

R.J. Murray Middle School

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Dear Murray Bulldog Parent:

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We are truly excited about the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Our team is preparing an amazing school year for your child at R. J. Murray Middle School. Beginning Tuesday, July 17th at 5:00 PM, you will be able to access your child's class schedule using your child's HAC account. If you are unable to view the schedule, you can come to the school to request a copy on Wednesday, July 18th. You will not be able to access your schedule if your child's immunization form is not on file. If you have concerns after reviewing your child's schedule, the times listed below are available for you to come to the school to discuss them. Please note this is not an open house; this is an opportunity to discuss scheduling concerns prior to the school year starting. Course change forms will also be available. Our intent is to have your child's schedule correct for the first day of school.

Or you can **skip the line** and email, Ms. Cooper at Lindsey.Cooper@stjohns.k12.fl.us by Friday, July 20th.

8th Grade Wednesday July 18th

Last names A-M 8:30-11:30

Last Names N-Z 12:30-3:00

7th Grade Thursday July 19th

Last names A-M 8:30-11:30

Last Names N-Z 12:30-3:00

6th Grade Friday, July 20th

Last names A-M 8:30-11:30

Last Names N-Z 12:30-3:00

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Please take some time to visit our school's website to review our **dress code** and **school supply lists**. Many of you will be heading out to shop for new school clothes and supplies and we want to make sure you have good information to make sure you are a "smart shopper." At Murray we "**Dress for Success!**"

7th Grade **Immunization Form 680** must be turned in to the front office in order to receive your child's schedule. This form is available through your child's physician or at the Health Department. Avoid the lines during Open House and drop completed forms of at Murray, Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Your child's first class begins promptly at 7:50 AM. Students may access the building at 7:25 AM. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following important dates. We especially encourage you to attend your child's **Curriculum Night**. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to create a positive relationship with your child's teachers to learn strategies to support your child's success at R.J. Murray.

IMPORTANT DATES

AVID Blitz

Open House 6th Grade

Open House 7th & 8th Grade

First Day of School

Book Fair Nights

Thursday, August 2nd

Wednesday, August 8th

Thursday, August 9th

Friday, August 10th

August 27th – 30th

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

7:50 AM - 2:05 PM

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Curriculum Nights

8 th Grade Teams	Monday, August 27 th	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM
7 th Grade Teams	Wednesday, August 29 th	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM
6 th Grade Teams	Thursday, August 30 th	6:00 PM- 7:30 PM

As we prepare for an exciting new year, you may have already noticed the new paint and fence line occurring on the outside which will be finished and looking great for the start of the school year. We are also making enhancements to the inside of our school. In order to better unify our school culture, we will be moving to grade level hallways for next year. The hallways will be as follows:

Princeton Place (A-Hall)	7 th grade	Brown Blvd. (B-Hall)	6 th grade
Columbia Ct. (C-Hall)	6 th grade	Dartmouth Dr. (D-Hall)	8 th grade

Our amazing faculty, staff and students will all benefit from this new structure and positive environment! What does this mean? Simply put, we are physically moving classrooms so that all students in each grade will be on the same halls and teachers in each grade level will easily be able to communicate and work together as a team to benefit all students. However, students will continue to be scheduled appropriately into standard or Cambridge courses. We have done a tremendous job to ensure your child is scheduled into the appropriate class that will provide academic rigor in a challenging and creative learning environment.

To provide enhanced academic support, students scoring below grade level proficiency (Level 1 or 2) on the Florida State Assessment will be enrolled in a 45-minute alternating day Reading and/or Math class. By providing this additional class, students will receive additional tutoring, study skills, time management and instruction by a certified teacher to help ensure success in his/her ELA or Math course. Students scoring a level 3 or higher on the FSA Reading and/or Math Exam, will not be enrolled in the additional 45-minute course.

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty, we look forward to an outstanding year at R.J. Murray Middle School. Please be sure to visit our school website for any additional information as we approach the first day of school.

Go Bulldogs!!