

Durham Middle School

Cobb County School District
Students Achieving Extraordinary Success

Principal
Andy Bristow, PhD

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Dear Durham Eighth Grade Wildcats and Parents,

Welcome back to Durham Middle School! This year you are now an eighth-grade student and with that, you are now one of our leaders for the school. Hopefully, it will be more exciting and more normal than last year. As you embark on your last year at Durham, please take the time to make new friends and challenge yourself in the Wildcat Way. As much as you may not want to hear, we are nearing the end of July and the new school year is fast approaching. Please look at the information below about Wildcat Day.

For all eighth-grade students, Wildcat Day will be on July 28, 2023, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. During this time, you will receive your schedule, get to see where your classes are located and have a chance to meet your teachers. In addition, you will also have an opportunity to get many housekeeping activities out of the way: purchase a yearbook, join PTSA, add money to your cafeteria account, and of course, show your parents around the school and introduce them to your teachers.

For the remainder of the month, get out and enjoy the rest of summer and go ahead and start getting excited about returning to Middle School as an eighth grader. As you should already know, Durham can be an exciting and enjoyable place. However, how exciting and memorable the school year will be is ultimately up to you.

The whole eighth-grade team is looking forward to working with you and getting to know both you and your parents as you complete your last year at Durham. Parents, we would once again ask that you please volunteer at the school with the PTSA in some capacity and on a regular basis. The transitions through middle school are often harder than most people believe, for both students and parents. As your students mature and grow during eighth grade, studies show that parent involvement is essential. Your presence here at Durham will keep you in the know, will be appreciated, and in the end both you and your student will be rewarded. Please check our website regularly at www.cobbk12.org/Durham, as it will become an important communication tool throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andy Bristow
Principal
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