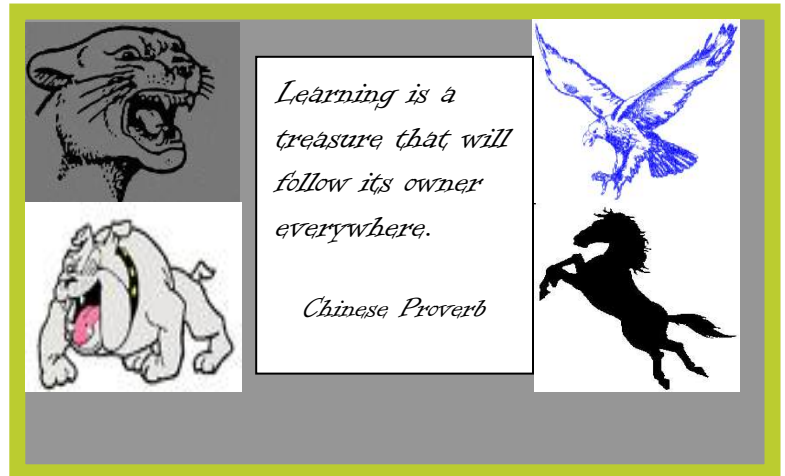




The transition of your child into junior high has been underway for quite some time.

It's your child's biggest transition since kindergarten: Your son or daughter is leaving the comfort and familiarity of elementary school for the challenges and opportunities of junior high. It can be daunting for both of you, so let us assure you that the counselors at all four junior high schools have been working both independently and collectively to ensure a smooth transition for each incoming sixth grader. We are ready and excited to welcome your child into 7th grade! We strive to meet the unique needs of each individual child in addition to meeting the needs of the collective student population. A few students may be in need of a specialized one-on-one transition plan while many other students will be served through generalized transition programming. The following list of transition activities is a brief overview of the preparation and planning that has already taken place or is scheduled to happen in the near future.



TRANSITION

- **Junior High Counselor Visits to Elementary Schools** (January)
- **Parent Orientation/Enrollment Meetings** (January)
- **Sixth Grade Visits** (First Monday or Tuesday in May)
- **Student/Parent Welcome Activities** (spring or fall varies by school)
- **Counselor to Counselor Meetings** (continuous elementary consultation with junior high)
- **Special Services Day** (coordinated meetings between elementary & junior staff for transitioning students with IEP's)
- **Seventh Grader First Day** (a half day of orientation & teambuilding)
- **Seventh Grade Year** (organized & structured as a year of transition)

We look forward to working with your child and you over the next three years. Please do not hesitate to contact your assigned counselor at anytime with your questions, concerns and adolescent triumphs.

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