

# WELCOME TO UNION VALE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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**The Home of the Rays**

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**Welcome**  
**Arlington High School**  
**Class of 2027**

# **WE ARE HERE TO HELP**

**Mr. Scott Wood**

**Principal**



**Mr. Paul Hackett**

**Associate Principal**

**Mrs. Lisa Roloson**

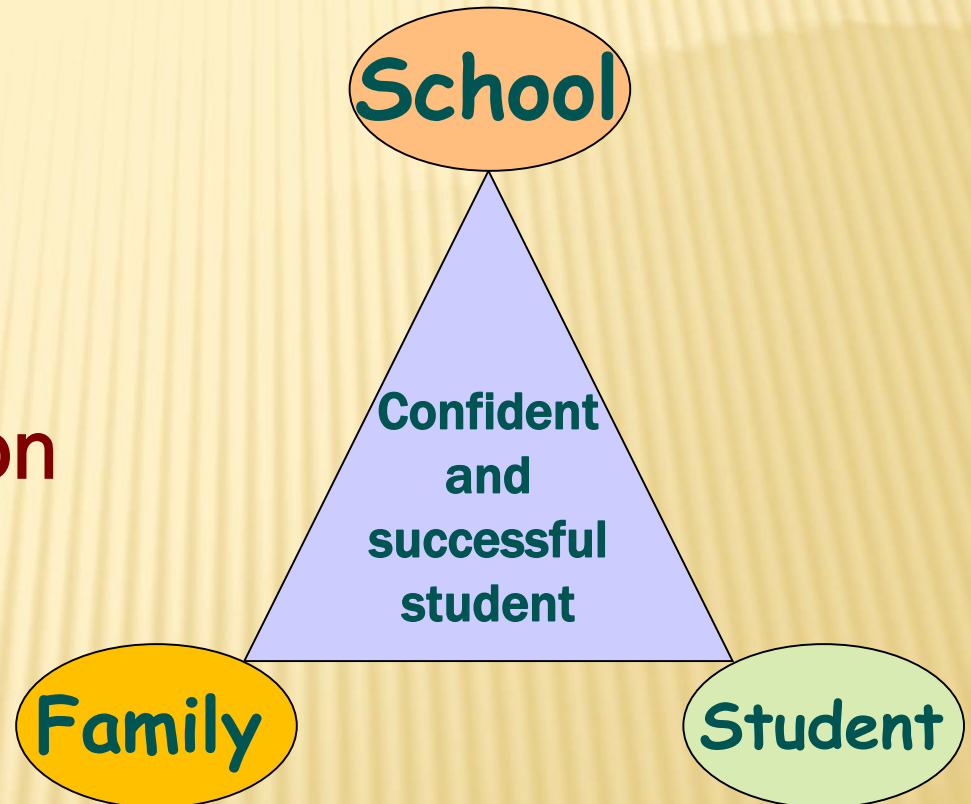
**Assistant Principal**

# A CRUCIAL AGE

- ❖ The Whole Student and developmental stages
- ❖ Time of Transition
- ❖ Exploratory Courses

## Parents

- ❖ Partners in Education
- ❖ Be Engaged
- ❖ The Team Approach
- ❖ Please Join our PTA
  - Tremendous support to our school programs & our students



# WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

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- ❖ **Be involved. Keep your child involved. Ask questions. Stay connected.**
  - **Kids often begin to pull away during middle school.**
  - **This is when they need you the most, just in a different way. Mistakes are ok!!**
- ❖ **Check your child's planner every night or Google Classroom and teacher/team pages**
- ❖ **When in doubt, contact the teacher**

# COMMON QUESTIONS FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

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- ❖ What if we're late?
- ❖ What if I forget my locker combination?
- ❖ What if I get lost?
- ❖ What if I can't find my locker?
- ❖ Do we need cell phones?
- ❖ Is there a lot of homework?
- ❖ What if I don't do my homework?
- ❖ What if I get detention?
- ❖ Does the work get harder?

# ACADEMIC PROGRAM – TEAMING

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- ❖ **Academic Core Courses -  
Grade 6 Teamed Teachers**
  - ❖ **English—Double Block**
  - ❖ **Social Studies**
  - ❖ **Mathematics**
  - ❖ **Science**
  - ❖ **Special Education**

# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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- ❖ Physical Education – Alt days, all year
- ❖ Home/Career Skills – 1 semester in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ❖ Art - 1 semester in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ❖ Music – Full year, every day or Alt days
- ❖ Computers – Full year, Alt days
- ❖ Individual programs as needed



# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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- ❖ **Academic Interventions—  
Part of Master Schedule**
- ❖ **Math and Learning Lab**
- ❖ **Lunch/recess, all years**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS CHANGED

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# THE BIGGEST CHANGE

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# SUPPORTS

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## ❖ Counseling

- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor – Ms. Marisa Pugliese
- ❖ Psychologists – Ms. Rosanne Strouth and Ms. Erika Fuller
- ❖ Social Worker – Ms. Kerrie Hart

## ❖ Librarian—Mrs. Sprague-Hicks

- ❖ Students can/will use the library during study hall, lunch, after-school and with many teachers in various subjects

