

January 6, 2017

Dear Future 7th Grade Parent/Guardians:

The faculty and staff of Knox Junior High would like to welcome your family to our school. We are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the spring semester course registration process. We are dedicated to making this a smooth and successful transition.

Knox will be hosting a parent night for incoming seventh graders. If this is the first time you will have a student on our campus, it would be very beneficial to have at least one parent/guardian in attendance. The meeting will give you an overview of what it is to be a Knox Knight and what to expect in order to make junior high successful. Department heads, counselors and administrators will be available to answer your questions at the end of the presentation. If you are unable to attend, the links to the presentation will be made available through the school website. Expect to be receiving updated information via email and phone throughout the spring. Keeping your email address and phone number updated through your current home campus attendance clerk will be most helpful.

We encourage you to take an active role and participate as much as possible to make informed decisions. We have planned a few informational meetings to assist you:

January 24th Incoming 7th Grade Parent Night

Audience: Parent/Guardians of future 7th graders

Time/Place: 6:00 p.m. in Gym A

Description: Information about Knox Junior High will be given. We will address academics, initial placement into core classes, activities, athletics, socialization, and a variety of additional information. School spirit wear will be available for purchase before and after the presentation.

February 2nd Elective Information Night

Audience: Seventh grade students of 2017-2018 and parents/guardians

Time/Place: 6:00 p.m. In Elective Classrooms... This is a come and go event

Description: This is an information night offered as an option where students, along with parents/guardians, can meet with Representatives of Knox Jr. High seventh grade elective classes to help aid young adults in making elective requests for 2017-2018. Elective class representatives will be available for questions in a conventional style gathering. School spirit wear will be available for purchase from the P.T.O. There will be an athletic presentation for all sports in Gym A.

Please remember as your child requests electives, eighth grade students have priority over seventh graders. Therefore, the more popular electives are filled first with eighth graders. At this point, we will use seventh graders' alternative choices in order for them to schedule. Please be aware that most seventh grade students do not receive all of the electives they request. It is important to note when students sign up for fine arts electives, which last all year (band, choir and orchestra), they are automatically placed in these classes. However, please note a tryout process occurs throughout the

spring for these courses. Fine arts placement will be announced in August at Student Orientation. It is important to note that most students will be able to take any elective course they choose by the end of eighth grade.

I highly encourage your child to be involved in one or more school organizations/activities. Research has shown that involvement in school activities, along with good attendance, are top indicators of student success and happiness on campus. Experiences and friends made in these extracurricular activities form fond memories and positive relationships which last many years. Knox Jr. High offers a wealth of clubs, fine arts, academic competitions, and athletic activities in which students are encouraged to participate. Please see our website for more information on these programs.

Once again, we welcome you to Knox Junior High and look forward to working with you over the next two years. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,

Joe Daw
Principal