6th Grade into 7th Grade Transition

Each year, Delsea Middle School receives a new group of 7th grade students into our district. The transition from elementary school to middle school can be rewarding for most but difficult for some. Here is a list of the processes we undertake each year to ensure students feel welcomed and to make the transition as easy as possible for all.

**January:**

* DMS staff meet with 6th grade teachers and elementary school principals to discuss the transition process and make any changes.

**February:**

* DMS mails letters to 6th grade parents with timeline of upcoming events and a copy of teacher recommendations for the next year.

**March:**

* DMS conducts two 6th into 7th grade parent/student course selection nights. These evenings give parents and students an opportunity to learn about our courses, ask questions and see what a typical day is like for a Delsea Middle School student. Student Ambassadors are present to assist.
* DMS staff visits 6th grade classrooms in the elementary schools. Our staff visits with the students, gives out information about Delsea Middle School and answers questions.

**May:**

* DMS staff finalizes student requests for next year.
* DMS parent group, the VIP (Very Important Parents) reaches out to the “home and school” parents from the 6th grade to come to our June meeting.

**June:**

* 6th graders visit DMS during the school day. We provide information regarding our athletics programs and the students receive a tour of the building. The children get to visit our Media Center, select summer reading books and meet current students, staff and administration. Students receive lots of information about our expectations and general operations. Student Ambassadors are present to assist.

**July:**

* DMS conducts a parent/student conference with anyone taking an Honors class for the first time. We review expectations, summer projects and course curriculum as well as answer any questions.

**August:**

* DMS hosts 7th grade orientation for all incoming students and parents. Students receive their schedule and locker information. Student Ambassadors are present to assist.

**Late August:**

* Students can revisit DMS as often as they need to get comfortable and ready for the year.

**September:**

* Back to School night.

**November:**

* Parent Teacher Conferences.

\*Individual guidance counsellors and CST case managers stand ready at any time to assist children with the transition. Parents are welcome to contact us at any time.