



# MIDDLE SCHOOL 101

LOST MOUNTAIN MIDDLE

# COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



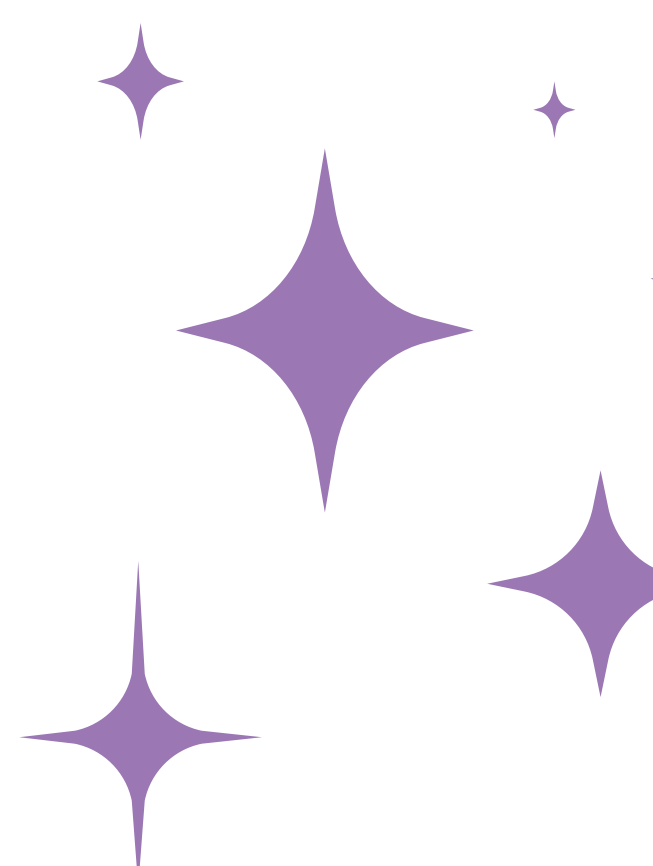
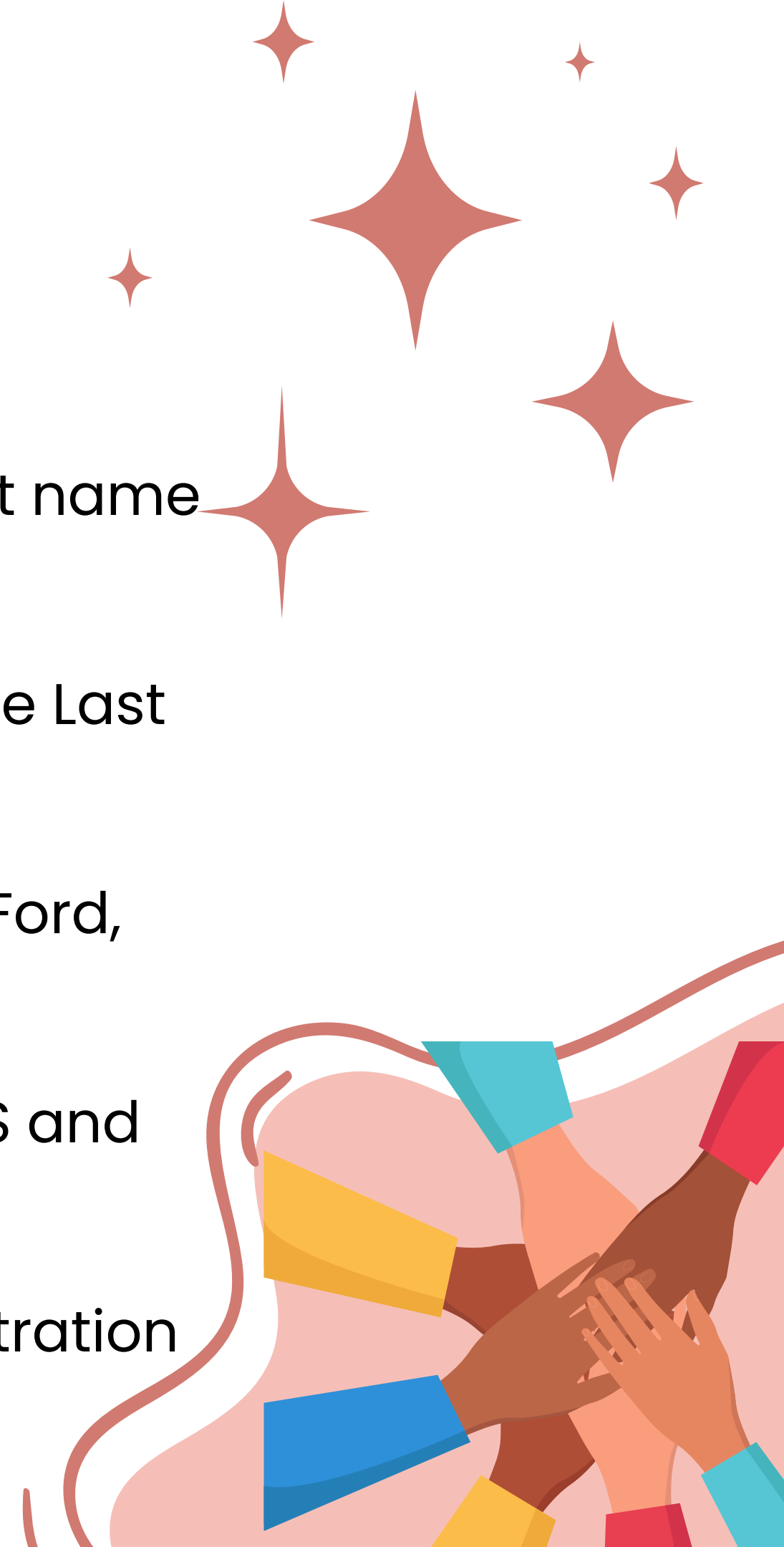
