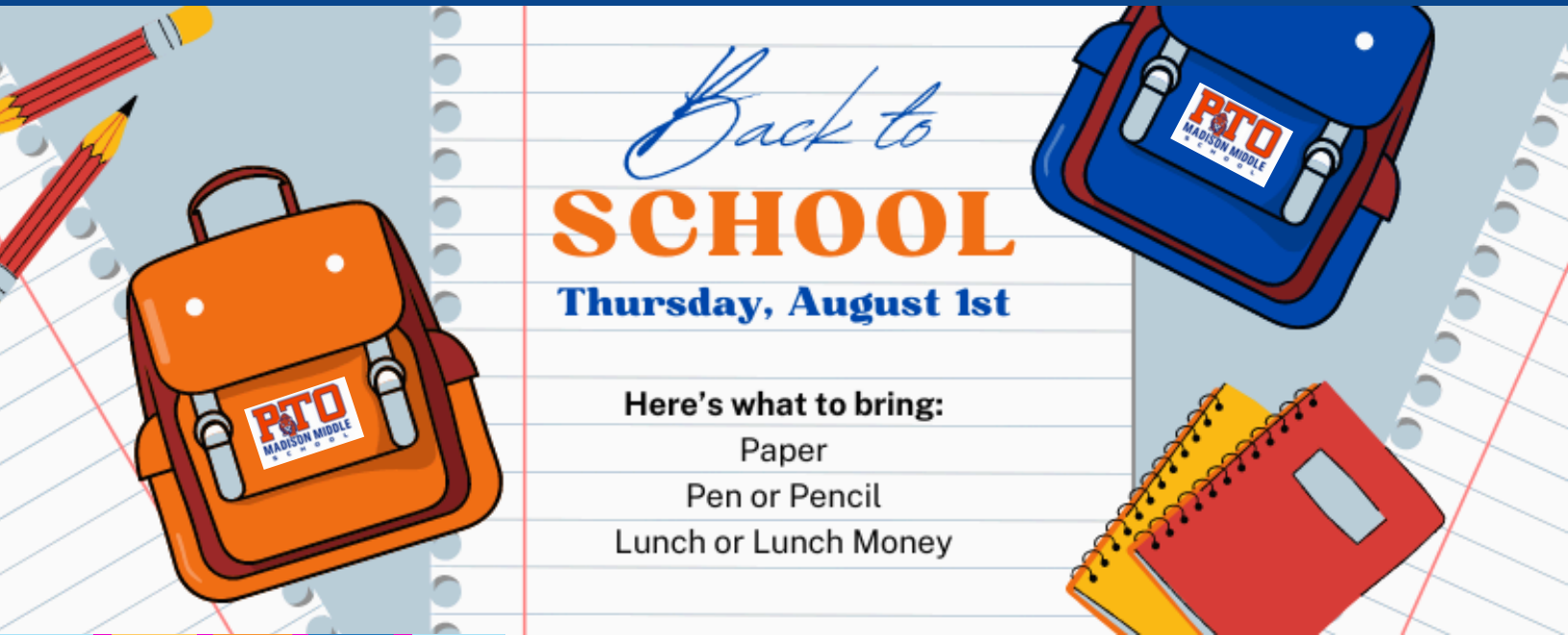


— A Mark of Excellence: July 2024 —

Middle JAGS

Newsletter Brought to You by Madison Middle School PTO



Welcome to Madison Middle School!

Dr. Jones, Lead Principal

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I am honored to serve as the Lead Principal of Madison Middle School. I started my educational career as a teacher and coach before moving into the administrator role.

I have been married to Hallie Jones for 14 years, and we have two sons who are ages 12 and 8. We are a proud Madison Jaguar family! I previously served as a grade level principal at Madison Middle School for six years.

This year, we will be focusing on growing academically. Many plans have been made to make this year the BEST year yet! I am excited to see our students' smiling faces.

