

# CHAMBERLAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Chamberlain Middle School Fall Preview

Chamberlain Middle school wants to welcome everyone back to the 2017-18 school year! We hope you have had a relaxing and joyful summer. A great deal of progress was made in the 2016-17 school year. Students, faculty, and community members were asked to do more than ever before.

We welcome our new 6th graders to the building. Middle school is a time of change. The workload and social adjustments are greater here than at the elementary level. Your year will be exciting and filled with many new opportunities. We hope it will be your most successful year ever.

Our daily class schedule has changed this year. Previously, CMS has worked on a traditional 7 period day. This year we have gone to 6 periods. All classes will now be 60 minutes long. We will operate on 3 different lunch schedules, so all students will eat with their own grade level. Students will have more time for intervention and teachers will have more time for instruction.

CMS will also begin at 7:25am and dismiss at 2:10pm. We made this 5 minute move to reduce the time the HS and MS dismissed. Buses can now get to their PM routes sooner and more time efficient.

We are very excited to offer our S.T.E.M. course to 7<sup>th</sup> graders this year. Last year's eighth grade class benefitted from different hands-on assignments that provided the ability for students to learn in a variety of ways. S.T.E.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The vision for the course includes a hands-on, inquiry based curriculum, real world problem solving and application, along with collaborative and independent learning. Throughout the semester, students will enhance their critical thinking skills to form new ideas and create innovative solutions as they use the engineering design process to solve engaging project based tasks.

We will continue to increase our technology needs at CMS. We now have a portable Chromebook Lab for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade rooms. We are currently over 240 computers and Chromebook's at CMS. Our building has WiFi throughout the building to provide students the ability to research and explore different websites and programs. Most programs such as: Digits, Learning.com, Vocabulary.com, Boardworks, and NEWSELA are web based resources that will require students to explore the internet.

As you can see, we look forward to the upcoming school year. For informational dates, fees, athletic issues, etc..... Please go to our website [www.carlisleindians.org](http://www.carlisleindians.org) . Go to Chamberlain Middle School and then to "Parent Information" on the main screen. This will give you all the dates and information you will need for the upcoming year.

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