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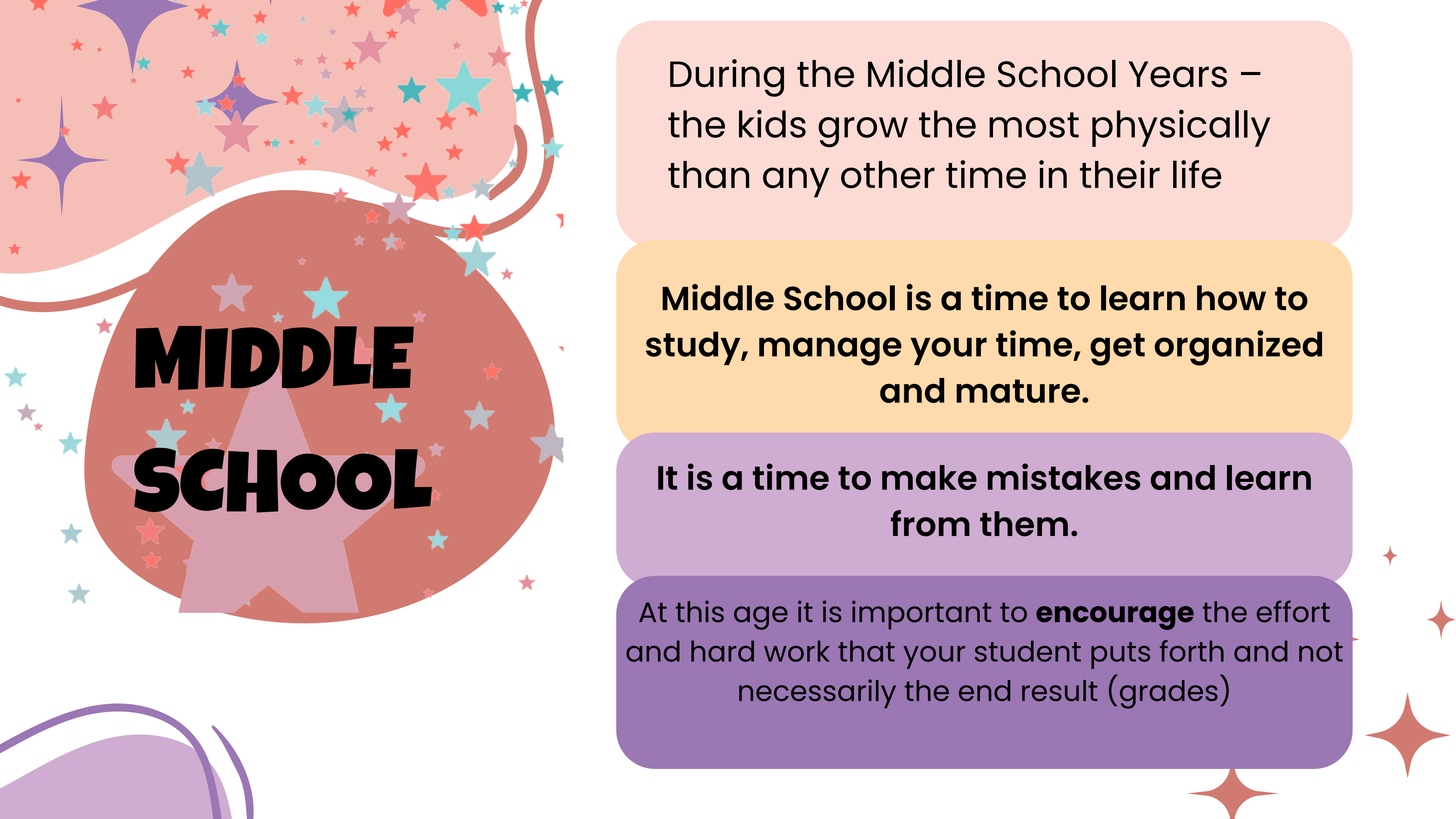
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL

