



UNION VALE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Home of the Rays
August 29, 2018

Hello again Parents and RAYS!!

Reminder: The first day of school for all students is **Thursday, September 6, 2018**, an "A" day. Here is additional information as the summer comes to a close.

Our Attendance window is now in the Main Lobby. Parents will no longer have to go into the halls to pick up children.

Emergency Early Dismissal - Parents are reminded to make emergency dismissal plans with their children. Please do not wait until winter. The school district will announce an emergency dismissal via "SchoolMessenger" system and local radio stations.

Opening day reminders:

- Students who play a **musical instrument** DO NOT have to bring their instrument on the first day of school.
- Printed schedules will be given to students during first period. There may be some study hall and room changes that have been necessary to make. Students will use those updated schedules.
- There has been a change to Ms. Mejias's room number. Her two ELA classes will now be in Room 119. This will be reflected on new schedules given out the first day. Her LAS class is still in Room 101.
- Students should bring only one notebook as a supply on the first day in their bookbags. Students, bring **two combination locks** with you. Hallway lockers will be assigned during your 9th period class; gym lockers will be assigned in PE class. Combination school locks may be purchased in the main office; the cost is \$4.00 each or a set of two with the same combination is \$8.00.

Open House: Thursday, September 20, 2018 – There will be two sessions. The afternoon session will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. and end at 2:01 p.m. The evening session will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:01 p.m. We will follow an "A" day schedule through class periods 1 to 9. Each period will meet for approximately eight (8) minutes. **All students will be dismissed at 10 a.m. that day.**

Student Drop-off/Pick-up location: For safety reasons, we insist during the morning (6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.) and afternoon (1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) ALL non-staff approach the school from the far north driveway which connects the middle school to Vail Farm Elementary School. Please see our website for a map to show the traffic routes during drop-off/pick-up. The map can be found under the "Parents" drop-down menu as well as on the front page of the site.

Intramurals: Students should listen to morning announcements for reporting dates and times for intramurals. Intramurals are open to all grades. The school web page posts our daily bulletin which will have up-to-date information regarding all after school activities for that day. After school, clubs and intramurals will be offered **Monday-Thursday**. These activities will end at approximately 3:15 p.m. and the late busses will leave at 3:30 p.m.

Sports Busses will be available on **Wednesday - Friday** and depart at 4:15 p.m. Practices that occur on Monday and Tuesday may end at 3:25 p.m. or require parent pick up. Late bus drop off locations are **NOT** the same as the 2:20 p.m. dismissal run. Copies of the late bus routes are posted in the school's main lobby, or you can call the district transportation office (486-4955) for information. **There will be no 3:30 p.m. late busses on Friday, only a 4:15 bus for students playing on a sports team.**

Finally, please consider joining our PTA. They do a wonderful job of supporting our students throughout the year.

I look forward to an enjoyable **2018-2019** school year for all members of the Union Vale Middle School community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Wood".

Scott Wood
Principal

The Arlington Central School District mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community, and lead passionate, purposeful lives.