I am here to help you and your child navigate the middle school years. Please contact me whenever needed. Exciting days are coming at MMS!



Parents join the PTO and their students can get their **class schedule early** and **walk the halls** to find their classes!

Join online at madisonmiddlepto.com

In person on July 24th.

9am-12pm or 2pm-4pm

Students must complete residency requirements to pick up their schedules.

Welcome to Middle Jags!
By Melanie Hataway, PTO President



I am thrilled to kick off the 2024-2025 school year and am excited to be this year's Madison Middle PTO President. Our PTO is gearing up to provide exceptional support for educational, extracurricular, and facility needs, and we're counting on your help to make it happen.

Join the PTO and sign up to volunteer for one of our fantastic committees - **we can't wait to have you join us!** We have three PTO levels, each with its own exciting incentive tailored to our wonderful families!

In addition, we're ramping up our efforts to keep parents informed by updating our PTO website monthly and sharing a regular newsletter with the latest news. We're aiming to provide consistent, up-to-date information through a variety of channels to ensure everyone is on the same page about the exciting events at MMS.

Visit our website at:

www.madisonmiddlepto.com/jointhepto
to purchase your PTO membership
and pre-order some awesome MMS Jag Swag!

Don't miss out on the chance to stay connected by joining me at our PTO meetings, which will generally be held at noon on the first Tuesday of the month via in-person (in the library) or on Zoom.

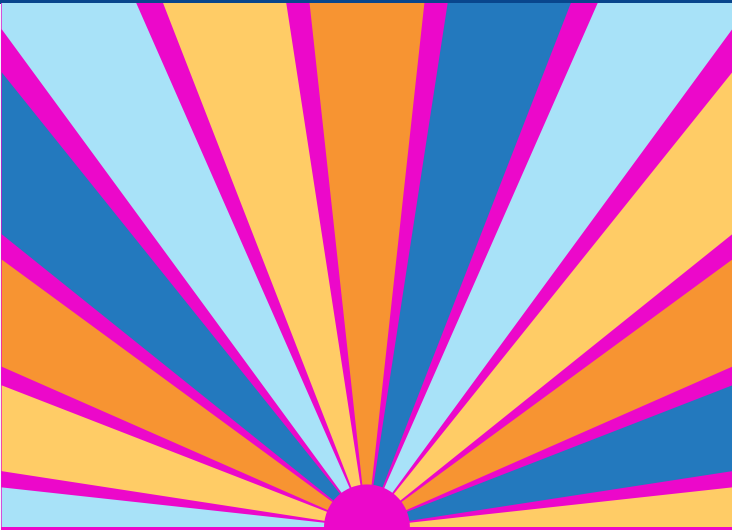
* July 9th (Meet in a classroom)*

- August 6th - Library
- September 3rd - Library
- October 1st - Zoom
- November 5th - Zoom
- December - No meeting
- January 7th - Library
- February - TBD
- March - no meeting
- April - VOTING MEETING

These meetings are a fantastic way to stay informed about school happenings from the PTO's perspective and share your innovative ideas with the board and other parents. We're looking forward to getting to know you this year! Feel free to reach out anytime. You can always email us at ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com

Excited for a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely,
Melanie Hataway,
MMS 2024-2025 PTO President



Help Shape our
School
Join the
PTO

CLICK HERE

Families who sign up for the PTO are invited to attend and vote at all PTO meetings and will receive PTO communications containing meeting minutes.



Orange - \$35

Includes
PTO Membership
and MMS Car Decal

Blue - \$70

Includes
PTO Membership,
MMS Car Decal, and
Jaguar Backpack




Jag Level - \$175

Includes
PTO Membership,
MMS Car Decal,
Jaguar Backpack,
Jag Tumbler, and
10 Raffle Tickets
(applied to one student only)



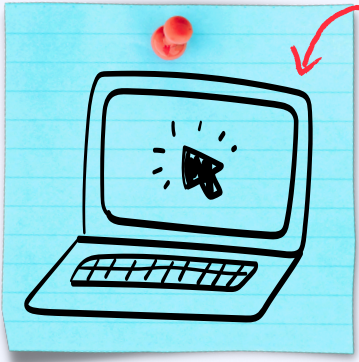
Join Now

All swag available while supplies last!



