

# Chattanooga Valley Middle School

*Expect Academic Growth; Let Education help you Soar!*

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## *From The Desk Of Mr. Ward*

Welcome to Chattanooga Valley Middle School. I look forward to a great year. New staff members for the 2009-2010 school year are Brad Baker, Angel Davidson, and David Moore.

Parents should stay involved with what is happening at school. Open communication between parents and school will make for a successful year for the students.

If you have access to the internet, please keep abreast of grades and attendance for your student. Working together, we will make it a great year for your child.

## *Keys to Success*

You can set your child up for success this school year with some basic pointers. Show him/her this checklist, and you'll help him/her get off on the right foot.

- I attend school every day unless I'm sick, and I get there on time.
- I get 8-10 hours of sleep each night.
- I eat a healthy breakfast in the morning.
- I pay attention in class.
- I write down my assignments in my agenda for each subject.
- I start my projects when I get them.
- I complete my homework on time.
- I read for pleasure each day.



August 24-28 7th Grade Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)  
August 28 Club Day  
September 4 Fall Pictures

## *Parents Have Homework, Too*

The gift of education is a most valuable one. When a child begins school, the parents' role takes on a new dimension, that of enhancing the "formal education." Attitude, support, priorities, consistency, communication, missed work, and attendance are all segments of the parents' homework.

**Attitude is important.** If you have a positive attitude toward school, your child will too.

**Support is crucial.** Your child cannot go it alone. When he or she has an assignment that requires special help or supplies, you are the one he or she will turn to for help. If for some reason you cannot help, speak to the teacher.

**Priorities are important.** For a child to succeed in school, he must be advised which pursuits are most important, especially in light of the many interesting and beneficial activities available.

**Parent-child communication is important.** Talk with your child. Listen to his or her opinions and concerns.

**Parent-teacher communication is vital.** Keep the lines of communication open. Check your child's agenda daily.

**Missed work.** If your child is absent due to illness, he or she may need extra attention from you in order to get caught up on assignments.

**Attendance.** You, the parent, have the power to control your child's attendance, including being on time. Poor attendance and tardiness directly affect a child's success, emotionally as well as scholastically. As long as you are responsible for your child, your homework continues. If you don't hold up your end, your child's school experience will fall short of its potential.

**Softball & Football**  
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