Greetings YMS Student,

I hope that you are having a relaxing and fun summer! I am excited about seeing each of you return to school for a fresh start and a new journey. Your success is important to me and everyone at YMS. If you are a new middle school student, you may feel a swarm of emotions about being new to middle school. You may feel nervous, anxious, excited, or scared. This is very normal. We have the best team to support you and help you transition to middle school without fear. Our team will gladly help guide you through the first days of school. Do not worry yourself about being lost. You have a fun year of learning ahead! If you are a returning YMS student, reflect on last school year and think of things that you did well and things that you would like to do better. Improving always makes me feel great!

I encourage you to set new academic goals. Your teachers want the best for you even if you have a bad day. I encourage you to join at least one club, sport, or activity. There are endless opportunities for you to learn new skills, ignite new passions, broaden your social skills, and increase your academic performance. When I was a middle school student, I learned so many things that I loved to do that I didn't realize I would enjoy until I participated in new activities.

The future seems so far away, but now is the time to prepare for the career and life that you desire. There are so many things beyond our control, but our learning is something that we have ultimate power over. At YMS, we believe in you. Please reflect on the YMS Mustang Magic Motto. If we all help each other follow this motto each day, I know that great things will happen. Please go on the school website for information about the school dress code, sports, important events, supply list etc. I hope to see you at Sneak-a-Peek to tour our school and meet your teachers on July 31, 2023. Please report to the YMS gym at the assigned times below.

Last name:
A-L: 5:30-6:15
M-Z: 6:15-7:00

The first day of school is August 2, 2023. Please report by 8:30 am. Let's have the best school year ever!

Sincerely,

Principal Jaslyn Janae
YMS MUSTANG MAGIC MOTTO

**M**otivate yourself and others.

**U**nderstand the world and people around you.

**S**uccess is being responsible and prepared.

**T**hink before you speak and act! Be positive.

**A**ttitude leads to respect. Attendance leads to learning.

**N**ever give up. Determination is noble.

**G**rowth mindset every day!

**S**afety first. No bullying! Always report!
How Do I Get Help at YMS?

Administrators

- Mrs. Jaslyn Janae, Principal 770-651-5613 jaslyn.janae@dcssga.org
- Thomas Thorne, Assistant Principal 770-651-5615 thomas.thorne@dcssga.org

Counselors

- Transition/school anxiety concerns; Peer conflicts and social/emotional issues; Support with outside issues
- Academic success and individual school counseling sessions; Communication with outside agencies
- Eddie Stafford, eddie.stafford@dcssga.org 770-651-5621; Tamara Moreland 770-651-5632, tamara.moreland@dcssga.org

Grade Level Leaders

- Please reach out to your teachers if you need assistance or would like to schedule a conference
- 6th Grade: Tanya Brown 770-651-5675, tanya.brown@dcssga.org; 7th Grade: Bryant Hand, 770-651-5657, bryant.hand@dcssga.org; 8th Grade: Colette Bell, 770-651-5691, colette.bell@dcssga.org
- Connections: Delane Berry 770-651-5642 delane.berry@dcssga.org

Classroom Teachers

- Contact classroom teachers for concerns with curriculum, assignments/projects, assessments, grades, classroom attendance, homework, or classroom discipline issues.
- For classroom teacher phone numbers and emails, please refer to the YMS website, https://yms.dcssga.org

Special Education Students

- For students served in Special Education please contact Ruby Chukwuelue, Educational Evaluator, 770-651-5627 or ruby.chukwuelue@dcssga.org

Main Office

- Barbara Lark, Office Manager 770-651-5609 barbara.lark@dcssga.org
- Tambara Whitehead, Attendance Clerk/Health Monitor 770-651-5604 tambara.whitehead@dcssga.org
- Terri Griggs, Records Clerk/Registrar 770-651-5652 terri.griggs@dcssga.org

Cafeteria

- Kimberly Walker, Café Manager, 770-651-5629, kimberly.walker@dcssga.org

Media Center (Library Books & Digital Devices)

- Mona Spruill, Media Center Specialist, 770-651-5634/ Sonseeharay Tunis-Roberson, Media Clerk 770-651-5647

Sports, Clubs, and Activities

- Contact Thomas Thorne, Athletic Director 770-651-5615 thomas.thorne@dcssga.org for your sport, club, or activity. He will direct you to the coach or sponsor.

Please allow 24 hours (weekdays) for a phone/email response.