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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) & Pioneer Student(s),

As we quickly approach the start of a new school hyear, I want to take a moment to share some important information to help you and your child prepare for the transition to junior high. While we still have a few weeks before school begins, my hope is that this message helps ease the move from elementary to junior high for both students and families.

We invite you to attend **7th Grade Orientation on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.** in the high school. During orientation, we will cover key changes your child will experience as they move into junior high, including class schedules, academic expectations use of PowerSchool and Canvas, hallway navigation, curriculum updates, and more. We will also discuss school lunch procedures, such as how to deposit funds electronically or where students can deposit cash or a check into their account if they bring it to school. If your child had money remaining in their account last year, those funds have carried over.

Teachers and I will be available following the 7th-grade orientation to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend orientation, please contact the high school office to arrange a time to pick up your child's orientation materials.

A supply list, thoughtfully prepared by Mrs. Fischer, is included in this packet to help you prepare for the year ahead.

Additionally, if you'd like to visit the school before orientation, our doors will be open to 7th-grade families on **August 6th and 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Feel free to stop in—no appointment needed. Just check in at the office upon arrival.

On behalf of the staff at Fort Calhoun Junior-Senior High School, we look forward to seeing you soon. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Dr. Nick P. Wand

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