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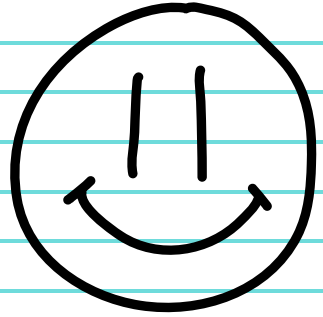
SURVIVING 6TH GRADE



Everything you wanted to know about
John Adams Middle School, but were
afraid to ask!

HOW MANY PEOPLE GO TO JAMS?

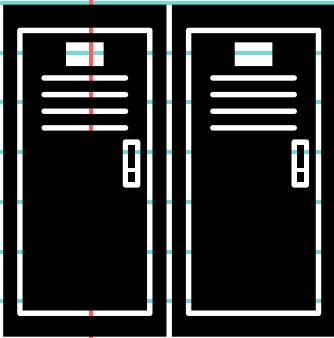
THERE ARE ABOUT 700 KIDS AT JAMS. OF THESE, ABOUT 200 ARE 6TH GRADERS. THAT MAY BE MORE THAN YOUR WHOLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAD!



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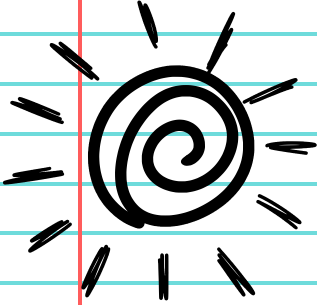
WILL WE USE LOCKERS?

NOT ON A DAILY BASIS, NO. WHEN IT GETS COLD, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT AND HAVE ONE ONLY FOR YOUR COAT. YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE COMBINATION, AND IT WILL ONLY BE OPENED WITH A KEY BY A TEACHER AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY. YOU WILL CARRY A BACKPACK WITH ALL OF YOUR BELONGINGS.





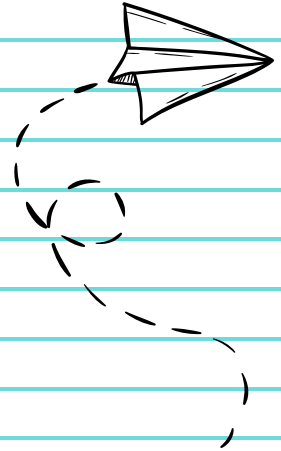
HOW MANY CLASSES WILL I HAVE?

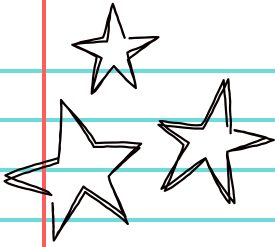


YOU WILL HAVE A HOMEBASE, 7 CLASSES, LUNCH, AND A SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING CLASS CALLED DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE. THERE ARE TWO TEAMS OF ENGLISH, MATH, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND SCIENCE TEACHERS. YOU WILL BE ON ONE OF THOSE TEAMS AND HAVE ALL OF THE TEACHERS ON THAT TEAM.

DO WE HAVE RECESS?

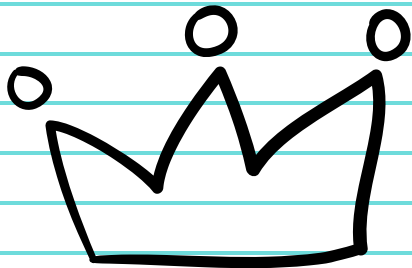
NO, BUT SOMETIMES IF IT IS NICE OUT AND BEHAVIOR IS GOOD, WE WILL TAKE YOU OUTSIDE TO THE BLACKTOP DURING DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE. YOU CAN WALK AROUND, TALK TO FRIENDS, OR PASS A BALL AROUND. ON FRIDAYS, STUDENTS WITHOUT STRIKES (MORE ON THAT LATER) GET TO GO OUTSIDE OR PLAY ON IPADS AND SOCIALIZE IN THE HALLWAY DURING DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE. WE CALL THAT THE WEEKLY "4PS PARTY!"





