

July, 2018

Dear Student,

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying summer vacation. This message is to provide you with some very important information about the upcoming school year.

You are joining the **Gecko Team**. Your teachers are Miss. Lawrence for ILA, Mr. Knerr for math, Mrs. Harrington for science, and Mrs. Cook for social studies. Your guidance counselor is Mrs. Townsend and the compacted 7/8 math teacher is Mrs. Jones. Your classrooms are located in "F" hall. You will receive your individual class schedule in the mail at the end of August. On Wednesday evening – **August 29** from 5-7, we will have our **Back to School Night**. Bring your schedule with you. You and your parents will have an opportunity to visit your classes. Each of your teachers will share important information about their subject area as well as team information and expectations. In the cafeteria you may purchase a lock for your locker (\$6.00), get **bus information** and receive parent access to Power School if you do not already have it. On the first day of school, you report to the cafeteria and at 7:30 a.m. you report to your first period class. Please **do not** request a team or schedule change without a very compelling reason. Changes **will not** be granted based on team preference, teacher preference or to be with friends. Good students are prepared students. Please bring the following supplies with you the first day of school.

–ACADEMIC BLOCK 1 SUPPLIES –

Please provide a large box of tissues and antibacterial wipes or hand sanitizer to your teacher.

Math	ILA	Science	Social Studies	Carry to Every Class
1½ inch binder 4 dividers <i>OR</i> Compacted 7/8 Math 2" binder 8 dividers graphing composition notebook folder Post it notes Expo markers	1 – 5 subject spiral bound notebook (college ruled) 1 – 2 pocket folder	1½ inch binder 5 dividers	1½ inch binder 6 dividers	pencil case with... pencils colored Pencils pens (blue, black and red) pencil sharpener (<i>that holds shavings</i>) 4 pack of highlighters ear buds glue sticks scissors lined loose-leaf paper (college ruled) \$5.00 for a Team T-shirt

Your teachers will inform you and your parents on Back to School Night how to sign up for **REMIND** which will be the way homework and other important information will be communicated from your team throughout the year. Don't forget Stephen Decatur Middle School has a website and a Twitter account. Our website may be accessed through the county's website or you may log on by going to www.sdmsmiddle.com The Student Handbook will be posted on the website. On the back of this letter you will find a copy of our dress code and cell phone policy. **Strict adherence is expected.** The school day begins at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on August 29, from 5 to 7. Until then, continue to enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

The Gecko Team Teachers