

Shaker Junior High School  
475 Watervliet Shaker Road  
Latham, NY 12210

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Dear Parent and/or Guardian of Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grader(s):

Welcome to Shaker Junior High School! All faculty and staff members join me in saying we're happy to have all of you become part of our award winning school!

We are rapidly approaching the point in the school year when students start to anticipate next year. While we want them to continue to concentrate on their present classes, it is inevitable that they are eager to move on to the next level. At Shaker Junior High School we are well involved in planning for the 2011-2012 school year, developing individual courses for students and programs to positively affect our students.

In past years, incoming seventh graders accompanied their parents to the evening program in early June. This created a situation, however, that we felt didn't adequately address the needs of parents, students or the junior high. Several years ago we altered our program to better meet the objectives of an orientation. It has proven to be quite successful and we will continue it this year. The program scheduled for Thursday, June 2, listed on the District calendar, is for **parents** only. Please note that it begins at 7:00pm and it will conclude at approximately 9:00pm. **Parking is always a problem.** Please do not park on Rt. 155 nor in clearly marked fire lanes. You will want to allow extra time to park; we would also encourage you to consider parking at the high school and walking to the junior high.

We will hold a separate orientation for students during the day; this special day is scheduled for Friday, June 17. Sixth graders will be bussed to the junior high at about 11:45am. Students will have lunch with us, they can buy a lunch at the junior high or bring their own, and we will have a program to address student issues. Students will return to their elementary schools at approximately 2:00pm. Once students return to their elementary schools; you can pick them up at approximately 2:15pm or they can take a bus home. This daytime orientation will be treated as a normal field trip. Parents of students in private schools will have to arrange their own transportation to and from Shaker Junior High School.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,

Russell B. Moore, Ph.D.  
Principal

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