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March 3, 2017

Dear Parents of Fifth Graders,

Soon your son or daughter will be entering a new school, working with new teachers, changing from class to class, and meeting and interacting with new friends from Schalm and Kenwood. Entering middle school is truly one of the most exciting landmarks of your child's life. As children grow and mature, they become ready to learn in new ways, have more freedom, and, of course, more responsibility. As part of our transition activities, our counselor, Amy Reaume, will visit fifth grade classrooms with CMS students to discuss life at Clawson Middle School, and to answer questions and address any concerns students may have.

To help familiarize you with Clawson Middle School, we cordially invite 5th grade students and parents to the Parent-Child CMS Orientation on Wednesday, March 22nd. The program will be as follows:

- After school is dismissed at Schalm and Kenwood, **students will walk on their own or with their parents to or be dropped off by parents at the middle school** to arrive for the program beginning by **3:45**.
- The orientation **for students only** will begin in the middle school cafeteria, where they will be welcomed and then divided into groups led by National Junior Honor Society, Student Council and SADD members.
- In their groups, fifth graders will visit classrooms, learn about becoming a 6th grader at CMS, practice opening combination locks, have a snack, and take a tour of the building.
- **Parents should plan to arrive in the high school auditorium by 5:00**. Your child will join you for the parent and child portion of the orientation.
- Upon completion of the program your child can take you on a tour of the building.

At orientation, you will receive class selection information for your child's elective classes to fill out and return by March 30th. Over the summer we will be creating our school schedule based on student choices and teacher availability. In August you will receive a packet containing the school calendar, activities for Clawson Public Schools, and additional useful information. Also included will be a letter detailing the **fall orientation for 6th graders on Monday, August 28th**, where students will have another opportunity to become more familiar with Clawson Middle School. At this time they will be walking through their schedules, practicing locker combinations, getting their school picture taken and receiving helpful information on being successful in middle and high school.

We are confident that your child will feel more comfortable with the middle school as a result of these transition activities. We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions that you may have. Of course, in the event you have a scheduling conflict, please feel free to send your child with a friend, or come yourselves to the parent portion of the program, beginning at 5 P.M. Please put this important date on your calendar—**Wednesday, March 22nd, for Parent-Child CMS Orientation Night**. If you have further questions regarding this event, please call Dr. Schihl at 655-4250, or Mrs. Reaume at 655-4255.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam K. Schihl
Principal

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Parent-Child CMS Orientation
Wednesday, March 22nd

Students will walk on their own or with their parents to or be dropped off by parents at Clawson Middle School.

Permission slip due by Wednesday, March 15th.

Please return this permission slip to your teacher
or
Mail, fax, email or drop-off at:

Clawson Middle School
Attn: C. Benaglio
150 John M Street
Clawson, MI 48017
Ph: 248.655.4255
Fax: 248.655.4251
Cathy.Benaglio@clawsonschools.org

We are looking forward to seeing you at Parent-Child CMS Orientation on Wednesday, March 22nd: **5th graders at 3:45 PM & parents at 5:00 PM.** **Students will walk on their own or with their parents to or be dropped off by parents at Clawson Middle School.**

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in Parent-Child CMS orientation. It is my understanding that the school district personnel in charge will take all normal precautions to insure the safety of my child.

In the event of a serious accident, injury, or medical condition, and I am unable to be reached, I authorize school personnel to call 911 to treat and/or transport my child to the nearest emergency facility where he/she may be treated by a licensed physician until I may be reached. I will not hold Clawson Public Schools responsible for any expenses incurred.

Please list any food allergies, health conditions, or restrictions we need to be aware of:

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Phone number where I may be reached during orientation: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____