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Dear Parent/Guardians:

Welcome back to M.L. King, Jr. Middle School. We are anticipating another exciting year of learning. To our new family members, we say “Welcome.” M. L. King, Jr. Middle School strives to provide a peaceful, stable and productive learning environment that meets the academic, social and developmental needs of all students. At M.L. King Jr., we set high expectations and celebrate the achievement of every student.

Middle school is a vital bridge between elementary school and high school—it is also a period when students, often for the first time in their lives, begin actively seeking a sense of purpose and place. It is our job to provide them with these opportunities, while also keeping them engaged, challenged and supported. Our students are gifts with limitless potential. Through the efforts of our entire school community, we can help them to develop their own unique skills and talents and prepare them for continued success far beyond their early adolescent years.

A primary vehicle through which we accomplish this growth and development is our interdisciplinary teams. There are several pillars to effective teaming—among them are 1) students sharing a common set of interdisciplinary teachers for all core classes; 2) teachers working in close physical proximity to one another, enabling greater collaboration; 3) teachers and counselors having regularly scheduled team meetings during a common planning time (this daily face-to-face interaction facilitates early intervention; 4) and perhaps, most importantly, teachers sharing a philosophy about how a developmentally responsive middle-level curriculum is delivered. Our goal is social, emotional, and academic growth for all students

As we prepare for the first day of school, here are some important reminders.

- **First Day:** Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Students will receive their schedules during homeroom.
- **School hours:** Homeroom starts at 8:55 am and dismissal starts at 4:05 pm.
- **Students are permitted to enter the building at 8:40 am.**
- **Attendance:** Parents please notify the school office with written documentation when students are absent.
- **Lunch:** Lunch will be served on the first day of school. Healthy snacking is an important part of a healthy diet. When packing a breakfast, snack or lunch for your child, please do **not send soft drinks, fruit drinks with processed sugar, candy, cookies, ice cream,**



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**cupcakes, cake, hot fries, hot cheetos, sunflower seeds, gum and/or sugary snacks to school.**

- **Homeroom Assignments:** Students will receive homeroom assignments at **Open House on July 30 from 12:00 -2:00 p.m.**
- **Uniforms:** Students are required to wear uniforms Monday through Thursday. Uniform colors are marron/crimson, gold or black tops and khaki or black pants. Boys are required to wear belts.

We hope the above information is helpful to you as you prepare for the first day of school. If you have any questions about any of this information, please contact the school at 404-802-5400.

We look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Paul W. Brown,  
Principal

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