

# Voyageur Middle School (VMS)



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Monday, September 25, 2017

## Principal's Message

Hello VMS Family,

The first week was, in my opinion, simply amazing! I loved seeing the scholars back at school, excited and eager to learn. Also, I was impressed that most of our scholars came in full uniform. Despite being in the middle of all of the middle school action, I was able to ask about 14 students, one by one, what they thought of their new teachers. Their words were, "I like them". Before I left Friday, an elementary teacher stopped me at the door and said, "I have been here for 8 years, and I have never seen the middle school start this strong. Our staff makes such a great team. It gives me chills just thinking about it". This was music to my ears.

Every morning, I have been having a meeting with the middle school scholars for about 6-7 minutes in the gym. During this time, I reiterate expectations and check-in with them. Honestly, these morning minutes are one of the many joys of day. With that said, at least as of now, I will continue to meet with our scholars daily.

With love,  
Will Pickens, Principal  
Voyageur Middle School

## SUPPORT LEARNING . . .

**Wanted:**  
***Middle Schoolers who enjoy school, work hard in class, and complete homework.***

How can you encourage your child to be such a student? Show you're interested in his education! Here are three ways.

1. **Build enthusiasm.** Make school a topic you discuss regularly. Ask, "What are you learning in history?" Or say, "I noticed a play on the school calendar. What's it about?" Then, follow up by watching a movie about a country he's studying or attending the play together.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, September 25

NWEA GROWTH testing continues in Math, Reading and Science.

### Friday, September 29

Scholar Noon Dismissal - 12:00 p.m.

## Mobile Manners

Tips for teens and adults . . .

1. **The person in front of you takes precedence over the person on the phone.**

That means if you are standing in line at a store and you are taking a call, you should end the call when you get to the register.

2. **Eye contact is necessary when speaking to someone.**

If you, or someone else, is talking to you it is considered rude to not make eye contact. Give the person in front of you attention.

3. **No one wants to hear your gossip or relationship issues in public.**

Keep private matters private. No one should be standing in line next to you and hear your conversation. Keep your personal conversations personal and don't have them in public places.

4. **Your phone should be on silent or vibrate when in public places.**

Go to the movies, library, or church with your volume off so as to not disturb others.



2. **Stay informed.** Keeping in touch with teachers can encourage your scholars to do well in class. Find out how you can check on your child's assignments and grades (in PowerSchool). Ask for the best way to contact each teacher (e-mail, phone, etc.).

3. **Limit technology.** Homework will be easier if your child isn't tempted by the TV, the Internet, or video games. Decide how much screen time he's allowed so it won't interfere with learning. Example: one hour on school nights and two hours a day on weekends.

*Source: L. Greene, Improving Your Child's Schoolwork*

### **Quote of the Week:**



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