

# J. F. Drake Middle School

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Greetings rising sixth grade families!

It is my hope that this email finds you healthy and happy as you conclude your experiences in fifth grade. At Drake Middle School, we are focused on finishing our last couple of weeks of learning and experiencing our traditional end-of-year celebration activities.

Most importantly, we are looking forward to welcoming your child to the Drake Middle School family in a few months. Please take a moment to review the information below regarding school supply kit information and important information regarding team placement emails and Camp Drake orientation events.

## **School Supply Kit Orders**

We are offering the convenience of a school supply kit in hopes of saving our families time and money. The supply kit is customized by the teachers at Drake Middle School and includes the exact items required for next year. If you have questions, please contact Josie Wetherbee at 334-887-1940 or by email at [jsbwetherbee@auburnschools.org](mailto:jsbwetherbee@auburnschools.org).

**Order Online:** <https://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks/>

**School ID:** DRA029

**Dates:** Online ordering is open now (\$75 per kit) and will close on Monday, May 30th. Late orders (\$80 per kit) will close on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Pickup:** Supply kits will be available for pick-up at Camp Drake in July and Meet The Teacher Open House in early August.

## **Team Placement Letters**

Team placement letters will be *emailed* on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> by 6:00 p.m. We will email information to the address you provided upon registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **Camp Drake Summer Orientation**

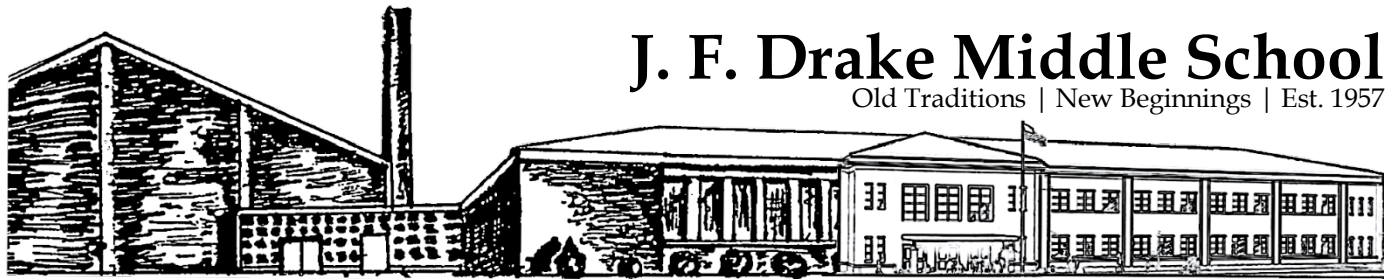
Each year we host a summer orientation program designed to familiarize your family with Drake Middle School procedures and provide a smooth transition to middle school. Please save the date for the following:

**Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pumas 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and Leopards 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Panthers 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and Tigers 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** – Cosmic Cats 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Lions 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (new team for 2022-2023)



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If your family is unable to attend Camp Drake, a video of the parent session and a copy of the PowerPoint will be available on the school website by Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Parents may attend even if students are unable to attend due to other commitments.

The following topics are covered in the parent orientation session:

Daily Schedule  
Teaming Concept and Structure  
Arrival, Dismissal, and Transportation  
Discipline Procedures and Positive Behavior Program  
Success Tips  
Dress Code  
Safety  
Clubs and Activities  
Adolescent Development and Challenges

## **Open House/Meet The Teacher**

If you are unable to attend Camp Drake or if you would like another opportunity to see classrooms and meet teachers, join us for Meet The Teacher on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. More information about specific team times will be forthcoming toward the end of the summer.

## **Communication**

Please consider following our various communication platforms to stay updated on upcoming events, dates, and school related information.

DMS Website: [www.auburnschools.org/drake](http://www.auburnschools.org/drake)

PTO Facebook: Drake Middle School PTO 2022-2023

Twitter: @PrincipalDMS and @jfdrakemiddle

Instagram: @jfdrakemiddleschool

We wish you the blessings of health and happiness as you complete your experiences in elementary school. We are thrilled to welcome you to the Drake Middle School family and we look forward with excitement to a wonderful school year to come.

Best regards,

Sarah Armstrong  
Principal  
J. F. Drake Middle School