During the Middle School Years –  
the kids grow the most physically  
than any other time in their life

**Middle School is a time to learn how to  
study, manage your time, get organized  
and mature.**

**It is a time to make mistakes and learn  
from them.**

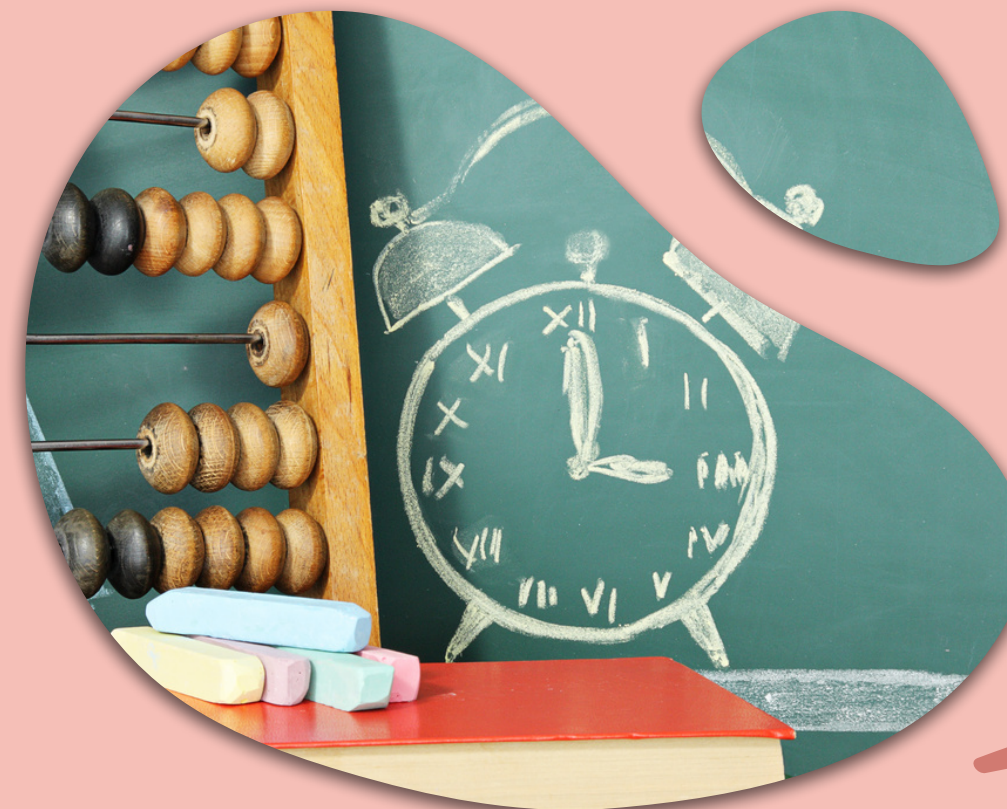
At this age it is important to **encourage** the effort  
and hard work that your student puts forth and not  
necessarily the end result (grades)

# SCHEDULE

6 <sup>th</sup> GRADE		7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE		8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	
Pre-HR	8:50-9:10 Lockers	Pre-HR	8:50-9:10 Lockers	Pre-HR	8:50-9:10 Lockers
HR	9:10-9:15	HR	9:10-9:15	HR	9:10-9:15
ASB	9:15-9:30	ASB	9:15-9:30	ASB	9:15-9:30
1st	9:30-10:20 (50 min.)	1st	9:36- <u>10:20</u> (44 min.) <i>Connections</i>	1st	9:30-10:20 (50 min.)
2nd	10:24-11:13 (49 min.)	2nd	10:24-11:11 (47 min.) <i>Connections</i>	2nd	10:24-11:13 (49 min.)
3rd	11:17-12:39 (82 min.) Lunch	3rd	11:17-12:39 (82 min.) Lunch	3rd	11:17-12:39 (82 min.) Lunch
4th	12:43- <u>1:34</u> (51 min.)	4th	12:43- <u>1:34</u> (51 min.)	4th	12:45- <u>1:34</u> (49 min.) <i>Connections</i>
5th	1:38-2:27 <u>__</u> (49 min.) Lockers	5th	1:38-2:29 <u>__</u> (51 min.)	5th	1:38-2:27 <u>__</u> (49 min.) <i>Connections</i>
6th	2:33-3:22 <u>__</u> (49 min.) <i>Connections</i>	6th	2:33-3:22 <u>__</u> (49 min.)	6th	2:33-3:22 <u>__</u> (49 min.)
7th	3:26-4:15 <u>__</u> (49 min.) <i>Connections</i>	7th	3:26-4:15 <u>__</u> (49 min.) Lockers	7th	3:26-4:15 <u>__</u> (49 min.) Lockers

# GEORGIA COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW

Any child between the ages of 6–16 must be enrolled and attending a public, private, or homeschool.



# TARDY POLICY

Students are expected to be in homeroom at 9:10 a.m. If a student arrives after this time, the student will need to sign in Tardy at the front office. If a student arrives later in the day, their grown up needs to sign them in using their cell phone in the front office.

In order for a tardy to be excused, the student must have a note or a parent signature stating the reason for the tardy. (Excused tardies are coded the same as excused absences).

## **Consequences:**

When a student accumulates more than 7 unexcused tardies in a semester he/she will be assigned 1 day of ISS.

When a student accumulates 10 unexcused tardies in a semester he/she will be assigned 2 days of ISS.

# WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE?

## SICK

or when attendance can endanger student's health or the health of others



## HOLIDAY

Observance of a recognized religious holiday

## SERIOUS ILLNESS

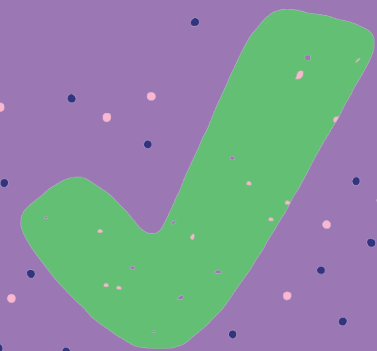
or death of an immediate family member



## COURT

Mandated order by government agency


# WHAT DO I DO WHEN I COME BACK TO SCHOOL?



well done

- Once you return to school, you have **3 days** to turn in an excuse note.
- All notes should be submitted via email to Allison Miller at [Allison.miller@cobbk12.org](mailto:Allison.miller@cobbk12.org) or CTLS; doctor's excuses should be attached as well.
- **Please note that we no longer accept handwritten excuses.**



An illustration of a tropical island with three palm trees and a small body of water, set within a pink circular frame.

# UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

What is considered an unexcused absence:

- Family Vacations and Trips
- Family Reunions and Weddings
- Sports Events and Activities

Cobb County Policy:

- 3 Unexcused Absences- Teacher contact parent
- 5 Unexcused Absences- Principal contact parent
- 7 Unexcused Absences- Social Work referral is made



# GRADING POLICIES

We are on the quarter system (4)

Connections classes are semester, music classes are year-long

All Teachers Grade Differently

Please look at your students Syllabus distributed at the beginning of the school year, for grading procedures by class.

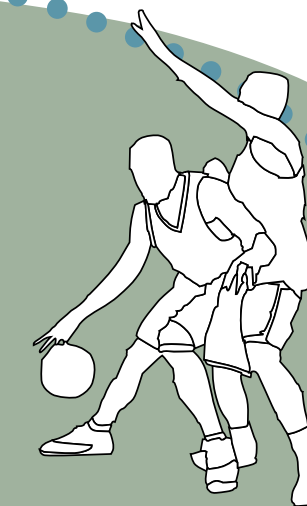
Regularly check synergy, parent view, CTLS, have students check StudentVue



# CONNECTIONS



All connections classes are on a semester schedule Music classes are a year long commitment. Other connections classes are randomly assigned with the intent to experience all classes by the end of the 3 years here. Students/parents are not able to select their connections classes outside of Band, Chorus, & Orchestra

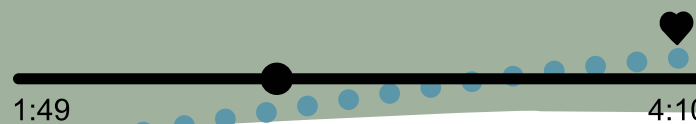
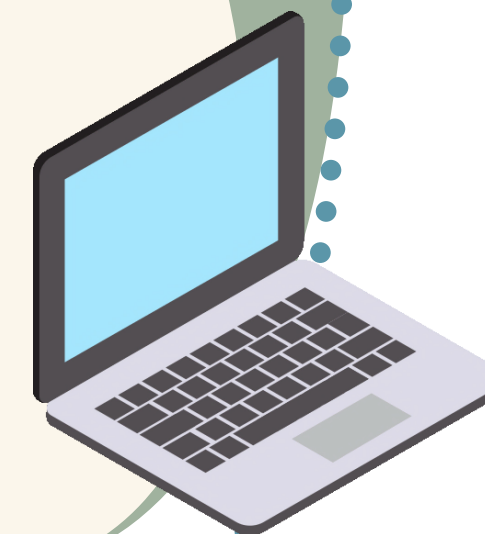


## MUSIC-CHOICE

BAND  
CHORUS  
ORCHESTRA

## OTHERS- ASSIGNED

PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY  
ART  
BUSINESS  
FACS  
HEALTH  
CAREER AWARENESS  
COMPUTER SCIENCE



# FRONT OFFICE

- No drop offs for forgotten items
  - Students must use office phone to call home during school day
  - No texting during the school day
  - Parents, please contact front office if you need to contact your student
- \*No Check-outs after 3:45pm



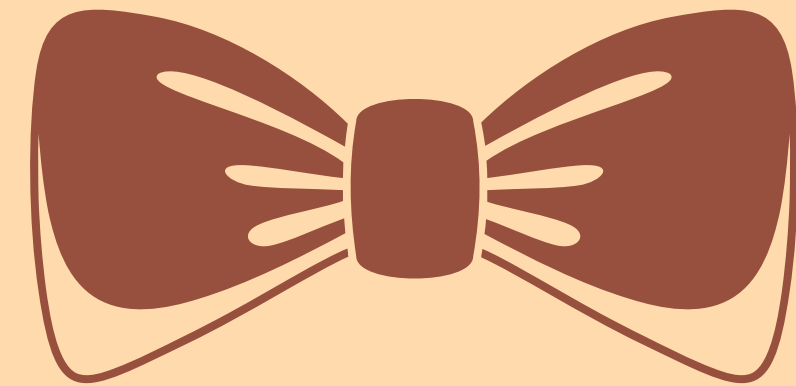
# DRESS CODE

**To promote a safe environment that is aligned with our school vision of expanding the pursuit of excellence.**

## MINIMUM STANDARD OF DRESS

**All students shall maintain the following minimum standard of dress:**

1. Appropriate shoes shall be worn. No Slippers
2. Midriffs shall be covered.
3. Appropriate under-garments shall be worn and may not be visible.
4. Strapless garments can not be worn
5. Tank-tops- 2 inches width at shoulder
6. Appropriate shorts that cover the entire backside.
7. No caps, hats, bandanas nor hoods covering the head are to be worn in the school buildings during the school day
8. Pajamas, slippers, and blankets are not to be worn
9. Clothing or ornamentation that does any of the following is prohibited:
  - a. Displays or advertises substances illegal for minors.
  - b. Displays suggestive phrases, designs, markings, or profanities.
  - c. Advocates, promotes, or suggests illegal activity.



\*The principal or designee shall be the final judge as to the appropriateness of the apparel, and whether the apparel is disruptive, unsafe, or in violation of the dress code. If in doubt, do not wear the outfit.

