



CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

JOHN PISCITELLA
Principal

July 20, 2018

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you enjoying the days of summer. On behalf of the faculty and staff, we would like to welcome you back to George Fischer Middle School. **The first official day of school is Tuesday, September 4th.**

As second, third and fourth-year students at GFMS, it is expected that peer leadership is on display daily. At GFMS, we expect **MORE** from our experienced students. Please set the best example possible to our youngest children by being **R**espectful, **O**rganized, **C**ooperative, and **K**eeping Safe. Through successful partnerships, we have a tremendous opportunity to build a top-notch learning environment and, using all the resources available, create a most nurturing setting for academic and social/emotional growth. As the year progresses, we look forward to developing these partnerships in order to develop our students' skills and abilities. To this end, we have wonderful extra-curricular opportunities waiting just for you.

Your child's 2018-2019 school year schedule will be available on the CCSD Home Access Center (HAC), our online parent-teacher-student portal, **after 2 p.m. on Friday, August 24th.** *(Please remember that the middle school is on a 6-Day Rotation. There are some "points of emphasis" on the next page.)* You may access the HAC by going to the Carmel Central School District homepage: www.carmelschools.org and then clicking on Home Access. You will have the same username and password as last year.

Remember to have your summer reading assignment completed prior to the first day of school. The reading assignments may be accessed from the GFMS web page (Use this link: http://gfms.carmelschools.org/student_resources_summer_reading). All information and forms can be found here and we are requesting these be returned to your ELA teacher the first week of school.

You are invited to take a self-guided tour of the building from **August 20th - August 23rd between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.** If you cannot make it during this time, we will see you on **September 4th** for the first day of school. The faculty and staff are here to help you be successful, to learn important skills, and to enjoy your years at the middle school. Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Piscitella'.

John Piscitella
Principal

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Cultivating Opportunities

6-Day Rotation Points of Emphasis

- Think of this schedule in terms of “odd” (1-3-5) and “even” (2-4-6) days to assist in understanding
- Most (95%) of classes run either every day (1-6) or every *other* day (odd-even), so if there are exceptions to that, those are the only ones that will require some memorization. *(For example, a student may have Orchestra on Days 1, 2, 3, 5 and Chorus on Days 4 and 6, therefore Day 2 is the exception.)*
- In time, the 6-Day Rotation will allow us to personalize a child’s schedule to meet their needs in a more precise way.
- If you have questions or apprehension about the 6-Day Cycle, please see your guidance counselor or Grade Level Administrator.