You must send in a **Proof of Residency** to be enrolled in the 2024-2025 school year. Email a current electric, gas, or water bill to mmsresidency@madison-schools.com





Chromebook

Please pay your \$25 Chromebook fee on My School Bucks by August 1. Distribution will be during ELA classes the first FULL week of school.

School Communications

If you are not receiving phone calls or emails from the school, please call the school to update your contact information.

601.605.4171

My School Bucks

Opens on July 15th!

It's the best way to pay for meals, classes, club, and Chromebook fees.





Download the apps and add your student!

Online directions can be found at <https://www.madison-schools.com/madisoncounty>



Jag Gear



Active Parent

Sign up for ActiveParent to check your student's grades and attendance.

MMS Jaguars T-Shirt

\$20.00

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Cotton & Dri-fit Options
Youth XS to Adult 4XL Available

Meet Your Administration

Drew Wardlaw, 6th grade
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My name is Drew Wardlaw, and I am excited to be the 6th grade principal at Madison Middle this year! This will be my 2nd year at MMS and 19th overall in

education. Middle school is an exciting time for students to experience new academic and extracurricular activities. My wife Merry Claire and I have two daughters who attend Madison Avenue, and we are thrilled to all be Jags!!

My goal is to make this upcoming year a smooth transition to middle school for all of our students and parents. I look forward to welcoming your students to MMS and getting to know them this school year. If there is anything you need from me, please do not hesitate to contact me or come by the school!

Dr. Shannon Green, 7th grade
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I am Shannon Green, and I am excited to get to know each of you this year! I am entering my eleventh year in education, and this will be my 4th year as 7th Grade Principal.

Seventh Grade is a pivotal year when students are not only growing academically in the classrooms, but also socially through various school sponsored teams and clubs from math counts to the arts to sports. This year will wholeheartedly be momentous. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Jennifer Lovitt,
Curriculum/Testing

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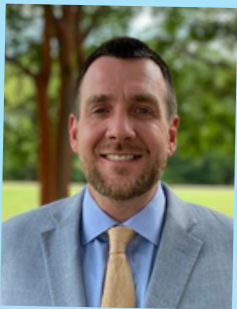
I am Jennifer Lovitt, and I am an assistant principal here at Madison Middle School. I oversee our standardized testing cycles and handle many things that need attention during the

school year so that our other administrators can focus on their grade levels. I like to say that I am the "Swiss Army Knife" of our team. This is my 31st year in the business of education, and with nearly all of those years in the middle school setting, I can honestly say that this is my favorite age.

I am starting my 19th year at MMS and love our school very much! I have heard many times, "There is just something about MMS..." and it's true. It is a wonderful place to work, learn and grow.

We are truly in the business of serving here at MMS. If there is anything I can do to help you or your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Taylor Hildebrand, 8th grade
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My name is Taylor Hildebrand, and I am thrilled to be the 8th grade principal here at Madison Middle School. This is my 18th year in education, 15 of which were spent serving as a

classroom teacher. My heart is truly with serving our students, teachers, and families at MMS. My wife Valley and I have three awesome kids who are all proud Jaguars. I am looking forward to us having a successful and fun school year! Please give me a call or shoot me an email if you ever need anything. Go Jags!

