

# Col. Fred Cherry Middle School



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Date: August 9, 2022

Dear Students & Parents,

I would like to convey my sincerest thanks for everything you all have done to help Colonel Fred Cherry Middle School thrive in a time of uncertainty. Your encouragement throughout the year was inspirational to us all. This year our recurring theme will be, “Embracing the New.” So what exactly are we embracing? I’m glad you asked. We will be embracing:

1. A new beginning at Colonel Fred Cherry Middle School
2. A strong supportive and inclusive culture for all students, teachers, leaders, & community members
3. Total school alignment of all initiatives
4. Excellence in teaching
5. Excellence in literacy
6. Student first approach
7. Appreciation for all staff and faculty members

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. Please note that adjustments are being made to student schedules. Continue to check the home access center (HAC) for updates.

Although the virus still lurks in the shade, we can be confident that we will overcome and exceed all expectations for this school year. We have provided you with some information below. Be there or be square! Enjoy the rest of your summer and continue to be safe. Know that tomorrows are not promised but are fantastic when they arrive.

Sincerely,

*Jamel Gibson*

Dr. Jamel Gibson, Principal

**Important Dates Below:**



- *Please note that homeroom is identified as Advisory on all student schedules*
- August 17th, 2022 - 6th Grade Orientation 4 - 6:30pm
- September 1st, 2022 - Colonel Fred Cherry Middle School Open House 4 - 6:00pm *(Due to health & safety concerns we ask that no more than two adults attend with your child)*
- September 6th, 2022 - First day of school - 7 - 2:00pm
- October 10th, 2022 - Parent Teacher Conference - Early Release Day for Students - TBD

**Colonel Fred Cherry Middle School Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://cfcms.spsk12.net/>

**Student Hours:**

Student Arrival: 7:00 a.m.

Student Hours: 7:20 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*(Students are marked tardy at 7:20)*

Dismissal: 2:00 p.m.

Early Release : 11:25 a.m.