

# 6th Grade Parent Presentation

Walters Middle School





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Brier



Durham



Lila Bringhurst



Mattos



Azevada

# Walters Warriors



Millard



# Walters Admin Team

Right → Left

Ms. Sue Lemke, Assistant Principal

Ms. Dana Graham, Principal

Ms. Michelle Tibbs, Assistant Principal



# What changes in middle school?

- From 1 teacher and classroom to 4 different teachers and 4 classrooms
- From 60-90 peers in the same grade to 450 peers in the same grade coming from 7 elementary schools in the Kennedy attendance area
- No recess
- 4 minutes of “passing period” to switch classes
- PE daily, including changing clothes in the locker room each day
- 6th grade wheel classes or Band or Core Support (RSP)

# Wheel Classes

- Academic Strategies
- Digital Citizenship
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Innovations

Wheel classes last one quarter. Students take all four classes in the wheel.

# Band

- Beginning Band
- Advanced Band

Students stay in band for the entire year.

*NOTE: Students in the RSP Program take Core Support instead of Wheel classes*

# Sample 6th Grade Class Schedule

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**Period 2:** History (9:08 - 9:58)

**Period 3:** Math (10:02 - 10:52)

**Period 4:** Science (10:56 - 11:46)

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# Supplies for the 1st Day

What does my child need for the first day:

- Something to write with
- Something to write on
- A backpack
- Their daily schedule (Online in Infinite Campus 8/11)

Teacher will tell students what supplies they need during the first week of school.

