

September 8, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Groton-Dunstable Regional Middle School, I would like to cordially invite you to attend our annual “***Back to School Night***” on **Tuesday, September 15** from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This evening is planned early in the school year to give you the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and to get an overview of your child’s educational program. Due to the fact that this evening is intended to be an informational night for parents, we respectfully ask that you not bring your child(ren) and/or other family members.

All parents will be attending the Principal’s Welcoming Address in the Performing Arts Center from **6:30 – 7:00 PM** to hear about some of the exciting initiatives being planned for this school year. Please make every effort to be on time for this presentation.

Please note that this year we have changed the format of “Back to School Night.” In addition to attending the Principal’s Welcoming Address assembly, you will also follow a shortened version of your child’s school day schedule. As you follow this schedule, you will have the opportunity to visit each of your child’s classrooms, hear from his/her teachers, and receive a ***Course Expectation Sheet*** which highlights pertinent information regarding your child’s academic program (i.e. class expectations, grading policies, MCAS preparation). **Please note that core subject teachers will not be available to meet with parents during their child’s Integrated Arts time period.**

To keep you updated on some of the programs/activities that will be taking place at the middle school this year, a variety of informational booths will be set up in **both** buildings. Representatives from each booth will have pertinent information regarding each of the following programs/activities: Destination Imagination, MSPTO, SPEDPAC, GDAY, GDEF, GDYAA, and Kids Night Out/Dance Sign Ups.

We encourage you to visit each of our informational booths between **6:00 – 6:20 PM** and between **8:30 – 9:00 PM**. **The same informational booths will be set up in both buildings.** Refreshments (sponsored by the MSPTO) will be available in each building during this time.

Please understand that this evening is not intended to be a parent conference night. Parent/Student led conferences will be held on December 1st and December 3rd to discuss your child’s academic progress.

All students will be bringing their “***Back to School Night***” mini-schedules home on September 15th. Parents will need to bring this schedule with them that evening. Please be sure to ask your child for this schedule when he/she gets home on September 15th!

I look forward to seeing you at our “***Back to School Night***” on September 15th!

Sincerely,

Steven M. Silverman, Principal