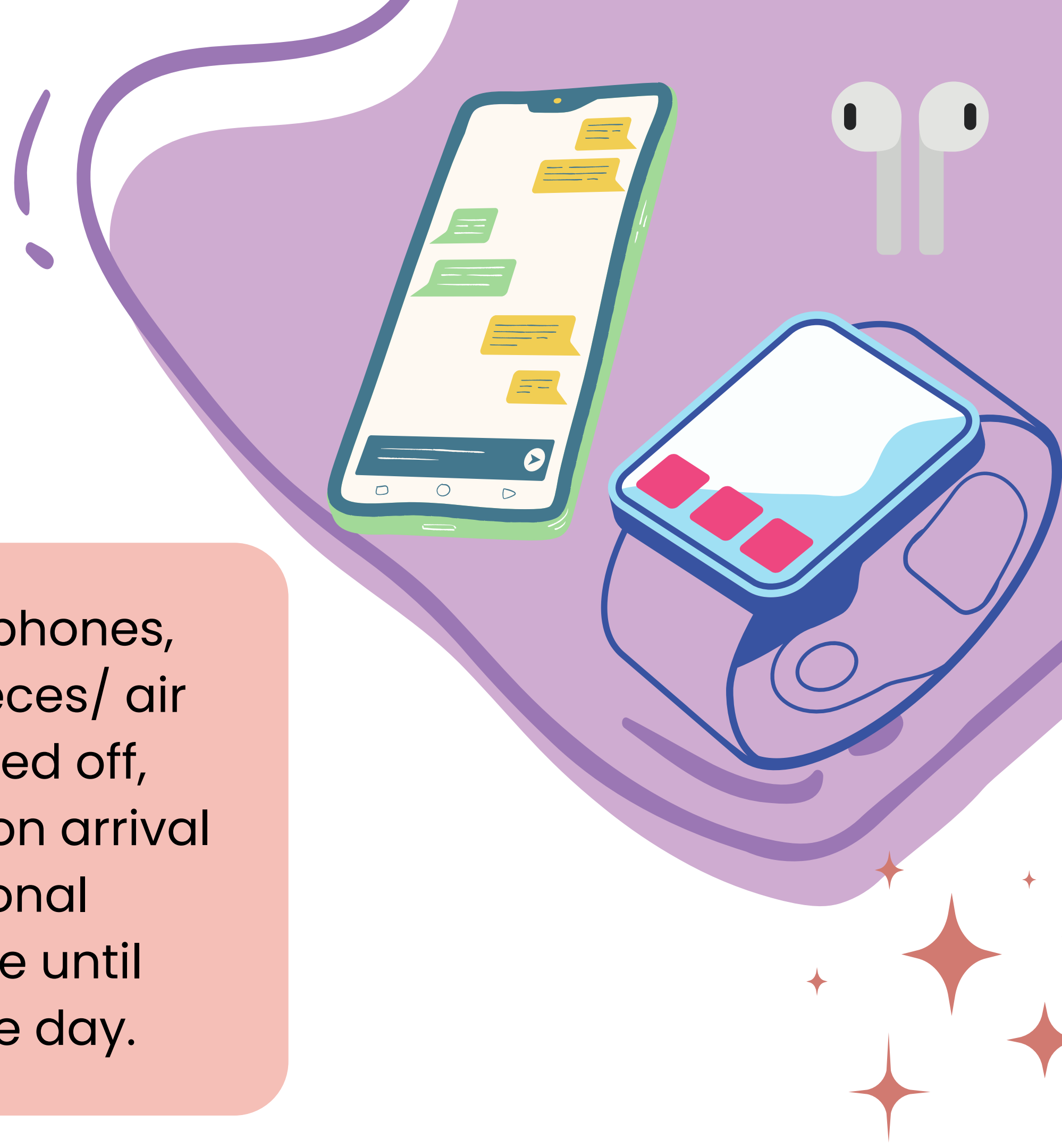
# DISMISSAL/ BUS

- Safety is the priority!
- Please follow marked signs in parking lot for proper procedures
- Riding the bus is a privilege.
- Students should conduct themselves in a manner that enables the driver to focus on driving safely.
- Poor behavior on the bus can lead to removal from the bus and additional consequences in school.



# ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All personal electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, Smart watches, audio earpieces/ air pods, headphone, etc.) must be turned off, including the notification setting, upon arrival at school. Beginning at 8:50, all personal electronic devices must not be visible until students have left the building for the day.



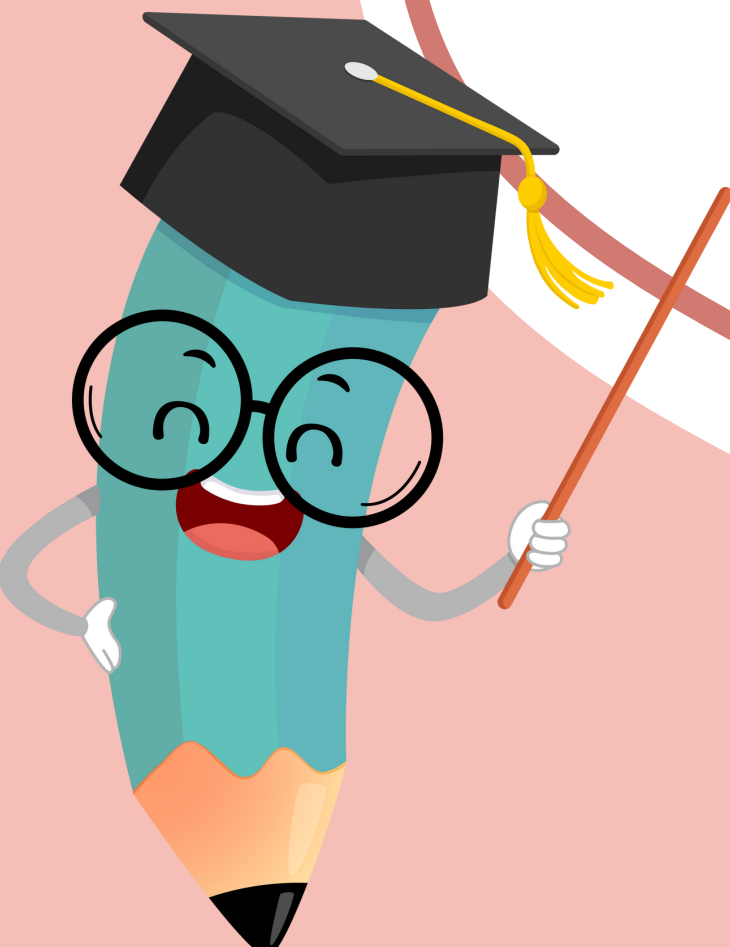


# CONTACTING TEACHERS

If you have concerns regarding homework or classwork, something that happened in class, please reach out to the teacher first

