

Welcome to Team Racer!

August 2015

If you were able to attend the evening orientation, you may already have this information. Here are a few reminders from that packet:

Throughout the first week or so, we ask for your flexibility and patience as we will make some shifts in class schedules to best deal with issues of class size and student distribution. Your child will have the **same** teachers presented in their first day schedule. However, there may be a switch in the order of their class periods.

Team Racer is a FIVE person team:

Ms. Danielle Crossey - Math

Mrs. Tanner - Literature

Mrs. Mandel - English

Mrs. Wilcher - Social Studies

Mrs. Sabram - Science

Mrs. Mandel will serve as the team leader this year. If an issue would be best shared with the entire team, please contact the team leader. For questions about a particular class, it is always best to contact the teacher directly.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Kara Gillespie as the Team Racer school counselor. She is a friendly face and a great resource who works closely with our team.

Your child should come prepared and rested, ready to learn. Classes begin earlier in middle school than in elementary school, so a good night's rest will help their success. Your effort to schedule outside appointments and family trips so they do not impact learning is appreciated, as well.

Each child will need the following supplies:

- A year's supply of #2 pencils and loose leaf notebook paper- store the surplus in locker
- A sturdy storage system with either rings or folders to collect handouts in all classes
- A one inch 3 ring single subject binder for science class
- A single subject spiral notebook for math class
- 2 bound composition books for social studies & literature classes
- Your own colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Glue stick
- Erasers or eraser caps
- 1 box of tissues for the homeroom teacher to start the 1<sup>st</sup> semester (more will be requested)
- TI-34 calculator

**We are requesting a 2" x 2" photograph of each child for a team project we will work on the first week of school.**

Take a deep breath. Your children will be in good hands. We look forward to a year of learning and growth.

Welcome to Mellon Middle School!

Racer Team Teachers