



# MURDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Where Students Come First!*

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August 1, 2017

Dear Murdock Middle School Families,

In just a few short weeks your student will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Murdock Middle School. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with the highly qualified and dedicated staff, the wonderful students, and the supportive parents.

There have been some changes at Murdock Middle School since the end of last school year. One significant change is our shift to a Personalized Learning Model. Teachers have spent time this summer attending trainings, working on their curriculum and preparing for the first days of school. We will be sending home newsletters and holding a number of family nights this year in order to communicate information about Personalized Learning at MMS. We would like to invite all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families to a Back to School night where we will be discussing how these changes will affect individual students and what can be expected throughout the year. It will be held on August 30, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Murdock Auditorium.

We would also like to invite you to visit our school's website. Our website serves as a resource tool for all upcoming events, student/parent handbook, important reminders and daily announcements. Our One Call information system is another tool we use throughout the year to stay in touch with families. Please make sure to complete the Emergency Form that students will be bringing home on the first day of school. Additionally, we have a Facebook page (@MurdockMiddleSchool) and a Twitter account (@Murdock\_Middle) that we use to send out updates and quick announcements throughout the year.

Included with this letter, you will find some important reminders for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 978-297-1256 ext. 101.

The middle school years are critical times of development for students and families alike. We look forward to working with all of you to make this year successful and to seeing many new and familiar faces on the first day of school.

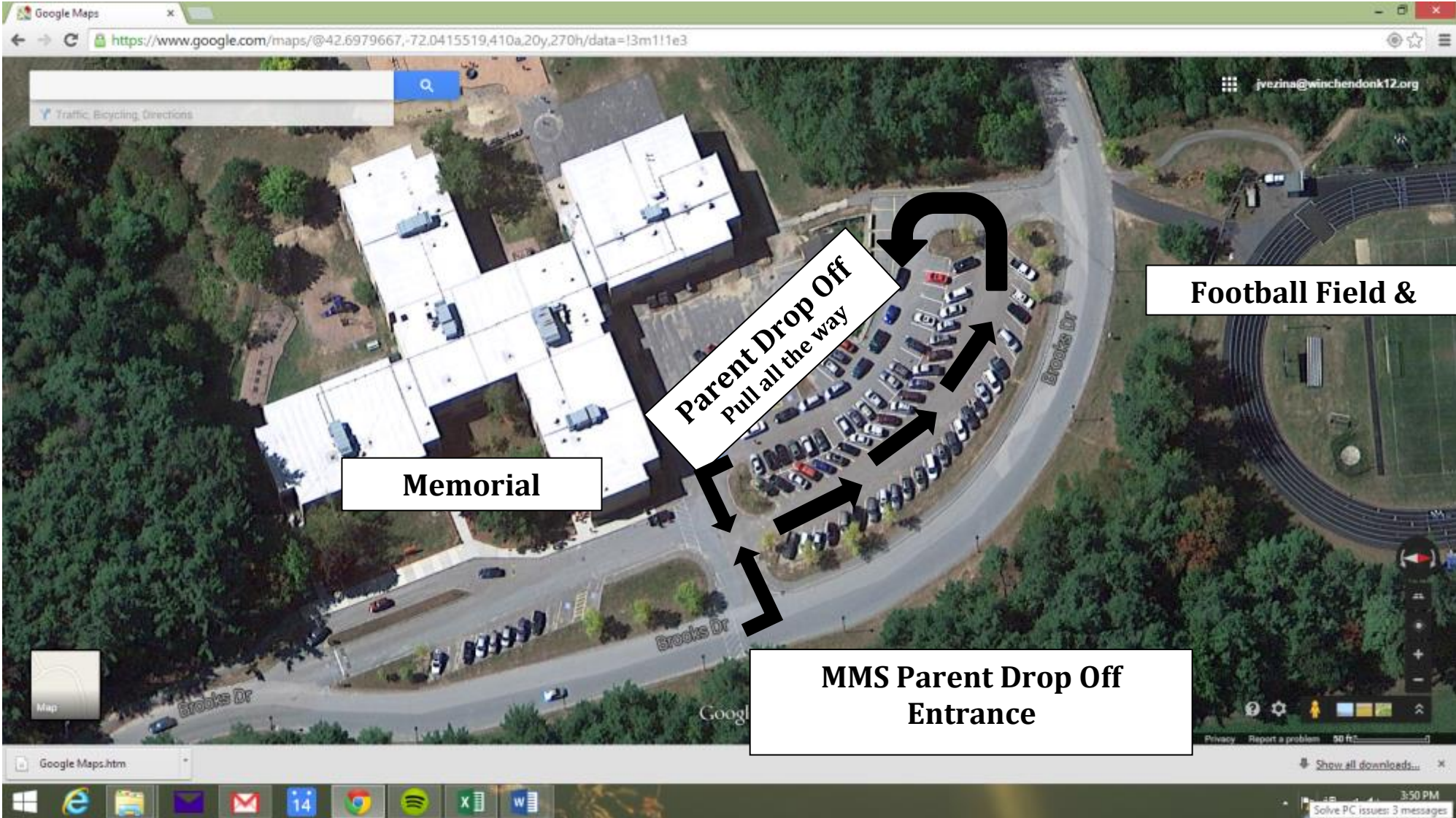
Sincerely,

Jessica L. Vezina  
Principal

**Supply List  
2017-2018**

**Grades 7 and 8**

- 2 inch binder
- Refill paper for binder
- Portable 3-hole punch to fit in binder
- Zippered pouch with 3 holes (to carry small supplies such as highlighters, pencils, clips, calculator, etc.)
- 1 package of plastic sheet protectors.
- 4 sets of subject dividers with tabs
- Pocket folders for binder
- 5-One subject notebooks or 1-Five Subject notebook
- Pencils
- Blue or black pens
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Ruler
- Glue sticks (2)
- Fine tip dry erase marker
- Flash drive
- Box of Tissues
- Daily agendas will be provided to all middle school students



**Parent Drop Off**  
Pull all the way

**Memorial**

**Football Field &**

**MMS Parent Drop Off  
Entrance**