

**Dearborn Public Schools  
Stout Middle School  
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## ***Summer Newsletter 2018***

### **A message from Mr. Oke**

Welcome back! We are looking forward to seeing our returning 7th & 8th graders and welcoming many new students including our 6th graders.

We are also welcoming a few new staff members.

- Ms. Leslie Adadow will be our additional social worker
- Mr. Daniel Blessing will be our Assistant Principal
- Ms. Jennifer Harris will be teaching MICI-Special Education.
- Ms. Dima Mroue will be our Math Instructional Coach.
- Mr. Matthew Kwjecjen will be teaching Instrumental Music.
- Ms. Wendy Robinson will be teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics.
- Ms. Rola Sobh will be our ELA Instructional Coach.
- Mr. Scott Wyka will be teaching Physical Education.

We have a wonderful staff at Stout and our staff members will do their best to make sure your child has a positive experience at school. If you ever have any concerns, please contact your child's teachers and they will work with you to resolve any issues.

In addition to your child's teachers, we have several other staff members here to support students and parents. This includes the following staff members.

- Mohamad Sabra, Community Liaison
- Sam Haddad, Counselor
- Michael Tindall, Counselor
- Leslie Adadow and Faizah Nasser, Social Workers.
- Rashid Baydoun, Social Responsibility Educator

Your child has the largest role in his or her success; Please encourage your child to make their school work a priority by making sure he or she has a routine for completing school work. Encourage your child to be a problem-solver and encourage your child to advocate for him or herself. Have regular discussions about school with your child and follow your child's progress in all classes on the computer using Parent Connect.

We are looking forward to another successful school year.

*Mr. Oke*

### **First Day of School**

Monday, August 27, 2018 is the first day of school for students. **The first day is a half day and students will be dismissed at 11:05 a.m.** At the beginning of the school day, students will report to homerooms based on their grade level and their last name. A list of homeroom assignments is included with this newsletter and will be posted on our webpage. Staff will be available to help direct students to the correct homeroom.

### **School Hours**

The school day starts at 7:50 a.m. Students must be in their 1st period class no later than 8:00 a.m. or they will be marked tardy. On full school days, students are dismissed at 2:55 p.m. Students need to exit the building by 3:00 p.m. unless attending an after school activity. The school opens at 7:30 a.m. for students wishing to eat breakfast. Prior to 7:50, students must be in the cafeteria or the auditorium.

### **Schedule Pickup**

On the first day of school, students will report to their homerooms to pick up their schedules. Homeroom assignments are included with this newsletter.

As of this mailing, we are still working on students' schedules. As in previous school years, students must turn in the updated **emergency form which will be given to them the first day of school with their schedules.** 6<sup>th</sup> grade students also must turn in their **physical form, code of conduct and concussion form.** All these forms must be filled completely and signed. Please note if your child is planning to participate in any sport activities, they must have a sport physical which they can pick up from the office.

### **6th Grade Health Appraisal (Physical) Forms**

All 6th grade physicals must be turned into the school office no later than Friday, September 14th. Please note that students must have a Health Appraisal Form on file to participate in gym class.

### **Student Absences**

If your child is going to be absent, Stout Middle School has a 24 hour attendance telephone number that is available. Our attendance telephone number is (313) 827- 4601. Please call in your child's absence by 8:00 a.m.

If students are late to class or leave early on a regular basis, important learning time is lost. **Please make sure students are in school by 7:50 a.m. and try to avoid picking them up before 2:55 p.m.**

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

Every parent should consider joining our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) which supports all the students at Stout Middle School. Meeting dates will be posted on the school's website at **stout.dearbornschools.org**

**Students' supply list:** If you would like to buy school supplies for your child, please check our website at [stout.dearbornschools.org](http://stout.dearbornschools.org) and check out the recommended supply list for each grade.

### **Medication in School**

Whenever possible, all medications should be given at home. If your child must take medications at school, please obtain a "Medical Authorization Form" from the school office. *This also includes non-prescription drugs such as aspirin, cold remedies and even cough drops.* Both the parent and the physician must sign this form.

All medications should be in the bottles/containers that they were dispensed in from the pharmacy. By state law, we cannot accept any medications that are not in their proper containers. No child should have any prescription or non-prescription drug in their possession at school or on the bus.

### **Student Lunches**

Lunch costs \$2.75 and Milk is 50 cents. Parents may pay in advance for their child in cash only. Please fill out a free and reduced lunch application if you wish to apply. You only need to fill out one application per family. If you have students at multiple schools, you should only fill out one application and send it to one school only. Stout Middle School also offers breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. each morning for a cost of \$1.25.

### **Cell Phones/Electronic Devices**

Stout Middle School's expectation regarding cell phones is that they cannot be seen or heard. We discourage students from bringing them to school. Cell phones are often a major distraction for students. If a cell phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and held until the end of the school day. Repeat offenses may result in further discipline. The same expectations and procedures apply to other electronic devices such as electronic gaming devices. *The school and administration is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.*

### **Student Accident Insurance Application**

The Dearborn Public School system does not insure students for accidental injuries during the school year. If you do not have your own medical insurance, the insurance coverage offered by First Agency, Inc., underwritten by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company, covers participants in middle school tackle football as well as other sports. All accidents that might occur during regular school hours are covered by this insurance. If you are interested, please contact our Business Services Office at (313) 827-3018.

### **Student Drop Off**

When you drop off or pick up your child, PLEASE pull to the end of the circular drive or into the parking lot in order to alleviate traffic congestion which can create a dangerous situation on Oakwood. Do not block the front circular drive by double parking or standing. Do not pick

up students at the south end of the building due to bus transfer. **There currently is significant construction on Oakwood in front of Stout.** If the circle drive is full, please pull ahead, enter at the second entrance, and properly park in the lot to drop off or pick up your child.

### **Student Safety - Crossing Oakwood Blvd.**

Students who walk to school or ride their bikes must cross Oakwood with the light at Hollywood. (Riders should walk their bikes across.) Pressing the walk button located on the pole increases the crossing time. Crossing without pressing the button reduces the crossing time by 10 seconds and makes it difficult for students to safely cross. Students are expected to cross when the signal indicates they can safely do so or when directed to cross by a crossing guard.

### **Driveway and Traffic Signs**

The entrances and exit driveways at the main entrance of the school are one-way. You may enter at the south end of the circle drive and exit at the far north end of the parking lot. *You can not access the circle drive through the middle entrance. This entrance is for accessing the parking lot only.*

Flashing speed limit signs on Oakwood will flash to indicate a reduced speed of 25 miles per hour 30 minutes before the start of school and again at 2:55 p.m. We appreciate your observance of these speed limits and traffic laws.

### **Bicycle Security**

Students must use the bicycle racks near the main entrance of the school. It is highly recommended that bicycles be secured with a strong cable and combination lock of good quality to prevent theft.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Please visit and **subscribe to our school website** at [stout.dearbornschools.org](http://stout.dearbornschools.org). Our website has information about school activities, calendars, links to community events, and parent educational materials. It also includes links to teachers' blogs where you will find information about your child's academics and homework. To stay updated, please sign up to receive notifications via email.