

DMS LIFE!



DMS at a glance:

School colors- Teal, Black, & white

Mascot: Panther

DMS Moto- A Place for Innovation, Excellence & Discovery



DMS Stats

4 Administrators:

Mr. Hill, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Sweatman, Dr. Wade

3 Counselors:

Mrs. Moody (A-H), Mr. Barnett (I-L), Mrs. Long (M-Z)

1300 + Students 6th-8th



DMS Connection



Positivity Project

“We want to make sure every student has a trusted adult in our building!”

Electives... Find Your Interests

- **Advanced Theatre**
- **AVID**
- **Band**
- **Choir**
- **Competition Chess**
- **Composition Workshop**
- **Creative Writing I**
- **Digital Communications**
- **Drama**
- **Introduction to Chess**
- **Math Meets Art**
- **...and more!**



Electives Shout OUT!!

Healthcare Career Exploration &
Science Discovery, Career
Preparedness, Digicom



Health Care Career Exploration & Science Discovery

This course is a 9 week elective

Career Pathways...

- Therapeutic Services
 - Diagnostic Services
 - Support Services
 - Health Informatics
 - Biotechnology
- Research and Development
- Veterinarian Social Worker
- Biomedical Engineer Dietician,
etc.

Some things they do...

- Hands on activities
- Interactive projects
- Learn medical terminology
- Our goal is to learn about various careers in health care to encourage the growth of the industry

Get Involved!

“Students that are involved in their school have opportunities to learn much more than just the curricular outcomes. Adolescents who participate in extracurricular activities demonstrate higher levels of academic achievement, greater character development, greater social development, and a greater sense of the importance of community involvement.”



information pulled from:
<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1230758.pdf>

Successful Middle School Students at DMS:

WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY?



Brain research and the Middle School Student

- PUTS AN EMPHASIS THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF SLEEP
 - IMMATURE EMOTIONAL BRAINS.
 - BRAINS LEARN IN DIFFERENT WAYS.
- STUDENTS NEED CONSISTENCY OF RULES, EXPECTATIONS, AND NOVELTY.
 - THE BRAIN MUST BE HYDRATED.

TEACHING KIDS TO BE SMART ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA

2022- 50-70% OF TEENS VISIT SOCIAL MEDIA DAILY.

DOES SOCIAL MEDIA HAVE GOOD ASPECTS? **YES!**

DOES SOCIAL MEDIA CAUSE PROBLEMS AND HAVE DANGERS? **YES!**



ORGANIZATION

COMMUNICATION

ASK QUESTIONS

ACCOUNTABILITY

PLANNER

*SCHEDULES-WEEKLY AND DAILY

*HOMEWORK TIME AND LOCATION

*HALL PASS



GOALS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMICS

- BE CONFIDENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL
- SELF ADVOCATE
- OWN THEIR LEARNING
- UNDERSTAND THEIR LEARNING STYLE



HOW DO I BEST SUPPORT TEACHERS AS A PARENT AT THIS STAGE OF GROWTH?

- REALIZE THAT POOR GRADES ARE NOT ALWAYS A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.
- PUSH STUDENTS TO SELF ADVOCATE.
- MONITOR STUDY HABITS. HELP THEM GET ORGANIZED.
- EXPECT INSECURITIES.

ENJOY THE RIDE!



LOVE, LAUGH, AND ENCOURAGE...

WHAT ARE YOUR GREATEST FEARS AS A PARENT
ABOUT WALKING THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL
WITH YOUR CHILD?

