



Bonita Vista Middle School

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Dear BVM Community,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I can't tell you how excited I am to meet our cohort of 23-24, 7th and 8th grade students! I'm excited to see our returning 8th graders as I am also excited to see our new 7th grade students for this school year. I hope that you are just as excited to make our school the best middle school possible! Please know that at Bonita Vista Middle School, we will continue to work as a team, be driven by data, our mission, and our pursuit of becoming an International Baccalaureate School—Middle Years Program in the coming years.

Our 4 Guiding Questions in every decision we make at our school are:

- 1) What is it **we** want students to learn?
- 2) How will **we** know if they are learning?
- 3) What will **we** do we individual students do not learn?
- 4) How will **we** enrich and extend the learning for students who are proficient?

Our Big Ideas and Areas of Focus are:

1. Advancing Effective First Instruction –We have focused on higher levels of learning (Rigor).
2. Advancing International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Implementation.
3. Advancing Professional Learning Communities.
4. Advancing a Positive School Culture.

We will continue to be intentional, data-driven, reflective, and goal-oriented with how we approach the education of your child as they transition through the middle school years in preparation for high school and beyond. We also ask that our students hold themselves to the following expectations:

1. **Be Present** – Be present in school every day and on time to class.
2. **Be Positive** –Be positive in their approach to school, problem solving, and in relationships with students and adults.
3. **Be Persistent** –Be persistent in giving your best effort in academic preparation and during class time—every day!

We believe these expectations are the key for all students to become academically successful. They are simple! They are attainable! We believe all students can meet these daily expectations.

To help our students meet these expectations, parents and community members must be partners in the educational process. We are collectively accountable for the academic success of all students. We will work together to ensure all students maximize their learning potential. Together, we can do this, parents!

As mentioned before, my pledge to you is that Bonita Vista Middle School will continue to foster open relationships with our parents and community to support academic achievement and prepare our students for a successful future.

Thank you,

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