

# *Talbot Middle School*

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## **Talbot's Vision**

*Talbot is a diverse community united around education, where students acquire the knowledge and transferable skills they need to thrive and contribute to the greater good.*

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Dear Families;

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year!!! We are incredibly excited to begin the start of school. This promises to be a great year of learning for your child. This year, we plan to focus on two areas:

- a. Strengthening **Student Culture**
- b. Increasing **Personalized Learning**.

As a school, we understand that **a strong student culture** leads to greater learning gains. Knowing that *nothing is as important (or as engaging) as learning* we have created structures to make sure that student learning is at the center of our work. Consistent school-wide expectations and regular opportunities to both connect with each other and celebrate accomplishments while expanding student learning opportunities will be embedded in our work.

Targeted, specific instruction leads to increased **student learning**. We will monitor your child's progress and adjust our instruction to promote academic mastery. By using a more focused **(personalized)** approach to student learning, we will accelerate your child's academic progress.

In closing, we are looking forward to the start of our **best year ever**. In partnership with you, we are committed to making sure that your child learns and grows even more this year.

Below, you will find some important reminders about the first days.

Sincerely,

V. Renee Lewis

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## **Important “Back to School” Information**

- Our **first day of school** is Wednesday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to seeing all our Talbot Tigers no later than **7:25AM**. Students will enter the building (using Door 3) starting at 7:00AM. We will begin serving *breakfast* in the cafeteria at that time. Students can also choose to go to either the gym or the computer lab before school starts. Adults will be posted outside to direct students to the proper entrance.

**Student Schedules** - Students will receive their schedules on the 1st day of school. To proceed with this process, at 7:25 homeroom teachers will greet students in the following locations:

- Grade 6 students in the cafeteria
  - Grade 7 students in the auditorium
  - Grade 8 students in the gym
- **Uniforms** – Students are expected to come to school “ready to learn” representing Talbot Pride by wearing Talbot’s Spirit Wear:
    - Solid black, gold, or white Polo Shirts or T-Shirts w/ Talbot logo (long or short sleeve).
    - Solid black or tan khaki pants or black sweatpants
    - Solid black, gold, or white Sweatshirts with Talbot logo.

Talbot logos can be purchased in the main office for 50 cents each.

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- **School Supplies** - Students will receive their agendas by September 16th. The agenda is one vehicle that we will use to increase parent communication. In addition to materials that individual classes/teachers may require, **ALL** Talbot students will need the following items to create their "Ready-to-Learn" Binder:



1" binder



Pencil pouch



3 hole punched pocket folder