01. Email is the best way to contact them
02. Allow for 24 hour reply
03. Shorter emails will probably be replied to sooner
04. If you don't hear back in 2 days try again and/or contact grade level administrator



Some emails get lost in our SPAM filter







# **SOME ADVICE FROM THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN DOING THIS A WHILE (SOME LONGER THAN OTHERS)**

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- Monitor your child's social media use
  - Don't text your child while they are at school
  - Encourage Agenda use
  - Check individual Teacher CTLS page so you know what your kids are studying in class (can help with conversation starters)
  - Check the Eagle Card in their Agenda
  - Parent Resources available on Counseling website
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**HOT  
TIP**



# MAYBE TRY A FEW OF THESE:

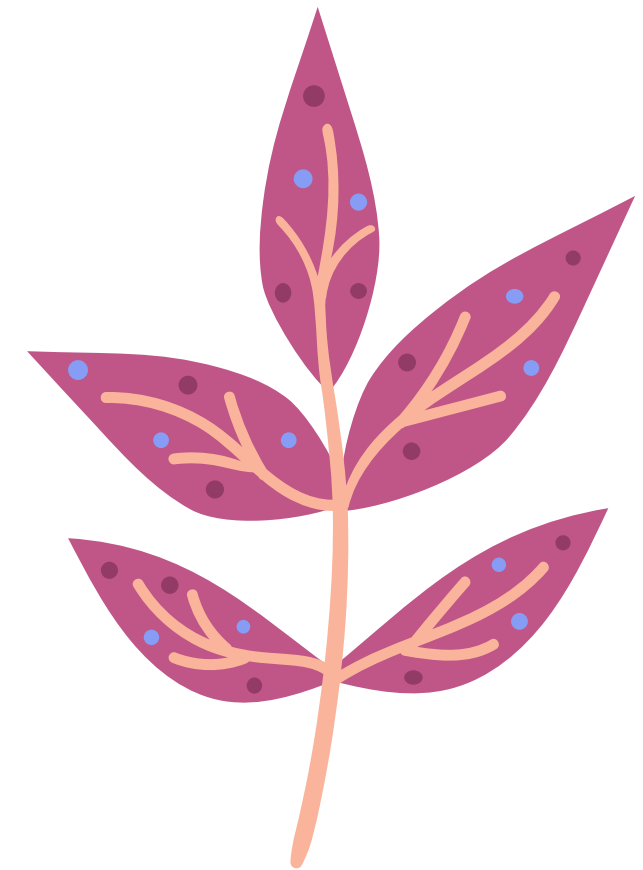
Keep a daily routine as much as you can

Sundays are a good time to go over the weekly events, tests, projects etc.

Make sure your child has a consistent spot to study and complete homework at home

Have a basket on the table or counter that holds papers for parent signature, items parent needs to look at

Teach time management by giving them tips for using their agenda, use sticky notes, to do lists, dry erase board etc.



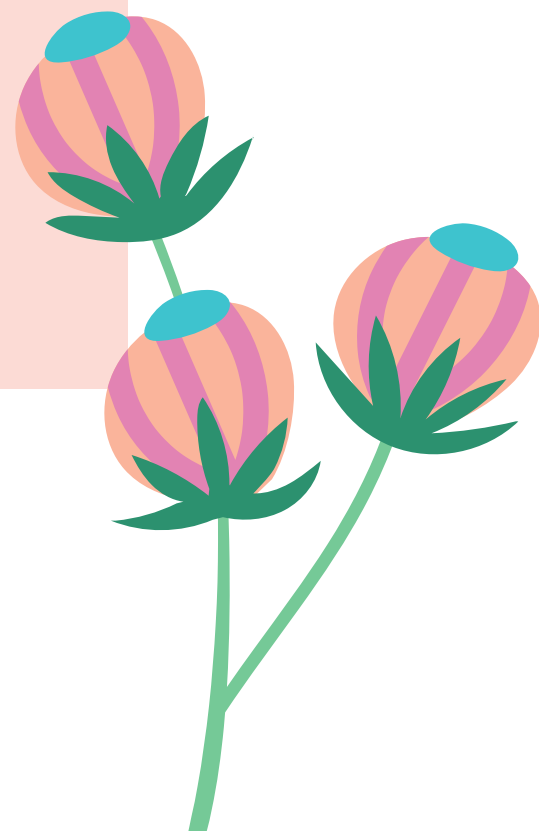


# OR THIS....

- Middle School is a great time to teach your child “how to study”
- Note Cards
- Re-Copy Notes
- Cornell Note taking
- Go over Study Guide
- Photo copy notes or study guide and block out key words with sharpie and have student guess the word
- Studying a little each day- no cramming

## RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT:

CTLS  
Digital Textbooks  
Quizlet  
Blooket  
Photo Math App  
Khan Academy



HEY!