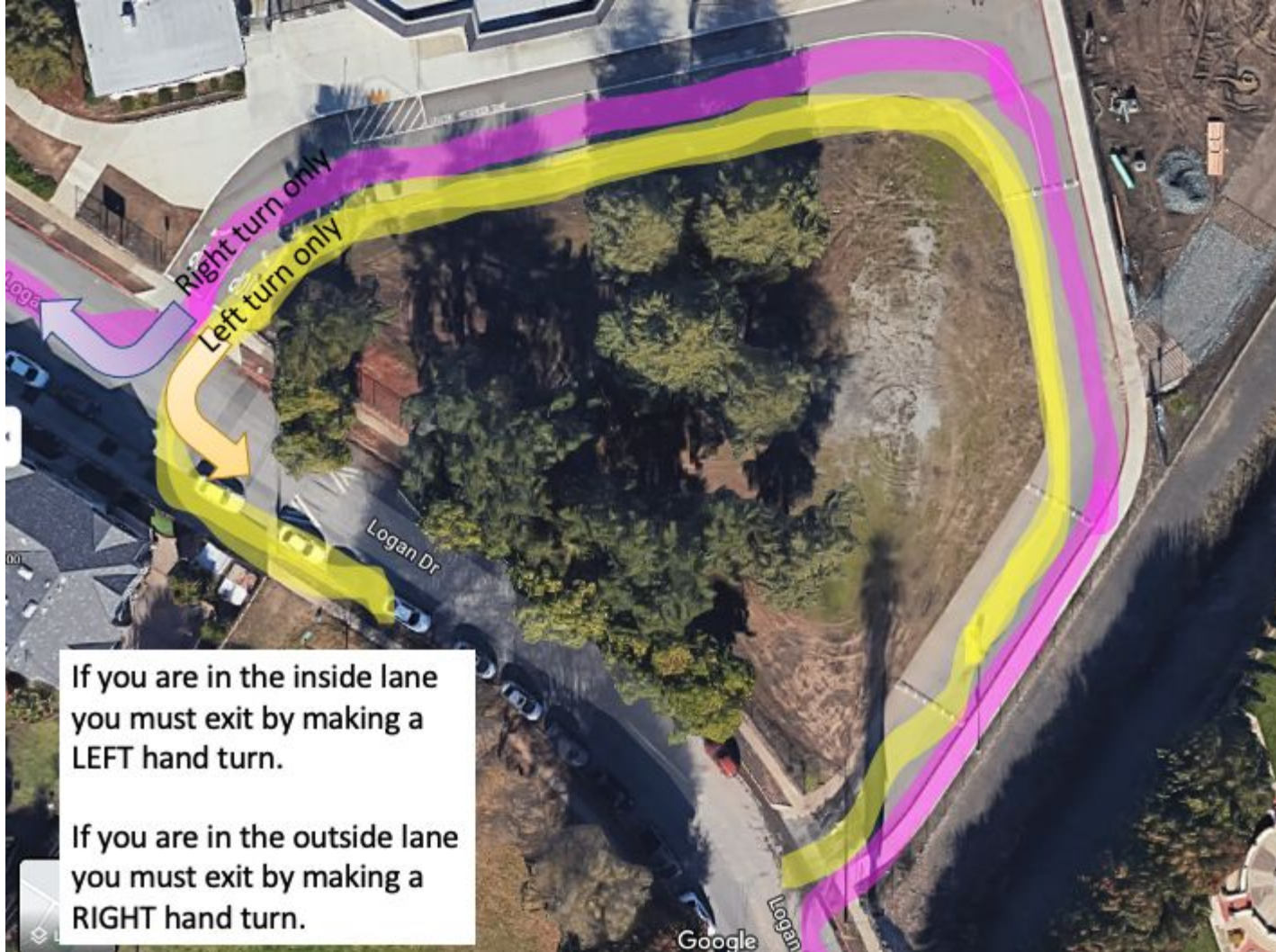
# Pick up & Drop off

Before and after school pick up/drop off is a bit chaotic. I do my best to help direct traffic but I count on drivers to be diligent, safe, and calm. In the past few weeks I have noticed an increase in drivers not following procedures. Please review the rules below and reach out if you have any questions:

1. Do not drop off in a red zone.
2. Do not block driveways to drop off students.
3. Do not drop off in the middle of the street.
4. When exiting the loop if you are in the left lane, you must exit left, if you are in the right lane, you must exit right.
5. No student pick up or drop off in the staff parking lot - unless you have been given admin permission.
6. Please remain calm and refrain from honking your horn or yelling at other drivers.
7. Watch out for pedestrians and bikers

You may consider arranging a spot a block away from school to pick up your student so that you miss the traffic. Please see the map below of the drop off loop.





If you are in the inside lane  
you must exit by making a  
LEFT hand turn.

If you are in the outside lane  
you must exit by making a  
RIGHT hand turn.

# Dropping off forgotten items

- Lunches, pencil boxes, classwork, projects or other non-essential items can be dropped off on the table outside the main office in the hallway
  - Students who have forgotten items like those listed above should look at the table during passing period to see if their families have dropped anything off
- Glasses or other essential items can be given to office staff so they can be given to students

# Biking/skateboarding/scootering to School

- Students who bike to school **must** wear a helmet
- Bikes/skateboards/scooters can be locked in one of the two bike racks at Walters
  - One is located next to the main office
  - One is located by the drop off/pick up look on logan by the new building
- Bikes/skateboards/scooters must be walked once on campus
- Students must bring their own locks

# Visiting School

- Make an appointment with whomever you would like to meet with
- Check in at the hallway office window
- Do not come to visit the school if you have cold like symptoms
- All visitors enter the school through the front double doors in the hallway and check in at the window.
- Visitors must have a visitors pass

**DO NOT DISTURB DOES NOT  
COUNT AS OFF**

# Cell Phones at School

- Students are allowed to have a cell phone at school but it must remain POWERED off during the entire school day.
- If staff find students on their phone or with their phone ON it may be sent to the office and an emergency contact will have to come to the office to retrieve the phone.

