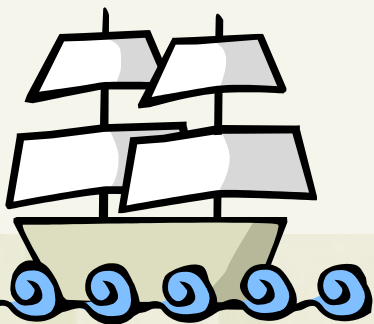


# Welcome to Middle School!



V A N D E R B I L T C H A R T E R A C A D E M Y

H A P P Y S U M M E R !

SAVE THE  
DATE!

Vanderbilt's Open House

August 20

First Day of School

August 27

Over the summer, find time to read a good book and explore outdoors!

Middle School is an exciting time, and your teachers are looking forward to sharing this year with you. Join us at Vanderbilt's Open House on **August 20**. This event will provide you with all the information you need for middle school.

Your teachers are already preparing for the 2018-2019 school year. You can prepare by gathering the school supplies you'll need for the school year (see the next page for a list of supplies), reading, and keeping your mind active over the summer.

Enjoy your summer break!

## C L A S S T R I P S

### 6th Grade: YMCA Camp Pentalouan

Our annual 6th Grade trip to camp is a fabulous start to the Middle School experience. **We will leave from Vanderbilt on Thursday, Sept 13 and come back to Vanderbilt before school ends on Friday, Sept 14.** Here we will participate in team-building activities, ropes course, climb a rock wall, and other outdoor events. The cost is only \$40.00, so start saving and mark it on your calendar!

### 7th Grade: Sleeping Bear Dunes

The 7th Grade class trip to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore will be in May at the end of the school year. The cost is usually around \$40.00, so start saving now! We will leave school around 7:00 in the morning and return around 8 p.m. that night. We will go kayaking/canoeing on the Platte River and climb the dunes to Lake Michigan. A more detailed itinerary will follow this fall.

#### Parents, we need you!

If you are interested in joining us in at the dunes, we need chaperones. Please contact office staff, Mrs. Gray, or Ms. Hugmeyer if you are interested or have questions. You will need to have a background check on file in the school office to join us. There is a reduced cost for chaperones!

### 8th Grade: Washington, DC

The annual DC trip is an exciting end-of-year event for the 8th Grade class. The 8th graders leave Vanderbilt on Tuesday evening, **May 26**. They spend three full days exploring the national capital, and they return very early Saturday morning, **May 30**.

Fundraisers for the DC trip will start in late September. Students who participate in fundraisers often pay for the trip in full through their fundraising efforts.

#### Chaperones Needed!

Parents and guardians are needed to join Vanderbilt staff in DC. Please contact office staff or an 8th Grade homeroom teacher if you are interested or have questions. Chaperones need to have a background check on file in the school office. Cost is reduced for chaperones.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2018-2019

As a team of teachers, we try to keep supply requirements to a minimum, but students are expected to have at least the general school supplies all year long. Store some pencils and notebooks away for January!

Please contact any of the middle school teachers if you cannot get the necessary supplies, and we will try to help you out.

Any Middle School classroom could use donations of general supplies if you can find good deals. Tissues, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, markers or colored pencils, glue sticks, lined filler paper (wide or college-ruled), and construction paper would all be put to good use by your students. Even items like paper plates, cups, and utensils are used for projects or special events. The less money spent on general classroom supplies, the more money we can spend on specific content materials, equipment, and hands-on learning

*“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”*

*--George Washington Carver*

### General Supplies (required)

- Binder or folder for each class
- Pencils (lots of pencils!)
- Erasers
- One Composition Book for each subject: Language Arts, Science, and History
- One spiral notebook for math
- Glue sticks
- Pencil pouch

### Optional but Advised

- Colored pencils/markers (please, no Sharpies)
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Scientific Calculator
- Water bottle (with name on it)