2024-2025 School Calendar

JULY	
24th	Early Schedule Pick Up
AUGUST	
1st	First Day of School
5th	7th and 8th Grade Meet the Teacher*
6th	6th Grade Meet the Teacher*
12th	New Student Breakfast
14th	School Picture Day
SEPTEMBER	
2nd	Labor Day Holiday
5th	Progress Reports
26th-28th	Fall Musical
OCTOBER	
4th	End of 1st Nine Weeks
7th-11th	Fall Break - No School
14th	PD Day - No school
15th	Paw Print Assembly
17th	Report Cards
14th-18th	Madison Central Homecoming Week**
29th	School Board Luncheon

NOVEMBER	
13th	Veteran's Day Program
21st	Progress Reports
22nd	6th Grade - World Tour Day
	7th Grade - Museum Tour
25th-29th	Thanksgiving Holidays
DECEMBER	
20th	6th Grade - Christmas Chaos
	End of Semester - 60% Day
23rd-Jan 3rd	Winter Break
JANUARY	
6th	Students Return to School
	Paw Print Assembly
9th	Report Cards
10th	7th & 8th Grade Dance
20th	MLK Day - No School
30th	School Fundraiser Starts
FEBRUARY	
6th	Progress Reports
13th	School Fundraiser Ends
17th	President's Day - No School

MARCH	
7th	7th Grade - Science Day
	8th Grade - Hunger Games Day
	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
10th-14th	Spring Break
17th	PD Day - No School
18th	Paw Print Assembly
20th	Report Cards
APRIL	
17th	Progress Reports
18th-21st	Easter Holidays
MAY	
5th-9th	Teacher Appreciation Week
9th	8th Chromebook Return
12th	6th and 7th Chromebook Return
	8th Grade Class Day
13th	8th Grade Awards Day - 9:00 a.m.
14th	7th Grade Awards Day - 9:00 a.m.
	6th Grade Awards Day - 1:00 p.m.
19th	Final Exams
23rd	End of Semester - Report Cards

Dates are subject to change.

**For Parents Only*

**** The week of October 14th is a dress up week**
State Testing Dates will be released in January

A/B Day Schedules

A DAY

A DAYS
INCLUDE BLOCKS
1, 2, 3, 4

B DAY

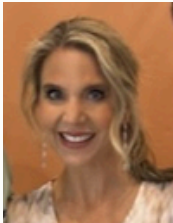
B DAYS
INCLUDE BLOCKS
5, 6, 7, 8

Counselors are here to help

Your grade-level counselors are here to help you navigate academic, social, and emotional issues.

Primarily, your counselor will monitor grades and behavior and will work with students to devise plans of action for success. If your student is struggling with a relationship, your counselor can assist them in facilitating dialogue that will allow your student to develop skills to communicate.

Your counselor serves as a liaison that will support your student in decision-making, conflict resolution, and handling social situations. Our school counselors are well-versed in assisting students with their age-specific social issues and will serve as a guide through their transition from childhood to teenager.



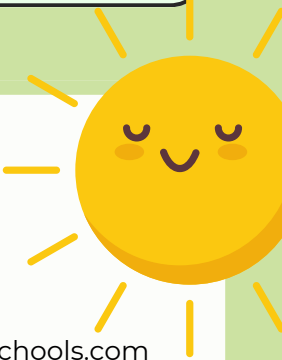
6th grade
Lindsay Bouchillon
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7th grade
Karen Boutwell
kboutwell@madison-schools.com



8th grade
Lindsey Montgomery
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BELL Schedules



6th GRADE

- 7:50 Enter School
- 8:15 - 8:20 Tardy Bell & Announcements
- 8:20 - 9:54 1st & 5th Block
- 9:58 - 12:04 2nd & 6th Block

Lunch A: 10:58 - 11:30
Lunch B: 11:32 - 12:04
20 minute lunch & 10 minute break

- 12:08 - 1:42 3rd & 7th Block
- 1:46 - 3:20 4th & 8th Block



7th & 8th GRADE

- 7:50 Enter School
- 8:15 - 8:20 Tardy Bell & Announcements
- 8:20 - 9:54 1st & 5th Block
- 9:58 - 11:32 2nd & 6th Block
- 11:36 - 1:42 3rd & 7th Block

7th Lunch A: 11:58 - 12:28
7th Lunch B: 12:23 - 12:53
8th Lunch A: 12:48 - 1:18
8th Lunch B: 1:12 - 1:42