WHAT'S THIS I'VE HEARD ABOUT STRIKES?

TEACHERS IN 6TH GRADE GIVE STRIKES FOR BEHAVIOR THAT MAY NOT BE "BAD ENOUGH" FOR A WRITE-UP, BUT STILL NEEDS A CONSEQUENCE. THIS MAY ALSO INCLUDE NOT DOING HOMEWORK OR NOT BRINGING A CHARGED IPAD. HAVING THREE STRIKES IN A WEEK WILL GET YOU WRITTEN UP. IF YOU GET A STRIKE DURING THE WEEK, YOU HAVE TO STAY IN A CLASSROOM AND WORK DURING THE FRIDAY 4PS PARTY.

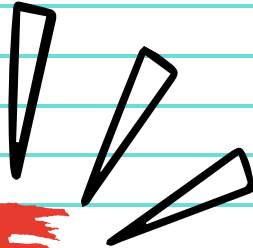


ARE THERE HALL PASSES?

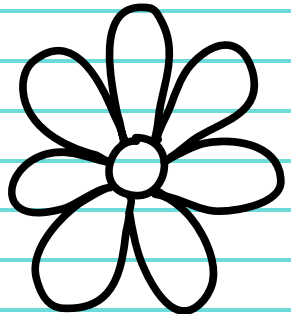


WE USE AN APP CALLED "E-HALL PASS." YOU WILL FILL ONE OF THESE OUT ON YOUR IPAD WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CLASSROOM TO GO TO THE BATHROOM OR OTHER AREAS OF THE SCHOOL YOU'LL PUT IN WHERE YOU'RE GOING SO WE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. ALL OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS CAN SEE IT. IT ALSO KEEPS TRACK OF HOW LONG YOU'RE GONE, SO DON'T WASTE TIME!

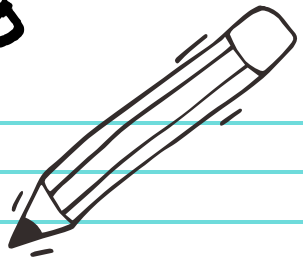
ARE PHONES ALLOWED?



YOUR PHONE MAY BE CARRIED WITH YOU, BUT IT MUST BE OFF. IT IS NOT ALLOWED ON DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AT ALL UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY AND THE TEACHER ALLOWS YOU TO USE IT. IT CAN BE TURNED ON AT THE END OF THE DAY DURING DISMISSAL AIR PODS MAY NOT BE USED EITHER.

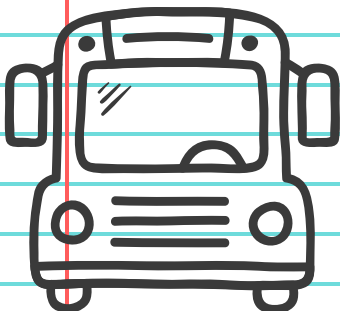


WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED?



ALL TEACHERS HAVE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLIES, AND THEY WILL GO OVER THOSE WITH YOU ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. YOU WILL DEFINITELY NEED A CHARGED IPAD DAILY ALONG WITH PENCILS AND PAPER. A BACKUP OR PORTABLE CHARGER MAY ALSO BE A GOOD IDEA. CLEAR OR MESH BACKPACKS ARE PREFERRED.

WHAT IF I'M RIDING THE BUS WITH SOMEONE ELSE?



YOU MUST HAVE A BUS NOTE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE BY 8:00 A.M. IF YOU ARE RIDING A DIFFERENT BUS.

HOW WILL I CHANGE CLASSES?



OUR 6TH GRADE CLASSES ARE ALL UPSTAIRS IN THE SAME HALLWAY. MOST RELATED ARTS CLASSES ARE DOWNSTAIRS. WE HAVE ONE WAY HALLWAYS AND STAIRWELLS TO HELP ALL OF THE GRADES CHANGE CLASSES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR CLASSES.

