

# Frequently Asked Questions for Middle School

Tips to help you navigate your first weeks as a Middle School Parent.

## WHAT DOES A DAY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL LOOK LIKE?

Class hours are 8 am - 3:10 pm. Before class, drop your bag off at your locker, get your needed books, and go to your first class.

Classes are 50 minutes long with a few minutes between. Lunch is from 11:45-12:30. Each student takes four core classes, one or two electives, and 6th grade has PE and Computer Foundations.

## WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT IF OUR STUDENT IS SICK?

Email [bjm.ms@bobjonesacademy.net](mailto:bjm.ms@bobjonesacademy.net)

The office will relay information to the teachers.

## HOW DO WE GET PERMISSION TO MISS SCHOOL FOR A TRIP OR FAMILY REASONS?

Pre-approved absence permissions are available in the office. After a parent fills out a form, the student submits it for the principal's approval. Then the student asks his or her teachers to sign the form and returns the completed form to the office. Forms should be completed at least one week in advance.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SCHOOL?

Students may be picked up in car line, walk home or to a parent's office, or check into late stay. Sports and some extracurricular activities meet after school. MS students may not hang around campus, attend a game as a spectator, or be in the Activity Center except with a parent or with a sibling who is 16 years or older. Students who are not picked up by 3:25 must go to late stay if not in an after school activity.

## IS THERE RECESS?

Yes, there will be a 20 minute time during our lunch break.

## DO STUDENTS CHANGE FOR PE?

Yes, all MS students that have PE change clothes. All 6th graders take PE. 7th and 8th graders have a PE elective option. You will be able to purchase your gym clothes on Back to School Night or the first week of school.

## WHAT ABOUT LUNCHES?

Students may pack their own lunches or order hot lunch from Aramark (if parents have added funds to their account). Parents are welcome to eat with their student. Stop at the Hutto office first to check in.

## HOW IS MAKE-UP WORK HANDLED?

The office will let teachers know that a student is absent. Parents need to contact their students' teachers for assignments. Otherwise, students will be given work the next day back.

## WHAT SPORTS CAN YOU PLAY?

**Everyone:** MS or JR Basketball, Cross Country, Golf (8th grade only), Soccer

**Boys:** Baseball (8th grade only)

**Girls:** Volleyball, Cheerleading

All participants trying out for sports must have the BJA online sports application completed which includes a doctor's signed physical form. A trip permission form must also be on file.