## ❖ Nurses

- ❖ Mrs. Martyn and Ms. Shao

# HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

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- ❖ **Web Pages**
- ❖ **5 week postings**
- ❖ **SchoolTool/Parent Portal**
- ❖ **SchoolMessenger-Emails and Attachments-Our preferred method**
- ❖ **Meetings, Team and Individual Teachers**
- ❖ **Phone Calls**

# SCHOOL SAFETY

## ❖ Prevention and Response

- Drills, SROs, Grace Smith House, Arlington Resources

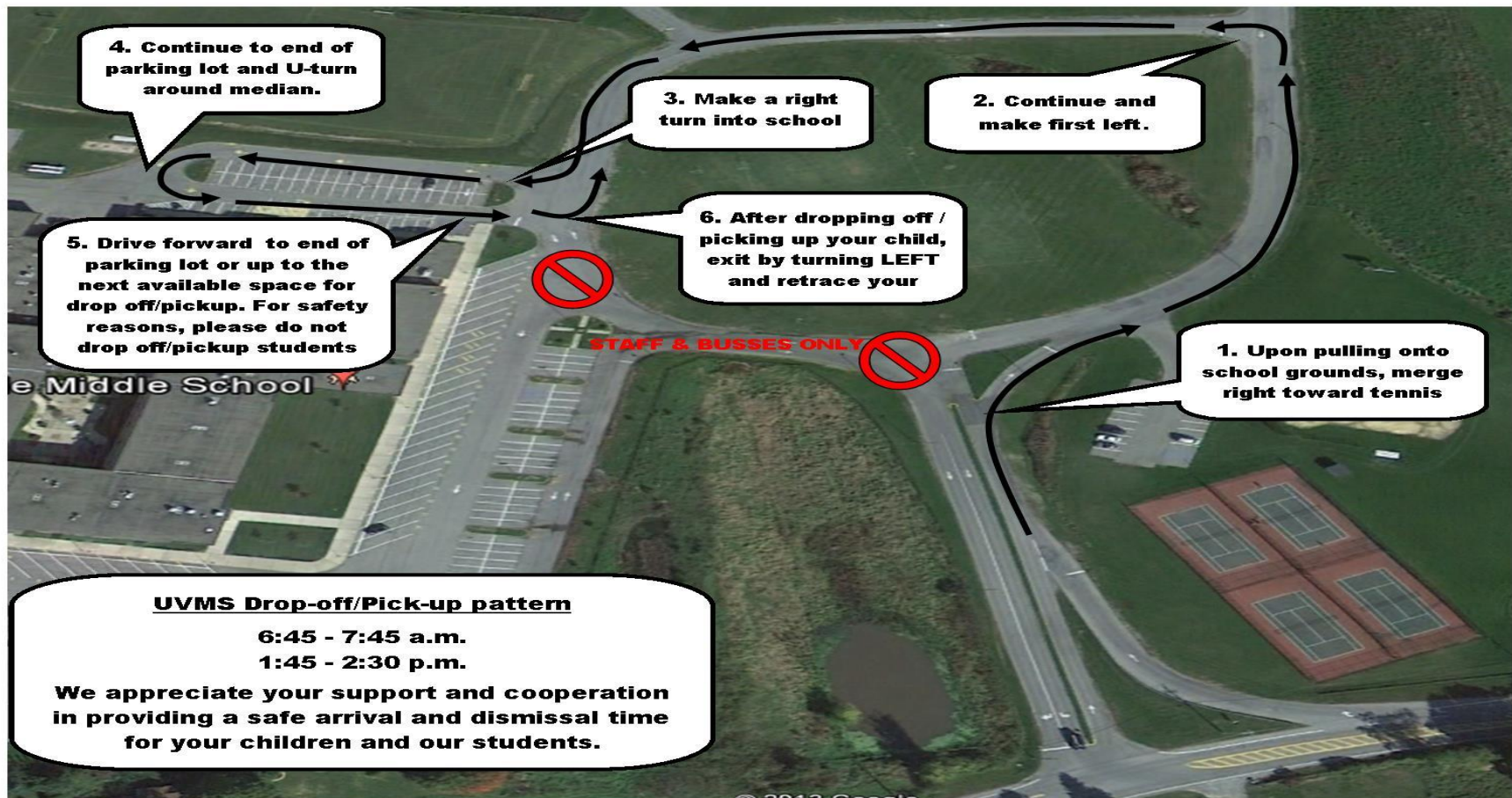
# TRANSPORTATION

- ❖ Bus rules
- ❖ No Late busses
  - ❖ As of now



# TRAFFIC

- ❖ Traffic will make your child late—We insist on these protocols



# AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES—ALL TBD

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- ❖ Be involved
- ❖ School clubs—TBD
- ❖ Intramurals—TBD
- ❖ Interscholastic sports for grades 7 and 8
- ❖ Activity brochure is on our website for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to see



# STUDENT PLANNER AND LOCKERS

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- ❖ Supplies-TBD
- ❖ Student Planners
- ❖ **Lockers—*Not for the present time***
- ❖ We are hoping to have the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders in prior to “all” coming back in for transition days.
- ❖ Either way, they will be given “transition” time.

**THANK YOU!**

**Please Arrive Home Safely**

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