## What if I need to get a hold of my child?

- If you need to get a hold of your child you can call the office and we will support in getting important information to your student
  - *Please do no call/text your student during school hours*

# Social Media

- Frequently check student
  - Phones
  - Social media
- Have conversations with your student about what is appropriate for texting or posting on social media
- Consider limiting their social media use and have them engage in activities
  - Clubs
  - Athletics
  - Arts & Crafts

# Lunch/Breakfast

Breakfast is **FREE** for all students.

- Served daily starting at 7:45 in the MUR

Lunch is **FREE** for all students.

- Served daily - students will need to input their ID number or show their ID card to receive lunch.

**DOORDASH IS NOT PERMITTED**



# P.E.

## Expectations in Middle School

- **PE grades** are based on students dressing out and participating in daily activities
- Students are required to change into their PE clothes every day
- PE clothes and a lock can be purchased from our PE teachers during the first week of school.
- Loaner - PE uniforms that students can borrow if they forget to bring their own PE clothes (*gray t-shirt, purple shorts can be purchased outside of school - no logo!*)
- PE department website:  
[https://walters.fremont.k12.ca.us/pf4/cms2/view\\_page?d=x&group\\_id=1548491812203&vdid=i39e23j3r41v](https://walters.fremont.k12.ca.us/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1548491812203&vdid=i39e23j3r41v)



# School Sports and Clubs

## SPORTS

Girls Volleyball  
Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball  
Boys Volleyball

## CLUBS

*\*Clubs vary based on interest  
and staffing*

Artists Club  
Anime Club  
Astronomy Club  
Coding Club  
Crochet Club  
Game Room

Garden Club  
Human Club  
Math Club  
MESA  
Rubik's Cube Club  
Star Wars Club  
Stranger Things Club  
Young Christians Club



# Supports for Learning

- **School Library open from 7:50 am - 3:30 pm most days**
- **School Counselors**
- **Infinite Campus**
- **Student Google accounts (Gmail)**
- **Homework Club - limited space**
  - **Sign up required**
- **Intervention classes before and after school (varies depending on staffing)**



# School Counselors

**School Counselors support the academic, social/emotional and career/college development of all students by:**

- **Providing drop-in and short-term counseling (grades, friendships, family stressors, etc.)**
- **Offering individual, group, and crisis counseling**
- **Facilitating restorative conversations between students, preventing student conflicts from escalating**
- **Connecting students and families with other mental health supports (YFS, Care Solace)**



- Ms. Gai - 6th
- Ms. Gonzalez - 7th
- Mrs. Yepez- 8th

# Wellness Center

The Wellness Center is a relaxing space where students can come and participate in de-stressing activities such as fidgets, coloring, building blocks and more.

This year, the Wellness center is open to 6th graders on **Tuesdays and Fridays during lunch.**



# WALTERS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY



Check out our Walters Library Website [HERE!](#)

## Library [FAQs](#)

- 1. How can students check out a book from the school library?**  
The librarian will scan student IDs
- 2. How many books can students check out at a time?**  
3 books
- 3. How long can they borrow a book?**  
Graphic Novels - 1 week  
All other books - up to 3 weeks





# Student Agenda



- All students are given an “agenda” book
- Personal planner; use it daily to record homework, tests, and other important information
- Handbook with school rules, consequences, and reference pages

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# Walters Where Everybody Belongs Orientation

- Promotes a positive transition and student support system for those entering middle school
- Free-of-cost program
- Explore Walters before the school year begins
- Become familiar with campus
- Meet some teachers and staff
- Develop new friendships and connect with an 8th grade WEB leader
- **Information** and **application** available on the Walters website soon



# Infinite Campus

- District-wide student information system
- Parents/guardians have access to Campus Portal, a confidential and secure website that allows parents/guardians to log in and view:
  - Attendance
  - Class schedule
  - Grades/Report cards
  - District and School notices
- Cell phone app available for iOS and Android devices- **Campus Parent**
- A portal account is necessary to complete the online registration process
- Portal directions and registration information can be found on the [FUSD Infinite Campus Page](#)





# Communication

- Bright Arrow
  - Phone calls
  - Text messages
  - Emails
- Infinite Campus
  - Emails
  - Check daily bulletin
- Parent Square
  - Download the app
  - More info coming in later this week!

