



The "Transitioner"

Visit Indian Crest This Summer

After this crazy year we are all ready to get back to school!



We know how excited everyone is to get a peek at their new school, locker, and classrooms. It remains our plan that Indian Crest will be open during the summer for you to visit. Please see the tentative summer hours on the last page of this newsletter

Keep in mind that it

is always a good idea to read future emails and to call Indian Crest first to make sure the building is open. When visiting, students must be accompanied by an adult. Visitors are required to check-in and check-out of the main office.

Be aware that Indian Crest is in "summer mode" and our custodial staff is

working "around the clock" to prepare the building for the first day of school. Please excuse our appearance as we "ready the school."

If possible, we encourage all incoming 6th grade students to visit Indian Crest prior to starting. We look forward to meeting you and hope you have a fantastic summer!

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"Children are one-third of our population and all of our future."

Orientation—Friday, August 28, 2020

Do not miss out!

We invite all 6th grade students to attend orientation on Friday, August 28, 8:30-11:30. Students will meet WEB leaders and groups, tour the building, and have fun.

Busses will run for orientation for all of our bus riders. Students do not need to bring any school supplies with them on this day. All students will just need to be ready to have fun! We will send more info about orientation this summer!



6th grade teachers share what life on a “team ” is like...

What are the team expectations of a middle school student?

One of the biggest changes that middle-schoolers must adapt to is the idea of “teams.” Here at Indian Crest, we take the word “team” very seriously. Each student is expected to support his/her team members in both academic and social settings, and cooperate like a true team member. Students are expected to be respectful of their peers at all times, supporting one another to help everyone succeed. After all, a cooperative team environment will ensure that students can participate in a variety of fun activities Crest has to offer. In past years, for example, sixth grade students enjoyed a friendly Whiffle ball competition, field trips, activity nights, C3, some afterschool clubs, and spirit assemblies. We are also looking forward to a picnic for the whole grade! Many of these activities also allow all sixth grade students to interact and have fun, with students from all 5 teams.

Sixth grade students will also tell you that with a new school comes new responsibility. All students will be loaned a computer for the year; it is the expectation that these devices are treated and used appropriately. Unlike elementary school, students are expected to carry their materials from class to class. In order to be successful and prepared, team teachers encourage students to create a system for organization, including one or more binders. It is the students’ responsibility to arrive to class on time with all needed materials, including but not limited to, notebooks, Chromebooks, and pencils. It may take a few days, but every student will find their own system to fit their own organizational needs.

Although there are some considerable differences to adjust to, the first (and probably scariest) hurdle will be the first days of school. During these first days, all team teachers will be helping students with lockers, understanding schedules, and finding their way around the building. Also available to assist will be members of WEB, a group of Indian Crest 8th grade students who will be ready to help at almost every corner. To make these first days run smoothly, current sixth grade students recommend one thing above all else: **DON’T PANIC!** Instead, practice those lockers at every opportunity, double check the schedule, and if a question comes up, just ask!

As fifth grade draws to a close, and we move on from 19-20 (the weirdest school year ever), we truly hope that the excitement is building about the awesome middle school experience we have planned! Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Who is here to help?

Principal– Mrs. McCoy

All Indian Crest Teachers

Assistant Principal—Mr. Miller

Your **WEB** leaders!

Guidance Counselors-

Mr. Stanton and Mrs. Horton



Frequently Asked Questions

As your fifth grade year comes to an end, we are sure many questions are popping up as to what life will be like in middle school. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions of sixth grade teachers:

Do we have homework?

Yes. You will have homework. The amount of homework assigned will vary by subject. Expect to have some homework every night.

What time is this class over?

Core classes are 61 minutes long and related arts are 41. Of course, it will not feel that long since you will be having a blast in class!

Are we doing anything fun today?

Of course! Your sixth grade teachers work hard to develop fun and interesting lessons.

Do we get laptops and can we take them home?

Yes, all students are issued Chrome-books in the beginning of the year, and you can bring them home every night. Remember to take care of them and charge them!

Can I borrow a pencil?

You are expected to bring a pencil to class. If you do not have one, some teachers may let you borrow one during class as long as it gets returned. However, it is best to be prepared!

Are the tests hard?

You will receive study guides for tests. If you do your homework each night, take time to study each night, and pay attention in class you will do fine on the test.

Can I go to my locker?

Teams will schedule locker stops throughout the day. During the locker stops, you are expected to gather the materials you will need until the next scheduled stop.

Can we change seats?

Most likely, the seat you start out in on the first day of school will be different from the seat you are in at the end of the year. We know that you want to sit next to your friends, but we encourage you to mingle and get to know your teammates.

Why are we learning about this?

The sixth grade curriculum picks up where your fifth grade teachers left off. We look forward to the opportunity to continue to develop the skills that will help you succeed in school and life.

Indian Crest, A Community of Respectful Learners

Indian Crest promotes respect. We have five Respectful Statements that we use as guidelines:

1. *At Indian Crest we respect our school environment.*
2. *At Indian Crest every person matters.*
3. *At Indian Crest we communicate with respect in and out of the classroom.*
4. *At Indian Crest we help one another.*
5. *At Indian Crest we take responsibility for our actions.*

RESPECT

WE are a community

WE are a family

WE will respect each other

WE will grow together

WE will succeed

WE are CREST



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**Where Everybody Belongs,
Let's come together!**

Indian Crest Summer Hours

Tentative Summer Hours

Directives from the state may change summer visiting procedures, we will share all information as we become informed

Please visit Indian Crest this summer to tour the building and to practice opening your locker. Just be sure to come when the building is open! Indian Crest will be closed until Monday, August 3rd.

All student schedules will be available beginning August 3rd on Home Access Center.

Beginning August 3rd through August 25th, Indian Crest will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:30-3:00. The building will close 12-1 for lunch. If you have questions please call the main office.



FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS!

Every middle school student will start their day in Focus.

What is Focus?

A daily 30 minute block to provide an opportunity for all students to grow academically, and socially, and emotionally,

The goal of Focus is to increase student achievement, promote positive meaningful relationships with adults, peers and develop social-emotional skills.

Monday is Advisory, Tuesday-Friday will be intervention, Support, and student opportunity/enrichment

