

## **Middle School Parents & Students HELPFUL TIPS BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS**

1. Become familiar with the ELCA website: [www.elcaonline.org](http://www.elcaonline.org).
2. Does ELCA have your correct email address? **Email is the most common and efficient way for you and the teachers to communicate.** Middle school announcements will come to you by email. Please check it **daily**. Please email us about any concerns.
3. Locker Information: Students are required to use the school lock and to always keep it on the locker and locked to prevent missing items. Never swap locks or share the combination with anyone. You may set up your locker on Back-to-School night or the next day. Locks & locker numbers will be given to students on Back-to-School night.
4. Students are given an ELCA homework planner and should have it each day in all academic classes. Each teacher's class and homework information on RenWeb or Google Classroom is helpful, but is not a substitute for each teacher's daily instructions in class concerning homework. Students are instructed to copy homework from the board daily in each class and to listen for any adjustments that the teacher may need to make to homework posted in RenWeb.
5. Students are encouraged NOT to use their locker between every class, but rather take materials for two or so classes at a time. This gives students more time for the restroom and water breaks between classes. Students are discouraged from taking ALL subjects' materials to EVERY class. This is too heavy, dangerous in the halls, and not healthy for their backs.
6. Cell phones should **never** be visible throughout the school day. They should be kept inside the locker and turned off (if brought to school). Personal cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and computers are NOT used during the fifth or sixth grader's school day.
7. No food, gum, or candy is allowed in middle school at any time. Middle school does not have a "snack" time, due to our reasonably early lunch. It is a good idea to eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
8. Please review the uniform standards. Proper attire is expected every day in each class. Boys shirts must be tucked in except on Fridays and girls should wear skirts that are to the top of the knee (NO skorts).
9. Running in any portion of the building is not tolerated, for safety reasons. Make it a habit to walk.
10. Parents and students are to check RenWeb on a regular basis for the most recent grades & averages in each class, as well as classwork, homework, and behavior.
11. Please begin considering a Christian service activity, as this is a portion of the Bible class grade. See your child's Bible teacher for information and Christian service forms when school begins.
12. It is beneficial for your child to do some type of review each evening of material presented in class that day. This daily review is a great tool to prepare for tests.
13. Students will receive the syllabus for each class on the first day of school. Be sure to sign and return them to each class that requires it.
14. Please review the middle school section of the Student Handbook with your child. The Student Handbook is located on the school website under the tab "students".
15. Please help your student remember to wear chapel attire every Wednesday. During chapel services, students are expected to be respectful and attentive to the speaker. They should avoid any distracting behavior that could interfere with the atmosphere of worship and reverence. They will need to bring their Bible to every chapel service.
16. We look forward to a wonderful year of Kingdom education with our new middle school students!