



ISLANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to invite the parents of the Class of 2019 (current 5th grade students) to two upcoming events that will aid in the transition process from elementary to middle school. Both events are intended for parents, as students will have different experiences including visits from IMS administrators, counselors, and WEB leaders at their elementary schools on March 6, 7 and 8 as well as participating in 6th Grade Transition Day on June 1.

Incoming 6th Grade Registration Night:

This event is on **Tuesday, March 13 at IMS**. The purpose of this night is to give parents an opportunity to learn more about the overall middle school schedule (6+ period day), class options, as well as the registration process. The presentation will be made in the IMS Multi Purpose Room (lunch room) beginning at 7:00 pm. Please make sure you have looked at the registration materials sent home with your son or daughter. Your child will be an excellent source of information regarding the steps necessary and important dates involved in this year's registration process.

All parents are welcome to come to this event. However, if you feel confident about the process and don't have questions about the elective choices, please don't feel like you have to attend. We love meeting our new parents, but this first night is really about specific questions regarding the registration process.

Incoming 6th Grade Parent Information Night:

This event is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 15 at IMS**. The purpose of this night is to give parents a sense of the middle school experience overall. The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm in the IMS Library. Throughout the evening, parents will move through a rotation of four presentations.

- Presentation 1 - Focus on 6th Grade WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) program which connects 6th grade students to the Islander Community.
- Presentation 2 - Panel discussion comprised of current 6th graders who will reflect on their first year at IMS. They will share their perceptions around transition, fitting in, lunches, homework, and extra curricular activities.
- Presentation 3 – Facilitated discussion by IMS Mercer Island Youth and Family Services support team. They share information about what to expect from your child as he/she enters the middle school years.
- Presentation 4 - Panel discussion comprised of 6th Grade Teachers and IMS Parents. They will share information about the academic program at Islander, as well as ways for parents to get involved at IMS.

We feel all parents benefit from attending this event. It is a fun and dynamic way to learn the “ins and outs” of the 6th grade experience at Islander Middle School.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,
Aaron Miller and Mary Jo Budzius