

# DRIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

At the end of the second ten weeks, Mr. Durkee sent a letter home to high school families regarding a recent concern we have seen in schools with "vaping." We feel strongly enough about educating the community and prevention for our students that we decided to send this letter home to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families as well. Please find the letter from Mr. Durkee included in this mailing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in the main office.

Also enclosed in this mailing is the permission slip for our students to attend the **Feed My Starving Children field trip** on the 22nd or 23rd of March. We have participated in this event for the last few years and it has been an amazing experience for our students. Students will be hearing more about this trip as we get closer to the date. **Permission slips are due by Friday, March 16th.**

We are asking your help with **assisting our students with the use of their Chromebooks**. Since 7th and 8th graders have been allowed to take Chromebooks home we have had an increase in damage as well as a number of students who do not remember to bring their Chromebooks back to school with them and/or charge them when necessary. We continually hope to teach students the responsibility of coming to school prepared with all their materials, including their Chromebook. Perhaps helping your child develop the routine of charging their Chromebook at night and making sure he/she has it when leaving for school in the morning would help build that habit. After February break **we will no longer be able to loan out many Chromebooks for students who forget** theirs, as our loaners are being used for Chromebooks that need to be repaired. As an alternative, students are still welcome to leave their Chromebook at school in their 8th period class instead of taking it home.

Included in this mailing is your child's **locker assignment** in the new area. Students may begin using lockers on Monday the 26th when we return from break.

Finally, as mentioned in my School Messenger robocall, we will be hosting an **open house for parents of students in grades 7 and 8 to come and tour our new classrooms**. This will be a very informal opportunity for parents to see our space. We will have refreshments in our library and welcome you to just come and take a walk through. This will take place on Monday, February 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On behalf of all the staff here at DMS, we want to **thank you and your children for your patience and flexibility** as we transitioned yet again this year. While this last move was a little bit of a whirlwind, we are glad to have it completed before February break. It is our expectation that when we return from break we can finally settle in for the remainder of the year and focus all our energy on a successful last few months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet O'Mara".

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