

Frequently Asked Questions About Middle School!

- 1) **How do I open my locker?** Your very first day of school will be for the 6th grade only. It is our WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Day. You will be assigned an 8th grade mentor (your WEB leader) and you will get to practice opening your locker with that mentor, and some of your other 6th grade peers. Your counselors will have given you instructions on how to open a combination lock. If you are still worried about it, you are welcome to watch some YouTube videos, if you can!
- 2) **How do I figure out my schedule? Is there a bell?** On your WEB day, you will also get the chance to do a run through of your schedule so you can practice rotating through your teachers and classes. Because we want to ensure that different grades do not pass at the same time, bells have been eliminated and you will be dismissed by your classroom teacher.
- 3) **What classes do I have to take? I heard about foreign language...** North Middle School is an IB (International Baccalaureate) School. As such, you will be required to take a World Language. We offer 3 languages: French, Spanish and Chinese. During your 6th grade year, you will spend one quarter in each of these languages, and then you will get to choose which language you want to study your 4th quarter. You will take Science, English, Math, Social Studies and rotate through Applied Academic classes such as art, technology, video productions and PE.
- 4) **When do I get to go to my locker?** Lockers can be accessed before first period, before lunch, after lunch, and at the end of the day.
- 5) **Does everybody eat lunch together?** You will eat lunch with your 6th grade peers. 7th and 8th graders have their own lunch periods.
- 6) **Where do I go in the beginning of the day?** All students begin their day in the cafeteria. When the bell rings, you are released to go to your locker and then your first period class.
- 7) **Is there a lot of homework?** You can plan on having more homework than you did in elementary school but there is plenty of time for you to complete most daily assignments in class. Know that there will be some projects and assignments that will require work outside of the classroom. **Is it graded?** Yes, the majority of assignments are graded.
- 8) **What after school activities are available?** North Middle School offers many sports and facilitates over 30 before or after school activities, including math tutoring and Homework Club. North also partners with the YMCA, CC and UCCS to enrich academic, personal/social, and physical growth after the school day.
- 9) **I heard about a store during lunch...** There is a school store open on some Fridays where you can spend pride cards for fun prizes.
- 10) **How can I reach my counselor if I need to?** We are located on the second floor of the building. To see your counselor, you can get a pass from your teacher, speak to us at lunch or come up and see us before or after school.