

WELCOME INCOMING 6TH GRADERS and their FAMILIES to CHEHALEM VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Here is some General Information and highlights from our Student Handbook to help you and your child prepare for middle school this fall. Please call **(503)554-4600** with any questions.

ABSENCES/APPOINTMENTS

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)554-4600. 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.

If your student has an appointment during the day, sending a note to the office in the morning is helpful. We can then have your student waiting for you when you get here.

Unexcused absences result in a lunch detention, so please remember to contact the office when your student is absent.

AFTER SCHOOL

After school looks different for a sixth grader. At CV, we ask that once the end of the day bell rings, students exit the building, are with a teacher or in Homework Club in the Library. CV has a homework 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 or stay in Homework Club 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 Crater after school, we ask that they stay at CV until 3:10 pm. The reason for this is so Crater's classes are not interrupted because their school day ends at 3:10 pm and students are not just hanging around in or out of the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"Digital" is CV's number one form of communication. Start receiving information today by signing up for one or more of the following:

*Newberg District App - learn more and how to download.

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

*Like us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ChehalemValleyMS>

*CV's Website - <http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/chehalemvalley>

*E-School News - CV sends out weekly news which include events during that week, future events and a calendar. It is posted on our website with notifications via the Newberg District App, and Facebook.

*Occasionally, phone calls are made so please make sure we have your current phone numbers.

7th/8th Grade Ice Cream Social

If you have a 7th or 8th grader, we are having an Ice Cream Social on **Tuesday Sept. 1, 2015** from 5-8pm. You and your student will have the opportunity to pay class fees, receive student schedules and gather other information. Watch for details in mid-August. If you'd like to volunteer to help during the 7th/8th grade evening, we'd love to have you. Contact Amy Weiler ajweiler68@gmail.com to let her know you'd like to volunteer.

6th Grade BBQ

On **Thursday Sept. 3, 2015** we will hold a BBQ for 6th graders from 5-8 pm. During this event, you and your student will have the opportunity to purchase and receive PE Uniforms, purchase a yearbook, pay class fees, gather bus information (if your student rides), receive your student's schedule and locker combination and much more.

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, drop off address and your signature. 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 after school in the Office.

CAFETERIA

We have 2 lunches consisting of one-half hour each. Current prices for 2015-2016 (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 chips, cookies, ice cream, muffins and miscellaneous entrees. *Students are reminded verbally when their account is low.* At this time, the cafeteria allows one hot lunch 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 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 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 CV's website.

What are "Arena Style" conferences? All teachers will be set up in the Gym and Commons areas. There will be 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?

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

- Fees can be waived for students with financial need.

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. 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** (not your student) may bring in an original container anytime during the school year.

PARENTVUE?

Newberg School District parents will have a password-protected, online access to their student's grades, class schedule, attendance, assignments and report card grades via a **NEW** online system coming this fall. Be sure to keep checking our website for more details regarding when this system will be in place.

PARKING LOT

When dropping your student off in the morning or picking them up after school, please be aware of these guidelines:

- * Use the parking lot closest to Chehalem Drive. The parking lot closest to the school is for buses only.
- * Do NOT stop in the yellow zone
- * Drop off/pick up quickly (It helps if students have their backpacks, instruments ready to go before you stop to unload)
- * 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.

School is open and supervision provided from 7:15 am - 3:45 pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be September 18, 2015. Optional photo packages will be sent home with students a few days before picture day. Students will have their picture taken for identification purposes regardless of whether or not a purchase is made. The picture retake date will be a month or so after the original picture day. School dress code always applies including: picture day, retake day, dances and any other school-related event.

SUPPLY LIST

School Supply List will be posted on CV's website.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CV 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). Our Parent Group meets monthly, please check future communications for the dates and times of these meetings or this website...

<http://www.newberg.k12.or.us/chehalemvalley/chehalem-valley-middle-school-pto>

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. 6th Street, to receive your badge.

Volunteer Opportunities at CVMS

August

6th Grade BBQ

7th & 8th Grade Ice Cream Social

September

Picture Day

Magazine Drive

Fall and Spring

Book Fair (possibly)

June

8th Grade Celebration

Field Day

Report Card Mailing

All Year Weekly

After School Snack Shack

Classroom

Occasionally

Dances