#### How are the teachers different in Middle School than in Elementary School?

 In Middle School the teacher teaches individual Core Classes and in Middle School the students change classes each block.

#### Is there any info about Dance Team you can tell us?

 The information about Dance Teams will come directly from the Dance teacher when the school year begins. Dance Team is an extracurricular activity.

# How many hours after school are involved with Band and Arts Educational wheel performance practices?

• This varies depending on the performance and production there are approximately three concerts a year which require evening performances.

#### Will there be Open House before Middle School starts?

Yes, dates will be published in June.

#### When will we find out about our child's schedule/classes/teachers?

August 25 schedules will be provided.

#### Will students start the day in Home Rooms or directly to their first class?

• On August 25<sup>th</sup> students report to Homeroom first. Moving forward students will report to first block as stated on their schedule.

### Do Immersion students get to select another language to study?

• It is our goal for students to take additional language classes; however, how it fits in their schedule depends on other required courses.

## Is Theatre/Performing Arts an option for 6th graders?

• Yes, however, it's the most popular electives and fills up quickly. This is why turning in the Registration Card promptly is important. The selection of the Arts Education Wheel will allow students an opportunity to be exposed to Art History, Theatre, and Dance.

ARTS EDUCATION WHEEL (S) Students rotate through art, music, dance, and/or theatre. This course is designed to introduce students to the arts electives in middle school.

# Will students who go through Honors Math be on target to complete Math 1 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

• Students are reevaluated every year for Math and Language Arts placement.

## As a 6<sup>th</sup> graders will the students be able to attend or utilize the ASEP?

Yes, contact ASEP coordinator Ms. Moore at 980-343-5815.

#### When will we find out if our child is in 6th grade Honors?

• August 25th

#### How is assignments/placement to Honors classes determined?

Through teacher recommendation, final grade in class, MAP test score, Accuplacer test, & EOG score.

#### Can I turn in form on Monday, April 7th?

Yes April the 7<sup>th</sup> is fine.

#### Are there text books for any of the classes?

Yes, Math & Language Arts have text books and Social Studies and Science are online

#### If there are books, can these be purchased to have a home copy?

No, books are signed out to the students to take home.

#### Is there TD in Middle School?

• Yes, however, not modeled like Elementary School. In MS it is integrated within the classroom.

#### How much English instruction will there be versus Language Immersion?

• 50% is in English and 50% is in the Immersion language

#### What Sports teams are available for Boys'?

• None in 6<sup>th</sup> grade

#### When are tryouts and what are are grade limits and age limits?

- Available to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders only
- · Cross Country, Track and Field, Soccer, Football, Golf, Baseball

# The Athletic qualifications process will be posted prior to tryouts and all information can be found on the Course guide link on my Wiki.

#### What is Visual Arts?

• This course builds upon students' individual skills in visual arts. The focus is on applying elements and principals of design to interpret the environment, to elaborate on an idea, and to use as a means of communication. Students use creative and critical thinking skills as they study the purpose and function of art, the history of art, and the impact of art in cultures.

# How is the central bus pick up site determined with those students in another area?

- The Transportation Department of CMS directs the sites and Ms. Lisa Pianka will be the point of contact for 2014-2015 school year.
- Magnet shuttle bus transportation service. Magnet student pick-up and dropoff locations and times at identified CMS sites will be designated by CMS Transportation for students attending these schools.

### Define World Language Reading?

The World Language Reading program is designed to enhance Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Reading Fluency, including Oral Reading Skills, Vocabulary Development, and Reading Comprehension Strategies in your child's Immersion Language.

#### What is MAP testing?

 MAP Testing will take place for all students. MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth.

During the Orientation process of Open House for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders the Orientation process will cover topics such as dress code procedures, classroom transition times, the student code of conduct policy, etc.