Good Afternoon Rising 6th and 7th grade Parents!

We are so very excited about progressing to our second year at University Middle and we are so excited that you will be either returning or joining us for the first time. Below you will hopefully find answers to all of your questions. If you have any other questions, please contact Mrs. Weems at mshrdwms@memphis.edu.

**Immunizations:** ALL SEVENTH GRADE AND NEW, FIRST-TIME SCS STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS. You may visit a personal physician, make an appointment at one of our SCS Student Health Clinics by calling (901) 728-5858 Monday-Friday or you may also visit one of the locations attached. Click here for additional resources. Please note services are by appointment only. Please scan all documents to Mrs. Weems asap.

**Student Orientation:**
Due to the closure of U of M during the month of June, we have rescheduled student orientation to the first week of school. Student orientation for 6th and 7th graders will be in collaboration with Bridges. The orientation will introduce students to each other, teachers, and the University Middle culture. The orientation will take place at East High School.

**Open House:**
We will have a virtual Open House this summer brought to you by the U Middle Student Ambassadors. The link will be emailed to you. Information about our in-person open house will be emailed out later in the summer as we know more about the school reentry policies.

**Surveys:**
To help grow our music program and align electives to student interest, we need to know about your abilities and interests. In 2020-21, we will offer semester-long and year-long electives. One of our new electives is Facing History, which will help students better understand the complexity of our current please complete the following survey so that you may be placed in electives that most closely fit your requests and their availability:

https://forms.gle/hGrFXQS7c5UteDEYA

As we continue to grow our athletic program, we need to know about yours and your student’s interests. If
you did not complete the athletic interests survey earlier in the year, please do so now:

https://forms.gle/7rYvwTfEjJPknsdA

**Summer Assignments**: Please see the link below to find your student’s summer assignments. Please email the teachers if you have any questions. All summer assignments will be due when students return from summer break (please see individual due dates within each assignment). They will be graded and entered in grade books for the first nine weeks grade.

https://www.memphis.edu/middleschool/students/index.php

**School Supplies**: Please find the links to 6th and 7th grade school supplies below. Students should not bring all their supplies on the first day; students should bring paper and pencil on the first day. Students will bring supplies as directed by teachers. Please see the attached list of general supplies that should be turned into the office.

https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/connect/?id=1178656

**Summer Activities**: The University Middle Parent Network (UMPN) is working diligently, as always, to develop summer activities for the students similar to last year although some may have to be modified based on the local recommendations for physical distancing. UMPN will notify you as soon as the opportunities are in place.

**YMCA Before and Aftercare**: In mid-July, we will send a link to sign up for before and aftercare provided through the YMCA. Before care will start at 6:30 and aftercare will end at 6 pm.

**Rising 7th Graders ONLY**: Do you love math? If so, you may be interested in taking Algebra I for high school credit? Please complete the attached application, parent letter, and return to mshrdwms@memphis.edu.

Please keep the following things in mind prior to completing the application: in selecting potential students for Algebra I, we will consider all the following criteria:

- Student’s mathematics grades from the current school year (grades of **93 and above** strongly recommended),
- Teacher recommendations (including the current mathematics teacher),
- Standardized test scores (District Assessments, TNReady, etc.),
- Placement test scores, and
- Parental Consent, with the understanding that their child will be required to enroll in a mathematics course each year while in high school. Also, if your child is not making adequate progress during quarter one, he or she will be placed in their grade-level mathematics class.

**World Language (Spanish Level 1)**

Please see the attached documents for completion if your student is interested in taking Spanish Level one.

Please note that to earn credit for the Level 1 course your student will have to pass the end-of-year exam and the STAMP. Both assessments determine whether or not the student learned enough to move to level 2.

**Camps:**
Thank you for your patience with the challenges brought on by COVID-19. As we solidify plans for reentry into school, we will update you.

Sincerely,
James L. Smith
Executive Director
University Middle School