- 1:46 - 3:20 4th & 8th Block

For any school-related questions, please contact the MMS office at 601-605-4171

School Lunch
information

Lunch Prices
Menu
Apply for
free/reduced lunch

Visit the Child Nutrition page on the district website at www.madison-schools.com

CLUBS AND ATHLETICS ROSTERS

<u>ROBOTICS</u>	<u>Dance</u>
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	<u>CHEER</u>

Available **ONLINE**
madisonmiddlejags.org

SUMMER READING

- 6th - **Out of My Mind** by Sharon M. Draper
- 7th- **A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park
- 8th - **Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick



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If your child is in Accelerated ELA, head to the school website for additional reading requirements.

Be in the Know

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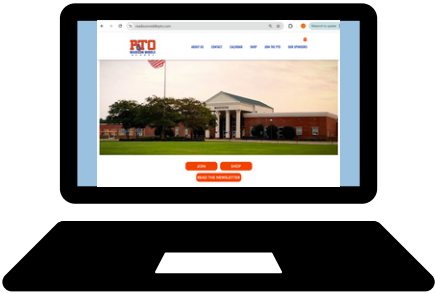


School Website:
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- Teacher and admin contact info
- Student and parent resources
- Arts, clubs, and athletics links

PTO Website:
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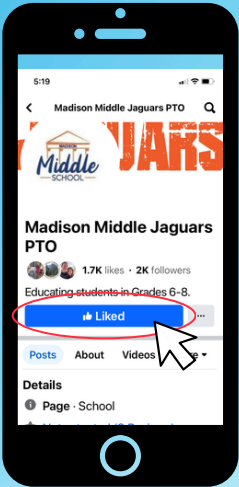


- Monthly event calendar
- Shop jag swag
- Monthly newsletter

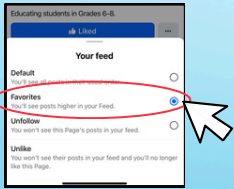
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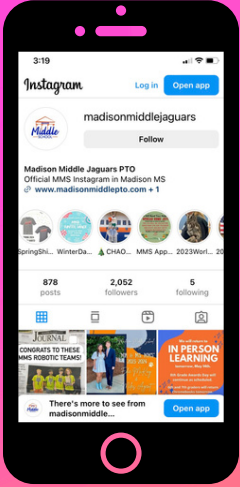
Madison Middle Jaguars PTO



