



STONE HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Rising 6th Grade Parents,

The course selection process for the 2020-2021 school year has begun and we are excited to welcome you to our Stone Hill Middle School community! To help you navigate this process and make decisions that are best for your child, we will have the following transition activities this winter:

- **Parent Information Night** for rising 6th grade parents. On February 19th, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Stone Hill will host parents for a tour, panel discussion, and curriculum information.
- **Rising 6th Grade Band on February 10th for students with last names that begin with A-K and on February 11th for students with last names that begin with L-Z.** Both nights will be held at Stone Hill Middle School beginning at 6:00 pm.

Our principal, grade level Dean, and School Counselor will begin visiting feeder schools in February to share a brief presentation on Stone Hill’s schedule and other helpful information. Dates currently scheduled for the larger feeder school presentations are below.

February 19 th	8:15 a.m.	Rosa Lee Carter
February 19 th	9:30 a.m.	Creighton’s Corner
February 20 th	8:10 a.m.	Moorefield Station Elementary
February 20 th	9:30 a.m.	Legacy Elementary

In early April, your child will have the opportunity to visit Stone Hill Middle School for an orientation and to meet some of the administrative staff. They will have the opportunity to see some of our music ensembles and will get to tour the building.

April 15 th	Rosa Lee Carter and Legacy Elementary
April 16 th	Moorefield Station Elementary and Creighton’s Corner

**If your child will be joining us next year and does not currently attend one of our primary feeder schools listed above, we will still be scheduling times to come to your student’s school and we’ll welcome your students at one of our tour date events. Mrs. Barrett is working on those schedules with the 5th grade counselors – stay tuned!

Below is 6th grade course information. The Middle School Program of Studies is a great resource to assist you in learning about the courses offered at the middle school level:

[Program of Studies](#)

- The four core subjects (English, Math, History, and Science) will be preloaded into your child’s course requests based on his/her 5th grade teacher’s recommendations. Students will be

recommended for the academic or honors level in the following classes: Science, History, and English. English is a double block meaning that it is held every day (all other classes are held every other day). If you would like to change any of the recommended courses, please contact your child's teacher first to discuss the change. Recommendations for math placement will be made by the fifth-grade teacher upon review of the math placement test score, SOL scores, and your child's 5th grade progress in math.

- All students will take a year of PE and a semester each of Art and Keyboarding. Those will be preloaded as well. In addition, students will have a 45-minute Resource (similar to a study hall) or Spectrum class (Spectrum will be automatic for students who are currently in Futura).
- All sixth graders will also have a music elective. The music elective is a 45-minute class held opposite your child's 45-minute resource or Spectrum class. Options for music are Band, Chorus, Strings and Music Lab. Sixth grade is the only time to start taking a band or strings instrument (with the exception of guitar) in Loudoun County. Students who selected Band MUST attend the Band Night.

Lastly, we will be setting up a new student orientation in early August. This will be a chance for students and parents to visit the building, find and open their locker, and walk through their class schedule.

We welcome all our families to Stone Hill Middle and look forward to getting to know and work with you for your child's success!

Sincerely,

Ann Barrett, School Counselor, SHMS