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MOUNT BAKER JUNIOR HIGH

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Dear Mount Baker Junior High Families,

As the summer days begin to shorten and we prepare for another exciting school year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our returning families and a special welcome to those joining our Mount Baker community for the first time. Whether your student is stepping into our halls as a nervous seventh grader or returning as a confident eighth grader ready to lead, we are thrilled to have them as part of our school family.

The junior high years are a remarkable time of growth, discovery, and transformation. At MBJH, we understand that these years bring unique joys and challenges, and we are committed to creating an environment where every student feels supported, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential. Our dedicated staff are excited to guide your children as they navigate this important leg of their educational journey.

Of course, with that excitement often comes a healthy dose of nervousness for students, for families, and yes, even for teachers and principals! Please know that those butterflies are a normal part of starting something new. Junior high is an important step in your student's journey, and we are here to support, encourage, and guide them every step of the way. Together, we'll turn those first-day jitters into confidence, friendships, and fun.

As you prepare for the new year ahead, please take a moment to review the important information below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. The junior high office will re-open on Monday, August 17 and can be reached at 360-383-2016.

We can't wait to partner with you in making this year one of growth, learning, and connection centered on respect for our classmates and staff as well as the greater Mount Baker community.

We are honored to be a part of your student's journey!

Sincerely,

Troy Wright
Principal

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Secretary
Helen Schlotfeldt

Counselor
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Important Information -- Please Keep for Reference

MBJH Office (Questions, attendance, etc) 360-383-2016

Important Email Addresses:

MBJH Secretary, Helen Schlotfeldt (aka Ms. Helen): hschlotfeldt@mtbaker.wednet.edu

MBJH Counselor, Rob Bennett: rbennett@mtbaker.wednet.edu

MBJH Principal, Troy Wright: twright@mtbaker.wednet.edu

MBJH Athletics Secretary, Kristi Ehlers: kehlers@mtbaker.wednet.edu

MBSD Nurse, Nicole Paz: npaz@mtbaker.wednet.edu

Important Websites:

MBJH Homepage: <https://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu/o/mbjh>

MBJH Staff Contacts Page: <https://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu/o/mbjh/staff>

MBSD Transportation: <https://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu/page/transportation-department>

MBSD Child Nutrition: <https://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu/page/child-nutrition-department>

MBSD Athletics Page: <https://gobakerathletics.com/events#>

Final Forms: <https://mountbaker-wa.finalforms.com/>

Important Dates to Remember:

Fall Athletics Begin:

August 24 — Cross Country, Boys Soccer, and Softball kick off their seasons. Be sure to have sports physicals and all necessary forms completed before practices begin! Visit [Final Forms](#) for more information. In order to accommodate sports practice, a late bus will be available most school days once school has started. It leaves at 5:00 pm. If you have questions about availability or drop-off points, please call transportation at 360-383-2060.

7th Grade Orientation:

August 25, 12:30–2:00 PM in the MBJH Auditorium

Join us for an introduction to junior high life! Students can get their schedules in the lobby of the auditorium from 12:15-12:30 PM. They will get a preview of their first day and participate in a mock bell schedule (to meet all of their teachers and to see where their classes will be). This is a great way to meet new people and to reconnect with old friends before the first day.

First Day of School:

August 26, 7:55 AM Start Time – The adventure officially begins!



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Late Arrival Wednesdays: Most Wednesdays will be late arrival days to accommodate staff development and professional learning communities. School will start at 9:25 AM and run through 2:30 PM. Late arrival Wednesdays begin September 2 and run through May 26.

First Day of School Pro-Tips:

7th Grade Students:

Bus Riders:

Memorize your ROUTE number (not your bus number); route numbers are displayed in black squares near the bus doors. Please notice where your bus is parked when you get off in the morning as it will usually be parked in the same spot. Knowing your route number and bus location will help you find your bus quickly at the end of the day. Confused? Ask your driver for the route number.

After getting off the bus, report directly to the junior high gym. Your first period teacher will meet you and walk you and your class to your first class/classroom of the day.

Need Help? Lost? Confused? Just need a friendly face? Stop by the office—we're here to help you start your year off right. *You will get lost your first day or two and that's OK!* Just ask any adult or most kids where classes are and you'll get there in no time.

8th Grade Students:

Bus Riders:

Memorize your ROUTE number (not your bus number) and notice where your bus is parked when you get off in the morning. Route numbers are displayed in black squares near the bus doors. Knowing your route number will help you find your bus quickly at the end of the day. Confused? Ask your driver for the route number.

When you arrive, look for first-period class lists posted around campus. These lists are alphabetized by student last name and will tell you your first period teacher and classroom location -- go there! Your full class schedule will be handed out in class by your first period teacher.

If you're new to MBJH or don't know where a particular teacher is located, just ask any adult (or most kids) and you'll be headed in the right direction in no time.