

March 27, 2020

WELCOME SKINNER SCHOLARS, CLASS OF 2027!Dear Parents/Guardians and Incoming 6th Grade Students:

We would like to personally welcome our incoming 6th grade students and your parents/guardians to Skinner Middle School. The Skinner staff is thrilled that you have selected our school to begin the important life passage of middle school. This is a critical stage in a student's life and it begins to shape who s/he becomes in the future. During your student's three years as a Skinner Scholar we will ensure that each student is academically prepared for high school and college options, as well as support her/him through this adolescent transition. Students will also be able to participate in a host of Core+ (elective) courses, clubs, sports, activities, and make life-long friendships during their years at Skinner.

Due to the current Colorado Stay-at-Home order and DPS school closure, conducting in-person New Family Orientation meetings is unfortunately on hold for now. If necessary, we will provide videos to help on-board you to Skinner. We will update families with more details as we learn them.

The following topics will be covered during New Family Orientation:

- 2020-21 Calendar
- 6th Grade Academy – Aug. 3 - 5, 8 am – 1:30 pm
- Registration & Fees
- Prevention & Intervention/Discipline
- Chromebooks
- Core+ (Electives) Scheduling
- Policies & Procedures
- Dress Code
- Cell Phone Policy
- Summer Homework

PLEASE NOTE: Recommendations for Honors and/or accelerated courses are obtained from students' 5th grade teachers. We will reach out to our feeder elementary schools requesting 5th grade student evaluations beginning April 13, 2020.

2020-21 6th Grade Registration: This year, Registration/Online Verification will be 100% online. Stay tuned for dates and details. If you need help with Registration/Online Verification, you can come to Skinner on August 6 or 7, 2020 for assistance during Walk-In Registration. Check our website in late July for specific hours of Walk-In Registration.

Please make sure you have the following documents which may be required for Registration: your child's birth certificate; proof of address (Xcel or water bill, mortgage statement or rental lease) and your child's immunization record (Tdap immunization needed at age 11).

Skinner Middle School is happy to announce that we will host **6th Grade Academy on August 3 - 5, 2020 (Mon-Wed) from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm**. All incoming 6th graders are expected to attend. Please mark the dates on your calendar. 6th Grade Academy will jump start the transition from elementary school to a successful middle school experience.

We hope your family is staying safe and healthy during this uncertain time. We are looking forward to providing a smooth transition to Skinner Middle School for all incoming 6th grade students and can't wait to meet your child. Thank you for supporting your child's middle school success.

Sincerely,

*Grant Varveris*Grant Varveris
Principal, 2019 - 2020*Julie Stephens*Julie Stephens
Principal, 2020 - 2021

"I am delighted to be chosen as the new Principal of Skinner Middle School! I am excited to meet the students and families of the Class of 2027! We will be discovering the joys of a new school environment together -- looking forward to partnering with you."
Julie Stephens, Principal, 2020-2021

