

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

Aux Sable Middle School 2001 Wildspring Parkway Joliet, IL 60431

Dear Aux Sable Parents, Guardians and Students,

We hope that you have had a relaxing summer and are ready to begin the 2010-11 school year on a positive note. We would like to thank you for getting your registration packets back to the school this summer in an effort to assist office personnel in preparation of producing student schedules by the third week in August. Your input helps us determine possible placement in band, choir, or other important information pertaining to your child's schedule and we are able to meet our expected deadline for scheduling all classes.

In an effort to acknowledge the many district-wide strategies to conserve dollars and manage our district budget reduction efforts, student schedules will be picked up on three separate grade level nights. Incoming **6th grade families** will be asked to come in on **Monday, August 16** from 12-8PM; **7th grade families** on **Tuesday, August 17** from 12-8PM; and **8th grade families** on **Wednesday, August 18** from 12-8PM. We ask that you attend on your designated night due to limited staff available on these evenings. If you have children at two different grade levels, please feel free to choose one available night to complete both children's registration. Your child(ren) will receive their schedule and locker combination at the end of the registration process. Tables will be available to address payment or deferment plan needs, free and reduced lunch, student insurance, and other needs. Additionally, staff will be available during these times to assist with scheduling concerns or needs. **Please remember requests for schedule changes will only be made to drop or add band, choir, and not be made due to special requests for teachers or teams or friends.** Most students will see one another in PE, Encore, lunch, or in the hallways throughout the school day.

We will still offer another opportunity for students to set up lockers and locate classes at our **Saturday, August 21 Welcome Open House event**. This event is scheduled annually to allow **6th graders from 9-10 a.m.** to find classrooms and lockers and **7th and 8th graders from 10-12 noon** to organize lockers and meet available teachers. We additionally will have representatives available from Eich's sports for purchase of the PE uniforms. Our PTO will be present and taking Aux Sable Spirit wear orders and PTO membership fees.

We will enter our third year of students using a block schedule at the middle school level. For those new to middle school, this means that students will have a double period of language arts and mathematics every day. Depending on your child's schedule, he or she will have science and social studies on alternating days as well as physical education and their encore/Band or Choir classes alternating on A or B days. As you review your child's schedule, please determine which classes meet on A days and which classes will meet on B days. We will also continue with the school within a school concept for larger middle schools with the west wing supporting the Green Team; the east wing continuing with the Black team and upstairs for the Silver teams. These are multi-grade hallways supporting 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and each team contains accelerated/gifted, special education, FLEX or ELL services. We work very hard to make each team diverse and similar to the other teams in the school.

As always, we continue to build our three school-wide expectations into everything we do at the school. We hope that we can partner with our parents and community in continuing our efforts to be respectful, responsible, and positively involved both in and outside of the school setting. We wish you and your child(ren) all the best in the 2010-11 school year.

Mrs. Sharon Y. Alexander. MA EdS
Aux Sable Middle School
Principal