boards for Counseling Dances Odd Jobs to be taken home
<b><u>Fall and Spring</u></b> Book Fair (possibly)	
<b><u>February</u></b> Val-o-grams Report Card Mailing	
<b><u>March</u></b> Jump, Shoot and Run Fundraiser	
<b><u>June</u></b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Field Day Report Card Mailing	