



# J. F. Drake Middle School

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Greetings rising sixth grade families!

It is my hope that this email finds you healthy and happy as you conclude your experiences in fifth grade. At Drake Middle School, we are focused on finishing our last couple of weeks of learning and experiencing our traditional end-of-year celebration activities.

Most importantly, we are looking forward to welcoming your child to the Drake Middle School family in a few months. Please take a moment to review the details below about school supply kits, team placement emails, and Camp Drake orientation events.

## **School Supply Kit Orders 2025-2026**

We are offering the convenience of a school supply kit in hopes of saving our families time and money. The supply kit is customized by the teachers at Drake Middle School and includes the exact items required for next year. If you have questions, please contact Josie Wetherbee at 334-887-1940 or by email at [jsbwetherbee@auburnschools.org](mailto:jsbwetherbee@auburnschools.org).

**Order Online:** <https://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks/>

**School ID:** DRA029

**Dates:** Online ordering is open now through May 20th for \$55.00 per kit. Late order supply kits will be available for purchase through June 15<sup>th</sup> for an increased price of \$65.00.

**Pickup:** Supply kits will be available for pick-up at each Camp Drake orientation experience on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and Meet the Teacher on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Team Placement Letters**

Team placement letters will be emailed on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. This letter will also include information about ordering team merchandise and Drake T-shirts for next year. We will email information to the email address you provided upon registration for the 2025-2026 school year.

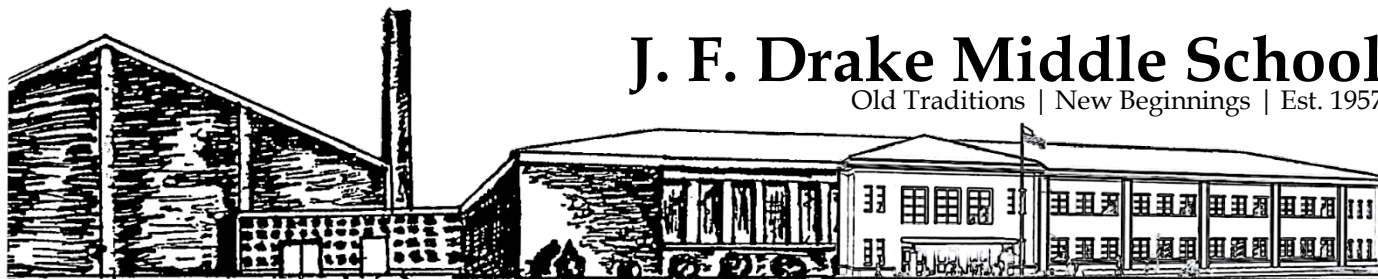
## **Camp Drake Summer Orientation**

Each year we host a summer orientation program designed to familiarize your family with Drake Middle School procedures and provide a smooth transition to middle school. Please save the date for the following:

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** –Tigers and Cosmic Cats 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>** –Leopards and Pumas 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Panthers and Lions 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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If your family is unable to attend Camp Drake, a video of the parent session and a copy of the PowerPoint will be available on the school website by Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents may attend even if students are unable to attend due to other commitments.

The following topics are covered in the parent orientation session:

Daily Schedule

Teaming Concept and Structure

Arrival, Dismissal, and Transportation

Discipline Procedures and Positive Behavior Program

Success Tips

Dress Code

Safety

Clubs and Activities

Adolescent Development and Challenges

**Open House/Meet the Teacher**

If you are unable to attend Camp Drake or if you would like another opportunity to see classrooms and meet teachers, join us for Meet the Teacher on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> between 8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. More information about specific team times will be forthcoming toward the end of the summer.

**Communication**

Please consider following our various communication platforms to stay updated on upcoming events, dates, and school related information.

DMS Website: [www.auburnschools.org/drake](http://www.auburnschools.org/drake)

PTO Facebook: Drake Middle School PTO 2025-2026

Instagram: @jfdrakemiddleschool

We wish you the blessings of health and happiness as you complete your experiences in elementary school. We are thrilled to welcome you to the Drake Middle School family, and we look forward with excitement to a wonderful school year to come.

Best regards,

Sarah Armstrong

Principal

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