

# Welcome to Trottier Middle School!

What you need to know to start the school year...



**Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!**

*This newsletter is designed to prepare students and their families for a new school year. Everyone wants the start of school to be smooth and problem free, which makes us all nervous in our own way.*

*My best advice is to take it moment by moment and enjoy! Before you know it, we will be in full swing!*

*We are excited to be welcoming our students to another school year. The beginning of the year is full of activity. We will start the year with the inspiration story of Rick and Dick Hoyt, the famed Boston Marathon runners, whose commitment to each other surpasses all norms. Sponsored by SOS, Dick will be joining us to share his story on the first day of school. This will give us the opportunity to set goals and be inspired to challenge ourselves.*

*Based on the Hoyt message - we want our students to try new things and explore the opportunities that Trottier offers. From academic to extracurricular challenge, our students have an ever-changing set of opportunities in front of them. We encourage all students to try something new! It is what makes the middle school experience special.*

*For more information about Rick and Dick Hoyt, feel free to check out their website:*

*[Team Hoyt Website - Click here](#)*

## Things to think about before school starts...

### **Summer Reading -**

We will be discussing our Summer Reading Books during a group activity on Thursday, August 31st. If you are unsure of your assigned book, please email our Librarian, Mrs. Alenson, at: [aalenson@nsboro.k12.ma.us](mailto:aalenson@nsboro.k12.ma.us)

### **School Supplies -**

Many of you ordered school supplies last spring, they will be available for pick up at Trottier the week of August 21st. If you didn't pre-order school supplies, the lists can be found on the right side of the Trottier homepage.

### **Student Schedules -**

Each student will receive their schedule during the first homeroom session on Wednesday, August 30th. You will notice a change. We have changed the name of our "Focus Study" to "Academic Preparation." This change is in name only and doesn't change the expectations. Students will have a scheduled period to manage their academics. Students have the opportunity to complete assignments, study for tests/quizzes, organize their materials, and access school resources. These tasks are expected to be prioritized by the student. Students are required to come prepared with school work. We have other graduated levels of support that are administered by our guidance department and student support services, which are based on student need. More information about these tiers can be explained by our guidance department.

### **Buses -**

The bus routes are posted on our [district webpage- click here](#) under parent tab.

### **Lockers -**

Each student will receive their locker assignment during the first homeroom session on August 30th.

### **Assignment Notebooks -**

We are anticipated the Assignment Notebooks to be delivered the week of August 21st. Once they arrive, they will be available for purchase in the Trottier Office. They will also be available for purchase on the First Day of School.

### **What to bring on the First Day? -**

- You can bring your supplies to school on the 1st day. You will have access to your locker during one of the homeroom sessions.
- If you don't have the complete set of supplies --- No worries! You can bring pens/pencils and backpack.
- Money for lunch (\$2.75) - You can also bring your own lunch if you choose.
- Money for assignment notebook (\$5.00)
- Money for lock for locker (\$5.00) - **6th grade ONLY.**
- Because we have field activities, please don't wear dressy clothes to school for 1st 2 days -- appropriate, comfortable summer clothes will work. (We do have a dress code at Trottier; you can find it on our website under "Our School" - [Student Handbook](#))

### **First Day of School Forms -**

We will provide a checklist for parents and will post the documents on the Trottier website. All forms need to returned in hard copy to your son/daughter's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. A set of these documents will go home in backpacks on the first day of school.

