

August 6, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! The Crayton faculty and staff, PTO, Booster Clubs, parents and community partners have been very busy this summer in preparation for another outstanding year at Crayton Middle School.

Crayton will continue the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP), Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) and Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) initiatives for our students. In addition, we will see a renewed focus on literacy throughout the school.

There are many questions that students and parents have at this time. Please see enclosure for frequently asked questions. Hopefully this letter will provide needed information. In addition, our new website (crayton.richlandone.org) will be a valuable resource as is the district website (www.richlandone.org). The district will sponsor a helpline August 13th, 14th, and 17th which can be reached by calling 231-7645. During the first few days of school, students will be given important information to bring home. Please be prepared to review this information as parent signatures will be required on some materials.

You are invited to visit the school August 16, 2009 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This visit is primarily designed for new students to see the school and their specific classrooms. There will be refreshments and information booths in the cafeteria. We encourage all parents to be involved in school activities. The PTO and Booster Clubs need your support. In addition, there is information enclosed regarding the School Improvement Council (SIC). Elections for SIC will be held at Open House on September 1, 2009.

The mission of Crayton Middle School is to prepare every student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society by providing an effective and high-quality education. We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,



Susan G. Childs
Principal

Enclosures

Important Dates

August 7, 2009	Tom Joyner Back to School Celebration 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - State Fairgrounds.
August 16, 2009	3:00 – 5:00 p.m drop-in and tour. The PTO will provide refreshments.
August 17, 2009	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! 8:40 a.m. tardy bell, 3:45 p.m. dismissal.
August 24, 2009	EARLY BIRD classes begin – report to the gym by 7:45 a.m.
September 1, 2009	Open House 5:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

Main Office	Jeanne Walker	738-7224	jewalker@richlandone.org
Attendance Office	Joy Adams	738-7250	jadams@richlandone.org
Principal's Secretary	Kelly Cagle	738-7358	kcagle@richlandone.org
Guidance Counselor A-D	Amleht Alston	738-7224 ext. 3116	aalston@richlandone.org
Guidance Counselor E-K	Betsy Halloran	738-7253	ehalloran@richlandone.org
Guidance Counselor L-R	Lakesha Earl	738-7227	learl@richlandone.org
Guidance Counselor S-Z	Maxine Tyler	790-6708	mtyler@richlandone.org
Assistant Principal 6 th	Cheryl Taylor	738-7902	chtaylor@richlandone.org
Assistant Principal 7 th	Herbert Andrews	738-3421	handrews@richlandone.org
Assistant Principal 8 th	Angela Burns	738-7359	aburns@richlandone.org
Crayton Cafeteria		738-7229	

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I go the first day?

Students should be prepared to start class by 8:40 a.m. Car riders will use the large parking lot and enter through the side door. Bus riders will enter through the front door. Students who wish to eat breakfast should report directly to the cafeteria. Otherwise, students should report to their grade level hallway (6th – Green Hall, 7th Blue Hall, 8th – Red Hall). Teachers will direct students to their first block class.

2. When will I get textbooks, and ID, a locker, etc.?

All student needs will be addressed during the first week of school. Lockers and books will be distributed the first day.

3. What is the dress code?

Students are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for a positive learning environment. Generally, the following guidelines will be followed: Shorts/skorts/skirts should be no shorter than the shortest finger with the arms fully extended downward. Clothing should fit (not too tight, not too baggy) with pants being worn at the waist (no sagging). The back, stomach and undergarments should be fully covered and cleavage should not be visible. Sleeveless shirts may be worn but tank tops/spaghetti straps should not be worn. All hats and headwear should remain at home. Flip flops are discouraged and bedroom slippers are not allowed at school. We will be encouraging students to have shirts tucked in and to always dress in a “professional” manner.

4. Where is my bus stop? Where do car riders get dropped off?

Bus transportation information is delivered through the district transportation office. The newspaper usually prints this information for all schools. Car riders will use the large parking lot. Cars are not allowed in the front loop during arrival/dismissal hours. Additional car rider information will be sent home at the beginning of school.

5. How do I get involved with an athletic team?

The fall sports offered to 7th and 8th grade Crayton students include football, cheerleading, and volleyball. Any questions regarding Crayton athletics should be directed to Mr. Andrews. Please contact Mike Sisk at 738-7300 for questions regarding A. C. Flora Athletics.

6. What are meal prices?

Previous applications do not transfer to the next year. Please call 231-6953 for information on the free and reduced lunch program.

Breakfast: \$.75	Reduced: \$.30
Lunch: \$1.50	Reduced: \$.40