

## Durham Middle School

Cobb County School District  
Students Achieving Extraordinary Success

Principal  
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Dear Durham Seventh Grade Wildcats and Parents,

Welcome back to Durham Middle School! This year you will find that seventh grade will be more exciting and more normal than last year. Hopefully, you will make new friends and tackle new curricula and experiences. As we are near the end of July and the new school year is fast approaching, here is some information about Wildcat Day.

For all seventh-grade students, Wildcat Day will be on July 28, 2022, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. During this time, you will receive your schedule, get to see where your classes are located and have a chance to meet your teachers. In addition, you will also have an opportunity to get many housekeeping activities out of the way: purchase a yearbook, join PTSA, add money to your cafeteria account, and of course, show your parents around the school and introduce them to your teachers.

For the remainder of the month, get out and enjoy the rest of summer and go ahead and start getting excited about returning to Middle School as a seventh grader. As you should already know, Durham can be an exciting and enjoyable place. However, how exciting and memorable the school year will be is ultimately up to you.

The whole seventh-grade team is looking forward to working with you and getting to know both you and your parents as you continue your education here as Wildcats. Parents, we would once again ask that you please volunteer at the school with the PTSA in some capacity and on a regular basis. The transitions through middle school are often harder than most people believe, for both students and parents. As your students mature and grow during seventh grade, studies show that parent involvement is essential. Your presence here at Durham will keep you in the know, will be appreciated, and in the end, both you and your student will be rewarded. Please check our website regularly at [www.cobbk12.org/Durham](http://www.cobbk12.org/Durham), as it will become an important communication tool throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andy Bristow  
Principal  
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