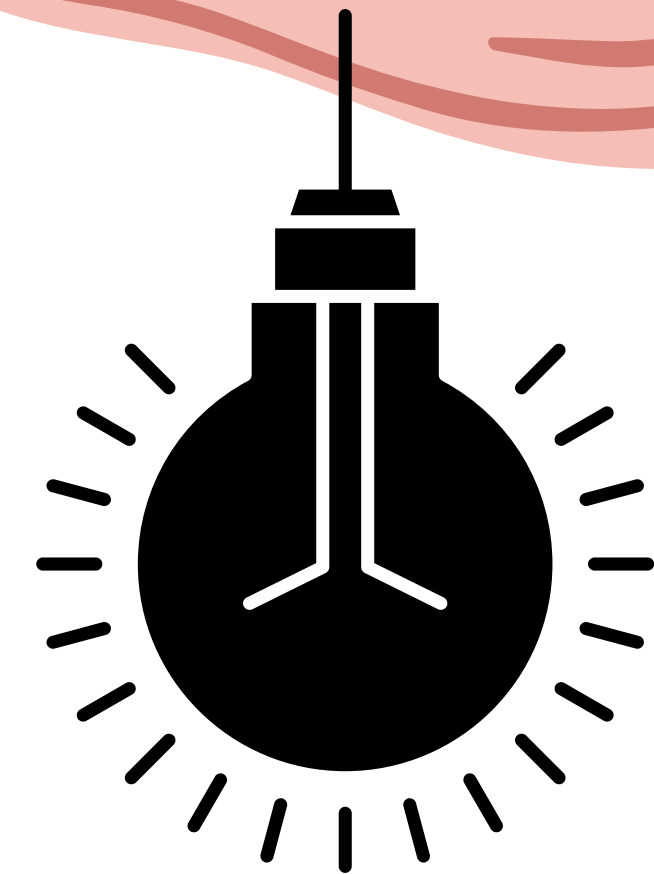
**AND....**

**Get plugged in –**

PTSA email blast  
Volunteer  
Coffee Talk

**Get your child  
plugged in-**

School Clubs-  
list on website  
Youth Groups  
Sports





# EXTRA SUPPORT

**Many teachers have before school study sessions for an upcoming test – check teacher CTLS page**

Morning Math and Reading Writing Labs- coming soon

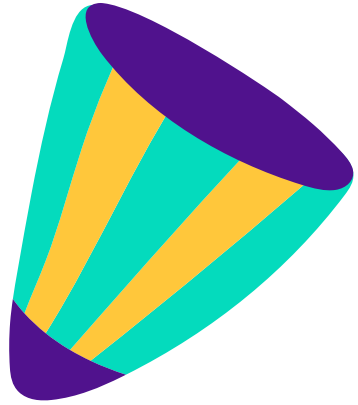
Lookout for an email blast and check the website for information

Contact your child's teacher if they are struggling – many teachers offer to meet with your child before school to help them

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# PTSA



Parents can sign up for eBlast communication through the PTSA link on the Lost Mountain website.



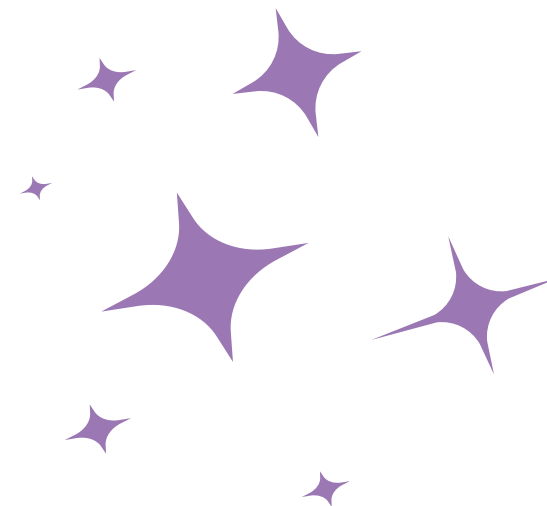
**Quick  
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to parents**