## SAMPLE DAILY BULLETIN

### Walters Middle School Daily Bulletin

MONDAY

Jun 6, 2022

Henna Club is meeting in the Art room after school on Friday for the last meeting.

- If you ordered an 8th grade panoramic class picture, they will be mailed to your house.
- "Do you like singing? Do you like friendly and inviting environments? Then you're in luck! Join the Chorus at Walters for next year! We have plenty of room for all singers on campus. Talk to Mr. Cruz in Room 1 during lunch for more information!"
- Schedule for the remainder of the school year:

Last issue of [The Warrior Chronicle](#) of the 21-22 school year

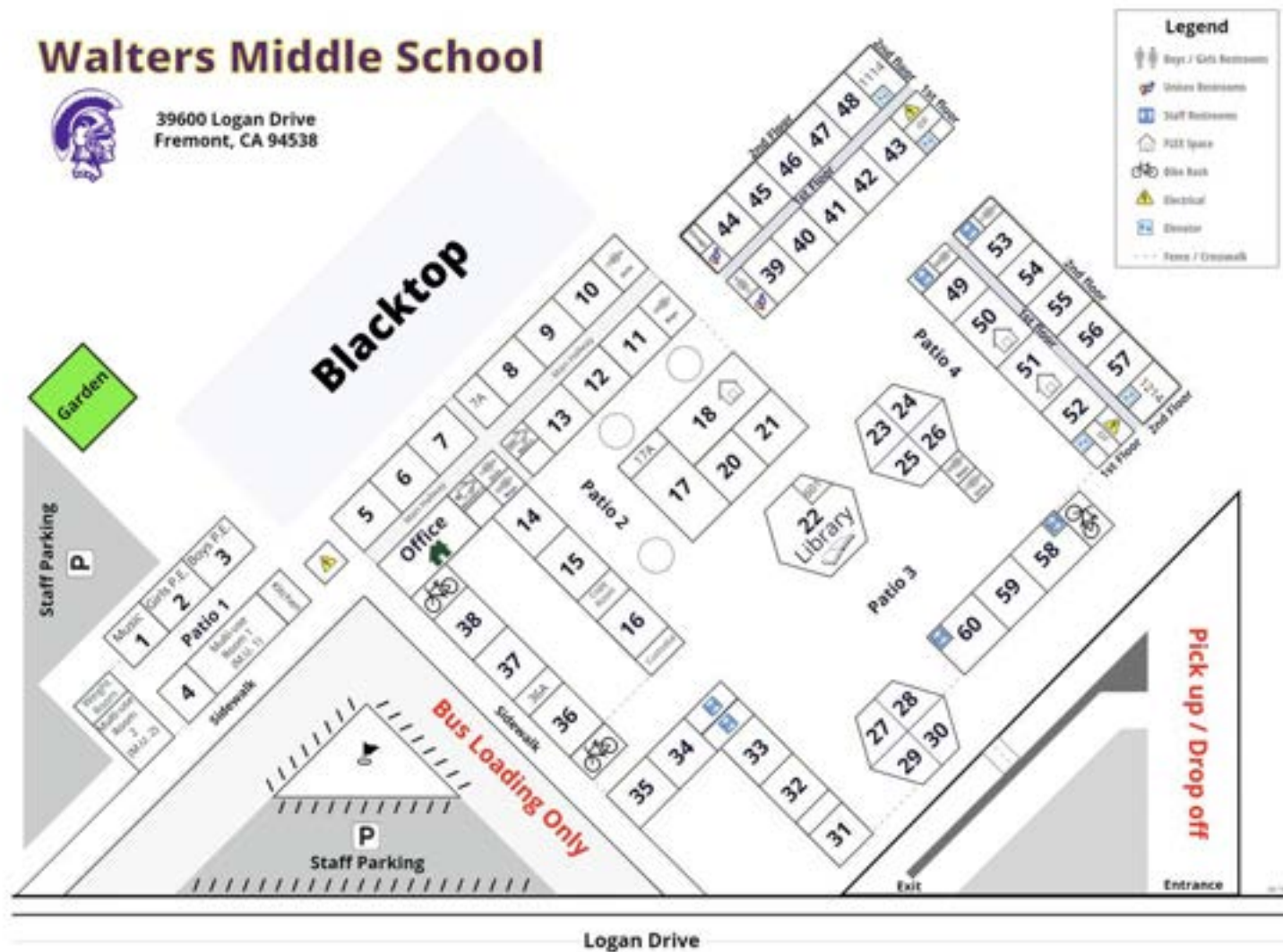
# How can you prepare your child for the first day of school?

