

Dear 8th Grade Families,

All middle school students will be required to attend an orientation. The 8th grade orientation is on **Tuesday, August 14th, 2018, from 9:30 am-10:45 am**. We highly recommend parents attend the orientation. If parents are unable to attend, the orientation will go live on the SMCS Facebook page. It will also be recorded and posted on the school's website.

The orientation will begin with a brief introduction to the middle school faculty. Teachers will introduce themselves and the subject they teach. *(At Back to School night, parents and students will receive a course syllabus and teachers will give further information about their respective courses. Back to School night will be held on Thursday, August 16th.)* After the introductions, the following topics will be covered:

1. Middle School Policies and Procedures Handbook.
2. Block Schedule
  - a. An overview of the times and days of classes.
3. 3. Technology policy
  - a. Technology policies and procedures will be explained.
4. Renaissance Home Connect
  - a. Parents will be given their usernames and passwords to access RHC website.
  - b. Parents will log into their accounts.
5. GoMath website
  - a. An overview of the GoMath website.
6. SMCS website navigation
7. RenWeb and Parents Web
  - a. Questions and Answers session.

Students will receive their schedules and locker assignments after all topics are covered. Students will be able to set up their lockers at this time.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and we are looking forward to meeting you and your child at the orientation. Should you have any questions or concerns between now and the orientation please feel free to contact Dr. Menjivar at [lmenjivar@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:lmenjivar@stmarys-temple.org).

Thank you,  
SMCS Middle School