August 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

 I would like to welcome back all returning families as well as give a warm welcome to all families

who will be new to Colerain Middle School (CMS) this year! I hope that everyone enjoyed the

warm weather we had this summer and also had a chance to spend quality time with family and

friends. I look forward to building relationships with all of the incoming 6th grade students and

parents as well as maintain and even further develop the relationships I have with all returning

families because a strong partnership will drive your child’s success.

The CMS staff will continue with the implementation of 21st Century Skills into the classroom

with an emphasis on both technology integration and the 4 Cs (Communication, Collaboration,

Critical Thinking, Creativity). At CMS we feel that it is important to capitalize on the strengths of

each individual and use those strengths to create opportunities for students to learn at their

highest ability level. Creating activities that allow students to work as a team and problem solve

will help them not only be successful in middle school, but will also give them the necessary

skills to be successful in life.

We will also continue to align our building goals with the Making Middle Grades Work 8 Key

Practices ( https://www.sreb.org/key-practices-0 ) and will have 4 focus teams that we believe will

make a positive impact on your child’s success. Those focus teams are Project Based Learning

(PBL), Technology, Guidance & Advisory and Parent Involvement. All teachers are connected

to a focus team and each will make significant contributions throughout the year on how to

embed these practices so that our students are engaged in the learning process.

As a staff we know that a strong school climate is critical to the success of any building. This

year our entire staff will have an E + R = O (Event + Response = Outcome) approach as a way

to help maintain a positive school climate. We will research Tim Kight’s Focus 3 methods and

work as a staff to understand and implement this philosophy. I am excited to work both with

staff and students on how “Above the Line” responses can determine our outcomes.

If you ever have any questions feel free to contact me on my direct line 513-385-8490 ext. 4804

or email me at estyles@nwlsd.org . I encourage you to sign up for our parent communication

emails as well as follow us on twitter (@colerainmiddle) so you can be updated on upcoming

events and important information that relates to Colerain Middle School. Directions are posted

on the school website. We will also continue with our Parent Roundtables so that you as a

parent can be a part of the decision making process that impacts student achievement.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Styles

Principal Colerain Middle School