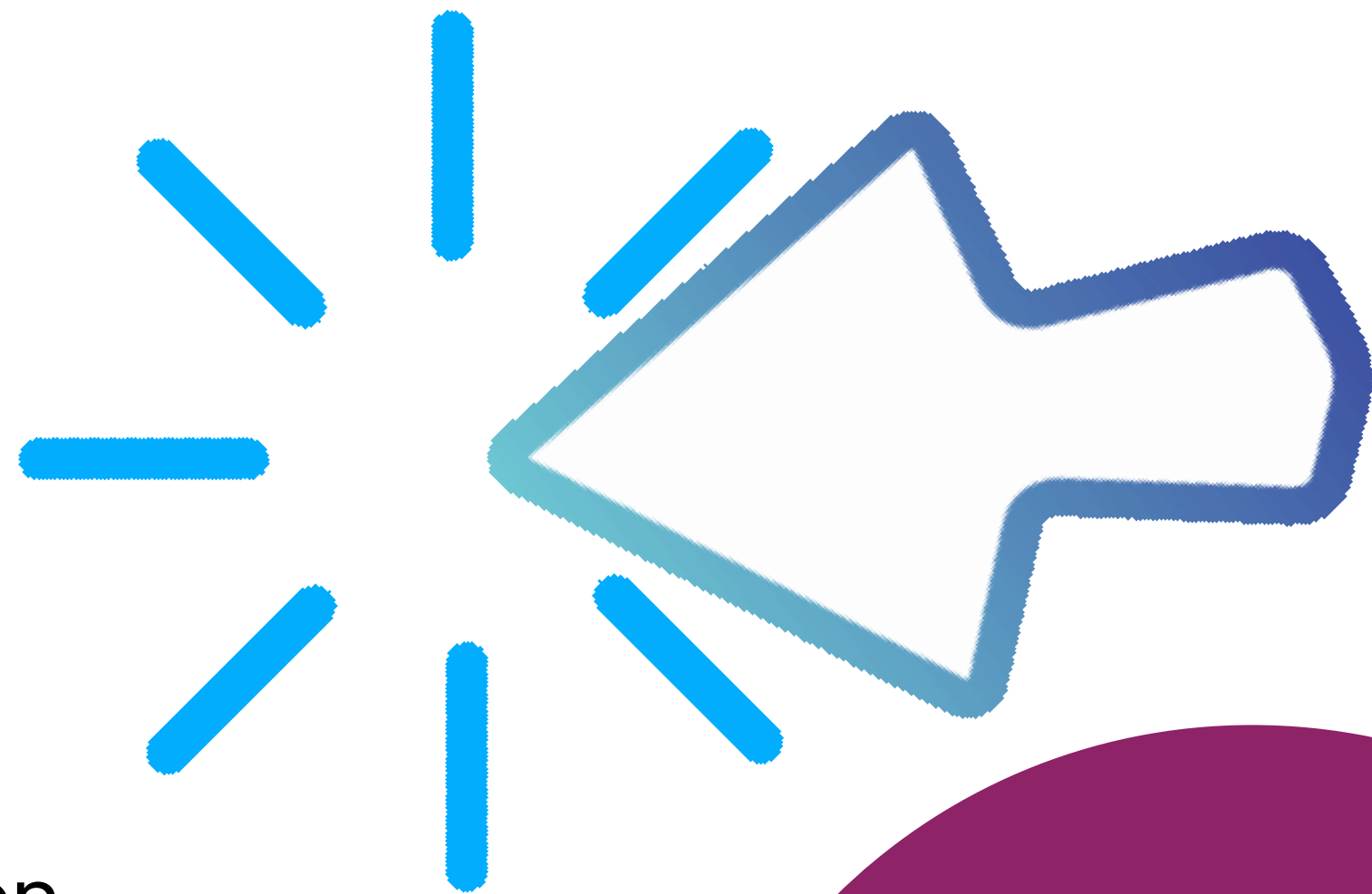
**Share  
upcoming  
events**



**Notification  
by PTSA**



# LMMS FOUNDATION



- Visit the Lost Mountain Foundation website to see how you can be a part of

- "Empowering Students to Soar"

- [www.lmmsfoundation.org](http://www.lmmsfoundation.org)

Recognize your child's birthday on our birthday marquee



# COMING UP

**Sep 12**– 6th Grade Curriculum Night

**Sep 14**– 7th & 8th Grade Curriculum Night

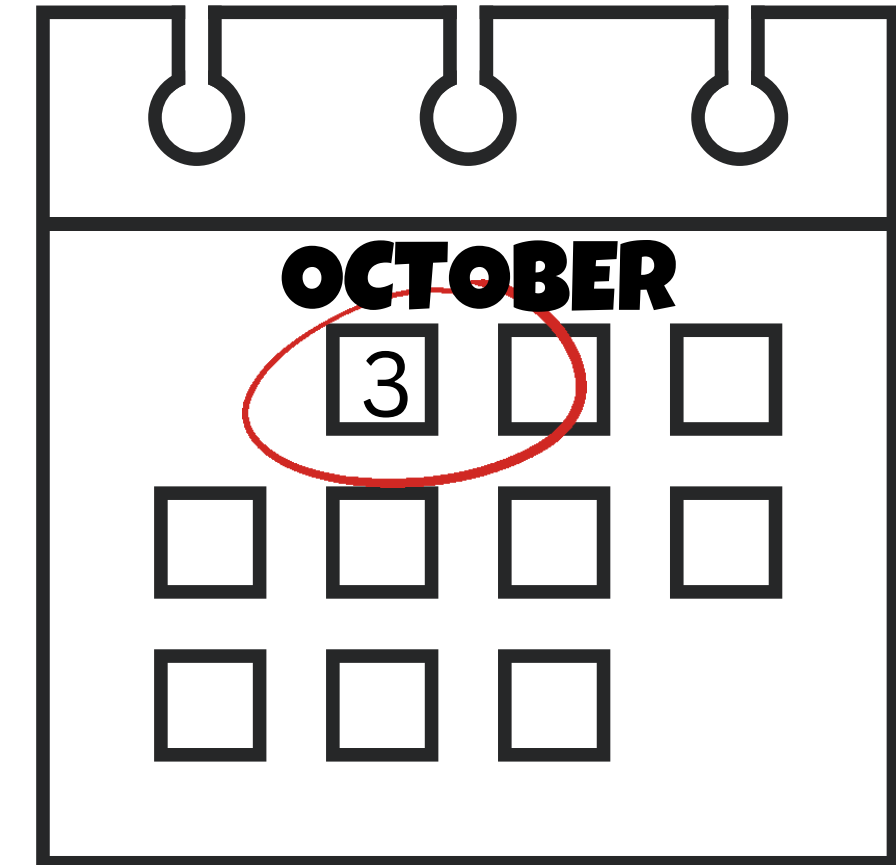
**Sep 18–22**– Rally Week

**Sep 25–29**– Fall Break

**October 5**– CoGAT 7th Grade

**Oct 9–12**– IOWA Testing 7th Grade

Next Hot Topic  
Organization and Study Skills





**THANK  
YOU**