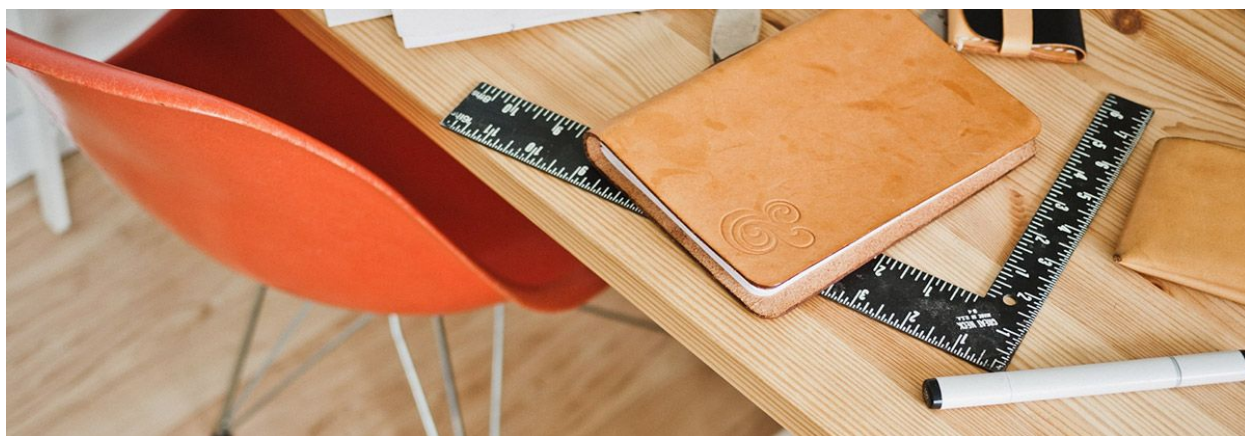
### **Trottier Traffic Pattern -**

Last June, we changed the traffic pattern for drop-off and pick-up. Collectively, the change was a success and we appreciate everyone's cooperation. This cooperation led to a much safer and smoother procedure for arrival and dismissal. More details about the traffic pattern can be found on our homepage.

### **Special Notes for our 8th graders -**

- *Curriculum Night Tour guides -*
  - We are looking for 8th graders to be hosts and tour guides for our annual parent **Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**
  - This involves being at the school from 6:00 p.m. until about 8:00 p.m., creating directional signs, helping parents find their schedules, and being in the halls to help people find classrooms.

- It's a great opportunity to get together with friends, have fun and help make our Curriculum Night successful!
- If you are interested, please call the school and leave me a voicemail message at extension 102 or e-mail me ([klavoie@nsboro.k12.ma.us](mailto:klavoie@nsboro.k12.ma.us)).
- *Opening Assembly 8th Grade Speakers* -
  - Another excellent opportunity for 8<sup>th</sup> grade leadership is speaking at our opening assembly
  - This would be a great time to speak about hopes and plans for the year, and to encourage the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to work hard, treat each other with respect, and make it a good year for themselves and for everyone else.
  - If you are interested in this opportunity, **please e-mail me by August 26<sup>th</sup>**, with a draft of what you would like to say.



## Calendar of Events

### **Open House for New Students** - Wednesday, August 23rd from 2-6pm

- This is a time to step into the building and take a “self-guided” tour. It breaks the ice and reminds students of the surroundings. It is geared towards new students or incoming 6th graders, however, it is always good for some 7th graders to pop by.

### **First Day of School** - Wednesday, August 30th

If you are taking the bus, you will be dropped off at school sometime between 7:35 and 7:55 a.m. If you are getting a ride to school or riding your bike, you should plan to arrive between those times. When you arrive at school, 6th graders will be gathering in the cafeteria. The teachers, Mr. Hreschuk, and I will be meeting the buses and helping you figure out where to go. Also, if the buses are late, don't worry -- we will wait for all of the buses to arrive before we begin.

At Trottier, we do not have regular classes on the first two days of school. Instead, we celebrate the beginning of the year with assemblies and field activities, as well as having study skills sessions and community building activities to help you learn about

the school and get ready for a great year. We will also review school procedures and other logistical details.

**Second Day of School** - Thursday, August 31st

We will have another homeroom session followed by our Summer Reading Discussion groups and then we will follow a mini-schedule with shortened periods so that students may meet most of their teachers.

**Third Day of School** - We will run a normal Friday schedule on Friday, September 1st.

**Labor Day** - Monday, September 4th - School is not in session to observe Labor Day

**Curriculum Night** - Thursday, September 7th - Dismissal at 2:25

- 6th Grade Parents ONLY - Stone Environmental Trip Orientation - Trottier Auditorium - 5:30 - 6:15
- [Curriculum Night](#) will run from 6:15 - 8:00. Detailed schedule will be emailed.
- **Parents will need to bring copy or photo of their child's schedule for Curriculum Night.**

**Early Dismissal & Picture Day** - Thursday, September 14th -

- Students will come out of their English (7th and 8th grade) and Language Arts (6th grade) classes to have picture taken. Thanks to Trottier SOS & Coffee Pond Photography!
- We will have an early dismissal on Thursday, September 14th with the Neary School.

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*Trottier Middle School is a place where people care about each other, treat each other with respect, work hard, and achieve. We are looking forward to meeting all of you and welcoming you to a new school year. You are an important part of our school, and we want to help you succeed and have an excellent year.*

*If you have comments, suggestions, or questions, please see me, Mr. Hreschuk, or one of your teachers. We're here to help you. I hope you enjoy your last couple weeks of vacation -- see you on Wednesday, August 30th!*

Sincerely,

Mr. Lavoie