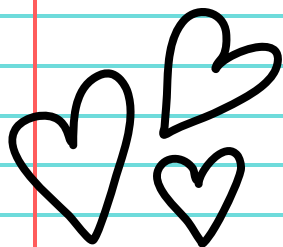
WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DRESS CODE?

WE FOLLOW THE KANAWHA COUNTY SCHOOLS' DRESS CODE. YOU WILL GET A COPY OF THIS IN THE HANDBOOK. YOU MUST SIGN THAT YOU'VE READ IT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. HERE ARE ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE:

- STRAPS NEED TO COVER THE SHOULDER
- NO BELLIES SHOWING-EVEN WHEN RAISING HANDS
- NO BRAS/BRALETTES SHOWING
- NO HEAD COVERINGS (THAT INCLUDES WEARING A HOOD UP), EXCEPT FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS
- NO SUNGLASSES WITHOUT DOCTOR'S ORDER
- SHORTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST A 4 INCH INSEAM



IS BULLYING BAD IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?



WE HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR BULLYING HERE. IF YOU DO FIND YOURSELF BEING BULLIED OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS BEING BULLIED, TELL A TEACHER, COUNSELOR, OR ADMINISTRATOR. WE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

is it BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

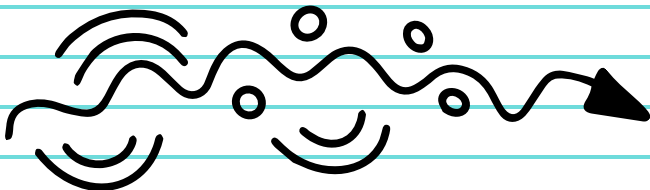
When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it*—even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**



WHAT'S THE HARDEST THING ABOUT COMING TO JOHN ADAMS?

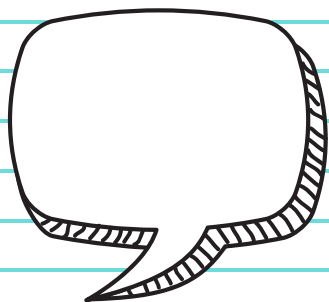
MOST KIDS SAY THE HARDEST THING TO GET USED TO IS BEING IN A SCHOOL WITH A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAN YOU WERE IN ELEMENTARY. THE GOOD PART OF THAT IS THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF POTENTIAL NEW FRIENDS FOR YOU TO MAKE! GETTING AROUND THE SCHOOL IS CONFUSING AT FIRST, BUT WE WILL HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHICH WAY TO GO! ANOTHER CHALLENGE IS LEARNING ABOUT SO MANY DIFFERENT TEACHERS AND HOW THEY DO THINGS IN THEIR CLASSES. YOU HAVE TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF IN MIDDLE SCHOOL WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU GET ADJUSTED; IT'S AN ADJUSTMENT FOR EVERYONE!. YOUR 6TH GRADE TEACHERS ARE USED TO HELPING STUDENTS MAKE THESE TRANSITIONS, SO PLEASE, ASK US IF YOU NEED HELP!



♡ ADVICE FROM REAL STUDENTS

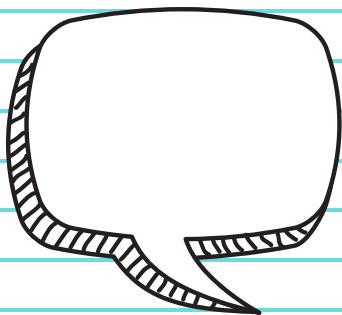
"DONT ASK IF THERE'S A POOL ON THE ROOF. THERE ISN'T, AND YOU'LL BE EMBARRASSED."

"YOU HAVE TO HAVE A 2.0 TO PLAY SPORTS. STAY ON TOP OF YOUR WORK! ALWAYS!"



"TO FIT IN, JUST FIND THE PEOPLE WHO FIT YOU."

"THE TEACHERS CAN BE TRUSTED."



"YOUR FRIENDS WILL CHANGE."

"BE KIND AND ENJOY 6TH GRADE. IT GOES BY FAST!"