

### *Phone Message for Thursday, August 13, 2009*

This is Tripp Crayton, Principal of Wakefield Middle School, with your weekly announcement. I wish to officially welcome everyone to another school year. You should have received a mailing around August 9<sup>th</sup> with important opening of school information. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the school.

This is a reminder that schedule pick-up will take place on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Schedules can be picked up anytime on Thursday between 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. This is NOT a formal orientation or open house. Feel free to stop by anytime during the hours of 5:00-8:00. On Thursday evening, there will be individuals available from transportation, athletics, PTSA, and the cafeteria to answer questions, if necessary. You are free to tour the building with your child during that time as well. Please keep in mind that teachers will not be available for conferences or meet-and-greet at that time. Staff will be available throughout the evening to answer your general questions. If you are unable to attend Thursday evening, schedules will be available to pick up anytime Friday at the front desk. Staff will not be available to assist on Friday due to required staff meetings throughout the day. Due to a reduction in the number of electives available, please note that schedule changes will be rare. Schedule change forms will not be made available until Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

PE uniforms will be available for purchase during schedule pick-up. Information will be posted to the school's website by the first of next week. T-Shirts are \$8, shorts \$12, bags \$5, hooded sweatshirts \$22, and crew sweatshirts \$16.

This is a friendly reminder that "Meet-the-Teacher" night has been scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. On this night, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about the exciting things going on in your child's classes.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents are reminded that your child is required to have the Tdap shot in order to meet the revised immunization requirements for students entering sixth grade. Failure to have your 6<sup>th</sup> graders immunized will result in your child not being able to attend school. If you have questions, please contact Student Services at 562-3509 to ensure you meet the new requirement.

Please visit the school's website for information pertaining to athletic tryouts, eligibility requirements, and participation forms in order to participate in

cheerleading, girls' soccer, volleyball, or football. Before eligible rising seventh and eighth graders can participate in tryouts, they must have an athletic participation form completed along with a physical.

Our website and the county website have current information related to bus routes. Copies of the bus routes can also be picked up during schedule pick-up.

The PTSA is sponsoring a school supply drive beginning on August 20, 2009. We are seeking donations of pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, binders and book bags to give to those students needing supplies to help them be successful. Boxes will be located in our front office and Student Services area for supplies to be dropped off. Any help you can provide will go a long way to support the Wakefield Middle School community.

Please note that students are not permitted to carry book bags during the school day to minimize safety issues. Book bags may remain in lockers during the day and then can be taken home at the end of each day.

School begins on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 8:05 a.m. This is earlier from years past. Students may enter the building at 7:55 a.m. Adult supervision is not provided prior to this time. School ends at 3:00 p.m. each day except on Wednesdays, when students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Review the summer mailing for more details.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, August 25th. Here's hoping you have a great Friday and weekend!