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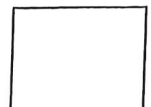
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You are going into middle school, it seems intimidating and scary, but it really isn't. SMS is an extremely welcoming community, with lots of sports, clubs, and after school activities to engage in. A few things that you need to know about SMS is that by grade 8, it's going to feel like it's been a really long three years. On top of that you will have different teachers for certain classes, which can be challenging. And last but not least, there are many opportunities for sports, clubs, and multiple other things.

To begin, unlike elementary school, you don't have the same teacher for every block, everyday, year around. You have your core teacher, and that's essentially your class, then depending on the block, you switch teachers. That's one reason it feels like a really long three years. Another reason is that your schedule is the same every week, meaning that every Monday is the same, every Tuesday is the same, and so on. The last main reason it



feels like it's never gonna end, is if you are in say a grade 6/7 split class, the grade 7's work down to the grade 6's curriculum.

Second, there are many chances for sports, even if you can't commit to after school opportunities. One option is morning practices. This means you go before school starts, and play a sport, then go to class and start learning as usual. Likewise, if you are able to, you can also join a school team. You practice after school, and go to other schools to compete against other teams. And if none of the options interest you, you can also help ref other grades younger than you.

Lastly, you have different teachers, some you will love, and some you won't be a fan of. All of your teachers will have different rules, and expectations; you will have to follow. Alongside that, teaching styles will fluctuate a lot. Which means you will have to be flexible, and understanding. Not every teacher



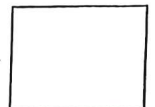
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is the perfect fit for a student.

In the end, even though middle school seems scary, intimidating, or hard, it is very benefited for not just learning, but it shapes you as a person.



Grade 8 spring: transcribed from handwriting

Starting middle school can feel like entering a video game on hard mode, new classes, new teachers, and somehow your backpack weighs more than you. Middle school is also exciting because it gives you more opportunities, better schedule, and a chance to be more independent. Even though it may seem scary at first, middle school is a place where you grow, learn, and make unforgettable memories.

One thing to expect in middle school is a better schedule. Instead of staying in one classroom all day, you move from class to class and meet different teachers. This makes the day more interesting and helps time go faster. At first, finding classes may feel like competing in a survival show called "Don't be late," but after a few days it becomes much faster.

Another big change is having more freedom. Teachers trust students to be more responsible and organized. Students have more chances to talk with friends, join activities, and make choices on their own. However, with more freedom also comes with more responsibility, which means homework can't suddenly disappear.

Finally, middle school is full of exciting opportunities. There are sports, teams, clubs, dances, and school events where students can meet new people and try new things. These experiences help students build confidence, discover their interests, and create memories they will never forget.

In conclusion, middle school may feel intimidating at first, but it is also a time filled with growth and excitement. With a better schedule, more freedom, and exciting opportunities, middle school can become one of the most memorable and enjoyable parts of school life.