

# Letter to 8th Grade Parents

July 11, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

I would like to welcome you and your child to Floyd County High School. As summer quickly passes, I wanted to share some general information that will assist in the transition to high school.

## **Open House**

On Monday, August 7, 2017, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., an open house is scheduled at the high school in which all students, parents and community members are invited to tour the school and meet the faculty and staff.

A packet of information/forms will be available in your child's homeroom. Please use this opportunity to update your demographic and emergency contact information, as well as complete forms that are required of each parent/student. If you are unable to attend open house, your child will receive this packet on the first day of school. Please make every effort to return the required forms in a timely manner. If you have recently had changes in your address or phone number(s), please contact the school by calling (540)745-9450.

## **Eighth Grade Orientation**

An orientation is scheduled at the high school on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, for all rising eighth grade students and parents from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This will be a valuable time for students and parents to become more familiar with the high school environment as they walk through their schedules, meet with their teachers, and ask any questions they may have. Parents may drive students or students may be transported from the elementary schools as follows:

- Bus will leave from Indian Valley Elementary at 11:45 a.m. and return at 3:45 p.m.
- Bus will leave from Willis Elementary at Noon and return at 3:30 p.m.
- Bus will leave from Check Elementary at Noon and return at 3:30 p.m.

## **Student Schedules**

Student schedules will be available Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. We encourage you to access and print your child's schedule by way of the Parent Portal which will help to eliminate long lines here at school. Otherwise, if you need to visit with us and physically pick up the schedule, schedules will be accessible through the guidance department located down the hall from the main office. Guidance office hours in August will be 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. The last date to drop or add a class is Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **School Schedule**

The first day of classes for students will be on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Their first class will begin at 8:15 a.m. and their last class will end at 3:17 p.m.

## **School Supplies**

While each teacher may ask for specific supplies in their class once school begins, some general supplies all students should have on the first day of school include a notebook with paper and a pen or pencil.

## **Transportation**

Please be aware that bus schedules for high school students may be different from those at the elementary schools. If you are unsure of the bus number or numbers your child will ride, please call the Transportation Department at 745-9427. **Please do this prior to the first day of school** and share the information with your child.

## **Meal Prices**

The following is a list of meal prices. All parents are encouraged to complete and return the free or reduced lunch application that will be included with the homeroom packet. Also, maintaining a positive balance on your students lunch account allows our lunches to be served more quickly and efficiently.

Breakfast: .80¢	Reduced Breakfast: .30¢
Lunch: \$2.35	Reduced Lunch: .40¢

## **Student Handbook**

Your child will be receiving a student handbook at open house or on the first day of school. This handbook contains IMPORTANT INFORMATION to assist you and your child throughout the school year. Please take the time to go over this with your student.

## **Student Pick Up and Drop-Off**

Should you decide to drop off your child in the morning and/or pick them up in the afternoon following school, we would ask that you **DO NOT** use the main parking lot near the school's front entrance or the area behind the school near the cafeteria and band building. Please use the lower vocational parking lot to drop off students at the career and technical building between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m., which is when the tardy bell rings. You may pick up your child in the same location after school ends at 3:17 p.m.

## **Athletics/Activities**

Below is the schedule for athletics/activities. These include: Band Camp, Football, Volleyball, Golf, Cross Country and Cheerleading. Each participant, for athletics, must have a current physical on file and proof of insurance before participating in athletic tryouts/practice. Copies of the Virginia High School League physical form can be picked up in the main office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. You may also download the form from the VHSL website at:

<http://www.vhsl.org/doc/upload/adm-form-physical-2013-14.pdf>.

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the high school main office by calling 745-9450. All of us at Floyd County High School are looking forward to meeting with you and working toward a successful high school career for your child.

Sincerely,  
Barry A. Hollandsworth  
Principal

- **Band Camp** --- July 17<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> (For those who have registered)
- **MS Football** – July 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am      **\*\*Contact coach if you can't be there the first day\*\***
- **MS Volleyball** – July 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 am and 12:30 pm
- **MS Golf** – July 31<sup>st</sup> – Noon (Great Oaks Country Club)
- **Cross Country** – July 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Lobby)
- **8<sup>th</sup> Cheerleading** – July 31<sup>st</sup> – 3:30 – 6:00 (FES)