

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 2024-2025

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.

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

School ID: DRA029

Dates: Online ordering is open now through May 21st for \$45.00 per kit. Kits may be purchased between May 22nd and June 16th for \$50.00. Kits will not be available for purchase after June 16th.

Pickup: Supply kits will be available for pick-up at each Camp Drake orientation experience on July 24th and 25th and Meet The Teacher on Tuesday, August 6th.

Team Placement Letters

Team placement letters will be *emailed* on Friday, June 21st by 5:00 p.m. This letter will also include information about ordering team merchandise and Drake T-shirts for next year. We will email information to the email address you provided upon registration for the 2024-2025 school year.

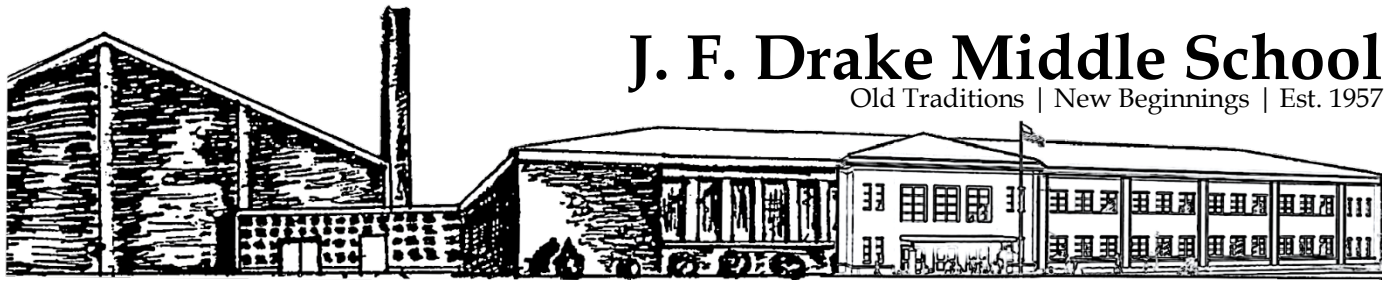
Camp Drake Summer Orientation

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:

Wednesday, July 24th –Tigers and Pumas 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25th –Leopards and Cosmic Cats 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 25th – Panthers and Lions 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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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 26th. 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 Tuesday, August 6th between 8:45 a.m. – 11:15 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

DMS PTO Facebook 2024-2025: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/drakepto2425>

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
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