



August 13, 2016

Dear VA Student,

In just a few weeks, you will begin your first year of middle school with us at Van Antwerp. I am looking forward to getting the year started and meeting our new 6th grade students. Your teachers realize that this is a big change for you. Don't feel pressure to learn everything at once. We are here to help.

I'd like to welcome Mrs. Sanderson, our new Assistant Principal. She will be working with our Iroquois and VA students during the upcoming school year. She comes to us from North Colonie where she taught middle and high school science. You'll have an opportunity to meet her as we get started in September.

School begins on **Tuesday, September 6 at 8:45 a.m.** You have been assigned to the **63 Team** and should report directly to homeroom **«HR» with «Teacher»**. A copy of your bus route will be sent in a separate mailing. Requests for a change in bus assignment must be approved by the transportation department. Prices for the hot lunch will be \$3.25 with breakfast costing \$1.65.

Our annual **Grade 6 Orientation is on Thursday, August 25**. The orientation program will last from **9:00 am-11:30 a.m.** This will be an opportunity to find your homeroom, meet your eighth grade W.E.B. leader, get to know your classmates and get a sense of what to do on the first day of school. Students should arrive at the main entrance on Story Ave. W.E.B. leaders will be on hand to greet and assist our sixth graders.

A team supply list has been included for your convenience. This supply list outlines the basic school supplies expected by your teachers. The supply list and a variety of other resources are also available on our VA website (<http://www.niskyschools.org/VanAntwerp>).

We will be using the Premier School Agenda assignment notebook again this year. This is a student tool meant to help you organize your homework assignments. It also includes a copy of the student handbook. The cost of the notebook is \$6.50. Checks are payable to Van Antwerp Middle School and should be given to your homeroom teacher by the end of September.

During the first week of school, Mrs. Sanderson and I will be meeting with you and your team to welcome you back, explain expectations and speak to you about the upcoming year. We will be working together to help ensure all of our students have the best possible experience. Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing you on opening day.

To The Parent of Guardian Of

«First» «Last»

«Street»

«Town», «Zip_Code»

HR: «HR»/«Teacher»

Sincerely,

Mr. Rakoczy
Principal
Van Antwerp Middle School