

# DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome back! We are excited for the start of school and the many wonderful learning experiences that will take place this year.

What is the most frequently asked question in August? *when will I learn which team, I am on?* The answer is very soon! Middle school student schedules are set to be released in Aspen before the start of school. This is a district function that involves all three middle schools. Once the three schools have their schedules complete, the district will “commit” the schedule in Aspen making them visible to students and families.

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 31**. When school opens at 8:05, **grade six students will be greeted by WEB leaders and proceed to the Youth Center. Grade seven and eight students will enter the school and proceed to the auditorium.** At these locations, students will meet their teachers and will be escorted to their homerooms for some team building activities and orientation.

Over the summer there have been some changes at Doherty, one of the biggest being Assistant Principal Rebecca Perry moving to Andover High School. Ms. Perry has been at Doherty Middle School for six years as assistant principal and expressed her commitment to furthering her career at APS with this new opportunity. We wish her the very best!

This summer we also had the opportunity to welcome new staff to our Doherty community. It is my pleasure to introduce Cassandra Kane as our new Guidance Counselor, Nick Ellard, Art teacher and Rosemary McCullough-Ghali, Librarian and Media Specialist. We are happy to have them join our team!

September is a very busy month at Doherty. Please mark your calendars for **September 8** for our *Back-to-School Night*. This event is a great opportunity to experience your child’s schedule and meet teachers. On **September 21** we will be taking our annual school photos.

If you haven’t had the chance to sign up for the Chromebook management program you can begin the process by following this [link](#). More information can be found on the APS1 website, APS-EdTech area <https://www.aps1.net/2126/APS-EdTech>.

Finally, we would like to remind families that a very beneficial way to stay up to date with middle school life is using our Doherty Middle School website and the Blackboard Connect system. Each is a good place to find announcements from the school and district and on Sundays families will receive a weekly email (DMS News and Notes) highlighting school news and upcoming events.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you and your child for a successful academic year. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,  
*Robin L. Wilson*

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