



Preparing for High School **8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

- **THINKING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL** – Time to start thinking about high school. Your grades matter in middle school. High School registration is based on 8th grade classes and grades.
- **LEARNING HOW TO ADVOCATE** - What does this mean? When you have questions or concerns ask your teacher OR Guidance counselor. They are there to help and support you.
- **GOOD STUDY HABITS** - Picking a quiet place without distractions and studying/doing homework in the same area will help you to develop good study habits. Yes, this means turning your phone on silent.
- **MAKE UP WORK** - Now is the time to develop your work ethic and academic integrity, by staying on top of your grades and any missing work. Using FOCUS to see what is missing and the date assigned. This will help you when you go to PLANBOOK to print the assignment worksheet and instructions.
- **TIME MANAGEMENT** – Learning how to manage your time now will help you in the future as the curriculum continues to get more difficult. Plan how you are going to keep track of your schoolwork (ex. Agenda, notes on your phone, whiteboard, paper calendar)
- **INDEPENDENCE** – Work on improving your Academic Independence. Getting comfortable talking to your teachers when you have questions. Try to work things through yourself before having your parents e-mail teachers, but make sure your parents are aware of the situation.
- **WEBSITE** – Look for information on the WBMS website. Think you have a good idea for something we can add, let us know. All the information you need to make a successful transition to high school is located on your high school’s website.
- **DISCIPLINE** - Follow the rules. It is important to stay in dress code and not receive disciplines.
- **GUIDANCE** - Know who your Guidance Counselor is. They can help you!!!
- **ADVANCED COURSES** - Many advanced (Honors) courses require summer work. Make sure you are prepared and know the due dates.
- **BEST YEAR EVER** – You’ve almost made the jump to high school. Keep working hard. Wait to you see the vast number of electives that high school’s offer.
- **REMEMEBER** – You are amazing, you are valued, you are cared about, you have limitless potential.