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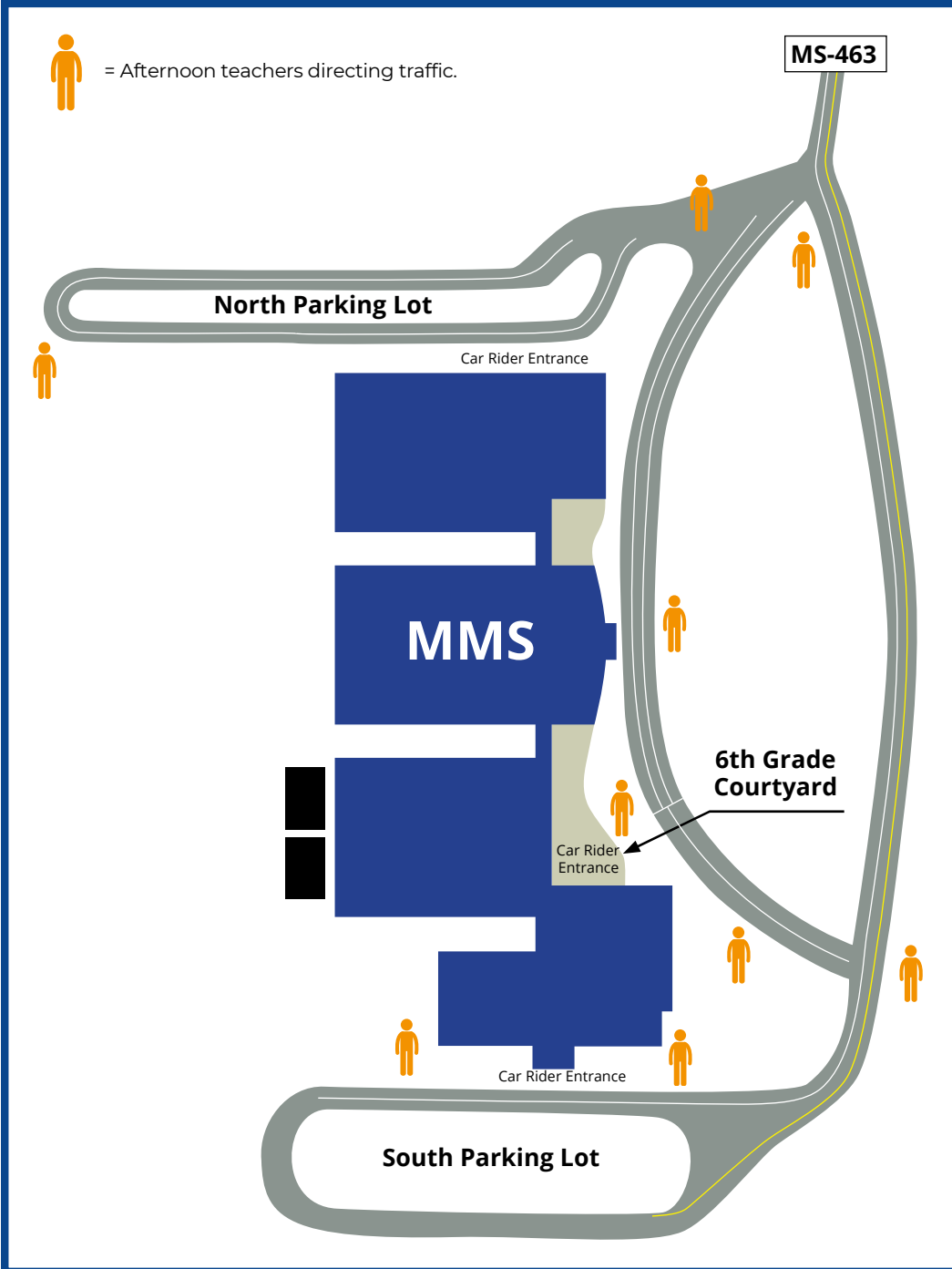
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Join the PTO

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Receive PTO Communications

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AM Drop Off

- 6th & 7th Grade**
6th grade courtyard
- 8th Grade**
North end of building closest to 463
- School doors open at 7:50
- Tardy Bell is at 8:15**
After 8:15 you must walk your child to the front office and sign them in.

PM Pick Up

- 6th Grade**
South end of building near cafeteria
- 7th Grade**
front of building
- 8th Grade**
North end of building closest to 463
- Dismissal is 3:20**

North Pickup

At Pick Up

1. Fill the **right lane first**.
2. When the right lane is FULL to the triangle, new cars start filling the left lane starting at the curve.
3. Right lane will pick up first then the left lane.
4. A teacher at the curve will direct you when to merge.
5. Please be respectful and do not cut lanes.

Front Pickup

At Pick Up

1. Fill the **right lane first**.
2. When the right lane is FULL to the triangle, new cars fill the middle lane.
3. When the middle lane is FULL to the triangle, new cars start filling the left lane.
4. Right lane will pick up first, then middle lane, then left lane.
5. A teacher will direct you when to merge.
6. Please be respectful and do not cut lanes.

South Pickup

At Pick Up

1. Extra staff will be on hand starting at 2:40 for the first two weeks of school to direct traffic.
Fill the lanes as directed.
2. At 3:30 the remaining 6th graders will be moved to the front of the school. Follow the **Front Pickup** directions.
3. Please be respectful and do not cut lanes.