- Check the parent portal for their class schedule before the first day of school **August 16**
- Have your child set up a student account for Infinite Campus so they can check daily announcements and their class schedule
- Make a plan for pick up
  - *Where will you pick them up?*
- Remind your student that they can always look for an 8th grader with a **black WEB shirt** on or an adult during the first day of school if they need help
- Locate their classes on the map and highlight them

# Walters Middle School



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Fremont, CA 94538



Logan Drive

# Opportunities for Parent/Family Engagement

- Join the PTSA
- Volunteer in the library
- Volunteer to help at school events
- Donate
- Attend school functions
- Reach out to your student's teachers
- Attend coffee socials

# Important Contacts

Dana Graham	Principal	<a href="mailto:dgraham@fusdk12.net"><u>dgraham@fusdk12.net</u></a>
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Susan Lemke	Assistant Principal	<a href="mailto:slemke@fusdk12.net"><u>slemke@fusdk12.net</u></a>
Tracy Clark	Secretary	<a href="mailto:tclark@fusdk12.net"><u>tclark@fusdk12.net</u></a>
Malise Bullock	Registrar	<a href="mailto:mbullock@fusdk12.net"><u>mbullock@fusdk12.net</u></a>
Rachel Gai	6th Grade Counselor	<a href="mailto:rgai@fusdk12.net"><u>rgai@fusdk12.net</u></a>
Ashley Greer	School Nurse	<a href="mailto:agreer@fusdk12.net"><u>agreer@fusdk12.net</u></a>
Kristopher Cruz	Band Director	<a href="mailto:kcruz@fusdk12.net"><u>kcruz@fusdk12.net</u></a>

# WARRIORS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

A small cartoon illustration of a warrior mascot wearing a blue and yellow helmet, a blue cape, and holding a shield with a yellow 'W' on it.

- ★ Our NEW PTO!
- ★ Family Membership \$20
- ★ We support Walters staff, campus and most importantly our students.
- ★ WCC offers staff grants, support with classroom needs and campus beautification projects, 8th grade Celebration, afterschool and evening safe and fun teen social events, or more!!!
- ★ Walters Middle School WCC- Private Facebook Group
- ★ Open WCC positions
- ★ **500 MEMBERSHIPS!!!!**

Zoom in

**You're invited to an inspiring chat with...**

# **CHRIS BALME**

**Middle School Founder, Principal, and Author  
of "Finding the Magic in Middle School"**

**Wednesday, September 13th  
6-8pm**

Finding the Magic in Middle School

Is middle school actually the worst time of life, or just the worst-understood? In this talk, author and acclaimed educator Chris Balme shows how to tap into the positive potential of middle school. It begins with understanding what's going on inside the middle school brain. Balme introduces three key developmental needs for middle schoolers, offering practical tips to support them at each step of the way. Drawing on his experience as a middle school founder and principal, as well as the latest neuroscience, he offers a fresh and uplifting take on the transformative years of middle school.