



School District 622

NORTH ST. PAUL - MAPLEWOOD - OAKDALE

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

For the past year the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District has been studying its middle schools and looking for ways to increase opportunities, add rigor and improve student learning. We believe the changes we are making to our middle schools will accomplish these goals.

The transition from elementary to middle school is an important one. This letter will provide you with information about the programs available for your child next year. Currently, the middle school schedule is broken down into a seven-period day. Next year, pending final approval from the School Board, the schedule will change to a six-period day. The switch will not alter the school's start or end times, just how the classes are structured during the time they are in school.

Highlights of the program are outlined below:

- Eighth grade students will now be able to take a world language. They will choose Spanish, French or German. All three will be offered depending upon enrollment.
- Students at all grade levels will have the opportunity to choose Band or Choir.
- Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science will be offered at all grade levels.
- Computer Applications/Engineering Class will be offered at all grade levels.
- Physical education will be offered every other day in all three grade levels.
- Additional academic support will be available for identified students.
- Increased opportunities for identified high potential students.

Informational sessions for parents have been scheduled at each of the middle schools during the months of January and February. Specific meeting times and contact information are listed on the reverse side of this letter. If you do not know which school your student will attend, please call the Enrollment Center at 651-748-7550. Please join us for one of our informational sessions at any of our middle schools.

Sincerely,

Troy Miller

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