# Welcome to Middle School!



VANDERBILT CHARTER ACADEMY





#### HAPPY SUMMER!

Over the summer, find time to read a good book and explore outdoors!

Middle School is an exciting time, and your teachers are looking forward to sharing this year with you. Join us at Vanderbilt's Open House on August 19

This event will provide you with all the information you need for middle school.

Your teachers are already preparing for the 2019-2020 school year. You can prepare by gathering the school supplies you'll need for the school year (see the next page for a list of supplies), reading, and keeping your mind active over the summer.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Vanderbilt's Open House

August 19

First Day of School

August 21

#### CLASS TRIPS

#### 6th Grade: YMCA Camp Pendalouan

Our annual 6th Grade trip to camp is a fabulous start to the Middle School experience. We will leave from Vanderbilt on Thursday, Sept 13 and come back to Vanderbilt before school ends on Friday, Sept 14. Here we will participate in team-building activities, ropes course, climb a rock wall, and other outdoor events. The cost is only \$40.00, so start saving and mark it on your calendar! If you have any questions, please contact 6th grade teacher Mrs. DeVette at 5.cdevette@nhaschools.com

#### 7th Grade: Kayaking

The 7th Grade class trip to will be in May at the end of the school year. The cost is usually around \$40.00, so start saving now! We will be kayaking and going on a dune ride. A more detailed itinerary will follow this fall. Please contact Ms. Hugmeyer if you have any questions regarding the trip at

5.khugmeyer@nhaschools.com

#### 8th Grade: Washington, DC

The annual DC trip is an exciting endof-year event for the 8th Grade class. The 8th graders leave Vanderbilt on Tuesday evening, May 26. They spend three full days exploring the national capital, and they return very early Friday morning, May 29

<u>Fundraisers</u> for the DC trip will start in late September. Students who participate in fundraisers often pay for the trip in full through their fundraising efforts.

The 8th grade homeroom teachers will be sending home important information to you at a later date regarding a parent meeting.

### Parents, we need you!

All class trips require our chaperones and volunteers to fill out a volunteer form prior to the trip. The process is easy. Simply go the school website www.vanderbiltcharteracademy.org, click on the "Beyond the Classroom" tab and select "Volunteer" to complete your form. It is fast and secure. All forms must be completed online as paper copies are no longer processed. If you do not have a computer at home, please stop in the school office to complete. Thank you!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2019-2020



As a team of teachers, we try to keep supply requirements to a minimum, but students are expected to have at least the general school supplies all year long. Store some pencils and notebooks away for January!

Please contact any of the middle school teachers if you cannot get the necessary supplies, and we will try to help you out.

#### 6th, 7th and 8th grades

6 pocket folders

4 dozen pencils

1 hand-held pencil sharpener

1 package of pencil cap erasers

1 pencil box or pouch

3 boxes of tissues

1 package of lined paper

1 box of colored pencils and/or skinny markers (no sharpies)

6 composition notebooks

1 package of highlighters

2 large packages of glue sticks

1 pair of scissors

water bottle with name

Any Middle School classroom could use donations of general supplies if you can find good deals. Tissues, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, markers or colored pencils, glue sticks, lined filler paper (wide or college-ruled), and construction paper would all be put to good use by your students. Even items like paper plates, cups, and utensils are used for projects or special events. The less money spent on general classroom supplies, the more money we can spend on specific content materials, equipment, and hands-on learning

SPORTS

Vanderbilt Athletics:

One of the exciting things about Middle School is that you get to compete in Vanderbilt Athletics. We have basketball (boys/girls), cross country (boys/girls), soccer (boys/girls), and volleyball (girls). Communication will be sent out to parents prior to the start of

each new sport season. It will be great to have you involved as a Vanderbilt Voyager!