August 29, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the start of another busy and exciting school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and your child is refreshed and ready to learn. We are excited to be back and look forward to working with you and your child in order to have a successful school year.

The middle school teachers are working together to consistently implement a positive behavior plan. This year students will be rewarded daily through DoJo points for positive behaviors. This online program allows parents to view their child’s points as well. Students have the ability to receive 25 points/week (one point per class per day). Students will be able to “spend” these points at the school store, pay for entrance into the PBIS 9 week celebrations, as well as be invited to take part in an exciting field trip to Carowinds at the end of the year (100pts. Each).

Students are expected to follow the SOAR guidelines as set forth by the Waccamaw School PBIS. SOAR stands for safe, organized, attentive, and respectful. Each student will be given an Eagle SOAR card by their homeroom teacher each nine weeks. This card should be kept in the student’s binder and brought with them to every class each day. Teachers will only circle yellow for a behavior not consistent with our SOAR guidelines. Students who receive 3 yellows in a week will be referred to Mr. Kelley for ISS/OSS. Any student who receives ISS/OSS/bus suspension throughout the year will **NOT** be permitted to attend the PBIS 9 week celebrations or the end of year Carowinds trip.

Each Friday, students will take part in our “Finally Friday” celebration. Students who have turned in all assignments for the week and are passing are eligible to attend Finally Friday. Students who have make up work, retakes, failing grades in a course will attend intervention during this time to assist them academically.

\*MS tardy policy: Students who are tardy to class without a note will not be allowed to enter class. They will be sent to choices for that class period and must make up any missed work during the “Finally Friday” time.

\*\*MS cell phone policy: Cell phones may not be visible at any time during the school day. Students must keep phones turned off and in a secure location. If a phone is visible or heard teachers will confiscate the phone and parents must come to school to pick up.

Middle School Grading:

1. 90-100
2. 80-89
3. 70-79
4. 60-69

Tests/Projects= 40%

Quizzes=30%

Practice=30%

Please feel free to call or email with any questions and/or concerns. We look forward to another successful year!

Sincerely,

Ben Chapman, Nicole Simpson, Meg Zeng—8th Grade Team

Rita Bennett, Kim Hawkins, Shirleen Wells—7th Grade Team

Machalin Hill, Emily Long, Dorothy Warren—6th Grade Team

Beverly Marlowe Roman Kelley

Principal Asst. Principal

I have read and understand the middle school discipline plan.

Parent Name Parent Signature

Student Name Student Signature