Dear Parent or Guardian,

In support of our students’ successful transitions to middle school, we invite students to participate in an Early Entry Day program. Arbutus Middle School is excited to announce that it will again host a half-day “Early Entry Day” on Friday, August 27, 2021, for students entering 6th and 7th grade for the 2021–2022 school year. The day is targeted for students who have not yet visited Arbutus Middle School.

Students will participate in a wide variety of activities to become more familiar with their new school setting prior to the start of school. They will also have the opportunity to review their class schedules, visit their lockers, take school tours, and meet all their teachers and the school counselors. The Early Entry Day is for students only and will not replace other school-based student-parent orientation activities. The school bell schedule is 8:20 am-12:05pm on this day.

Transportation will be provided for those 6th and 7th grade students who are scheduled to take a bus to school. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regularly scheduled times (bus schedules will be posted in our summer mailing to be sent on August 18th) and will be transported home at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all participating students.

For 8th grade students, new to AMS, we will host an open house on the same day for students to visit their classrooms. BCPS will not be providing transportation for 8th grade students, but 8th grade students may tour the school from 9am-12:00pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new students on Friday, August 27, 2021, for Early Entry Day activities. Masks will be required for all visitors. Please check the BCPS website for updates on COVID mitigation protocol. While this day is not required, we hope your child can take advantage of this opportunity. Should you have any questions regarding Early Entry Day, please contact us at your earliest convenience. The first regular day of school for all students is Monday, August 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

Michelle P. Feeney, Principal