



UNION VALE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Home of the Rays
August 13, 2018

Dear Parents and Students:

The start of a new school year is soon to arrive. We are eager to see all of our students and to get the new school year started.

Our custodial crew, guidance staff, and secretaries have worked incredibly hard this summer to make sure our building is ready for the new year. The first day of school for all students is **Thursday, September 6, 2018**, an "A" day.

Here is some important information as the summer begins to wind down.

Arlington is no longer mailing home schedules and summer packets for middle school students. This is the first electronic communication you are receiving to replace the summer mailing. **Student schedules will be available on the SchoolTool Parent Portal on Friday, August 17th**. If you have signed up but are having trouble accessing the Portal, please contact the help desk at parentportal@acsdny.org. If you have not yet signed up for the Portal, you must sign up in person at your child's school. For registration forms and information, visit the Arlington website at www.arlingtonschools.org.

SCHEDULES - Scheduling questions and/or concerns are to be directed to your child's **Guidance Counselor at 223-8612**.
Please note: Team, teacher, and lunch period change requests will not be considered.

<p>Grade 6 – Mr. Gaetani (A-Dil), Ms. Pugliese (Dim-Kara), Ms. Nolan-Dolce (Karb-Pet), and Ms. Hertzog (Peu-Z) Grade 7 – Ms. Pugliese (A-Lie) and Ms. Nolan-Dolce (Lif-Z) Grade 8 - Mr. Gaetani (A-Lep) and Ms. Hertzog (Leq-Z)</p>
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Walk-through dates – UVMS will be open for **6th grade students and students new to the building as well as their parents** to walk-through during the following dates and times: **8/23 (10 am - 1 pm) and 8/28 (11 am - 1 pm and 4 pm - 6 pm)**. Students should become familiar with the building layout, see where classes and offices are located and hopefully alleviate some first day anxiety. **Walk-throughs are primarily for 6th graders and students new to the building**. Combination school locks may be purchased during this time in the main office; the cost is \$4.00 each or a set of two with the same combination is \$8.00. While here, we ask that parents strongly consider joining our PTA and SEPTA. These two organizations do outstanding work in supporting our students, your children.

7th GRADE PHYSICAL – NYS requires a physical examination for all students entering 7th grade. **In addition, 7th graders must have the meningococcal vaccine that is required for entry. If you need an additional form, please stop by the Health Office or you may print one from the district website.**

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.

Open House: Thursday, September 20, 2018 - Parents and Guardians may attend either the afternoon session or the evening session. 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. Parents/Guardians will follow their child's "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.**

Union Vale Middle School webpage – Supply lists are posted on the webpage under the "Parents" menu.

I look forward to an enjoyable **2018-2019** school year for all members of the Union Vale Middle School community, especially your children. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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.