



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mounds View Public Schools

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Chippewa Middle School! We are proud to serve students in grades six through eight in your neighborhood attendance area, and wish to invite you to learn about the many curricular and co-curricular options we offer our students. We are hosting a **VIRTUAL Middle School Enrollment Information Night for families of current 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students on the evening of Tuesday, February 2.** We will send out a series of videos explaining our overall philosophy as a middle school as well as specific information about the sixth grade curriculum and opportunities we have planned for middle schoolers throughout the 2021-22 school year. We look forward to sharing with you what makes Chippewa a special place for middle school students -- a place where students can learn and grow both in their academics and in their social/emotional development.

- Please look for a series of video links to be available on Monday, February 1 to watch at your convenience. We will email the videos to families who receive e-news from Turtle Lake and Island Lake and will post them on the Chippewa website.
- Then, on Tuesday, February 2, we will host a series of optional virtual Zoom sessions where parents and guardians can ask questions of the administrative and dean team. We will post links to those sessions with time slots at 5:30 pm, 6 pm, and 6:30 pm.
- We will have separate events later this winter and in the spring for students, including virtually visiting with their middle school dean and (hopefully!) an in person visit to Chippewa towards the end of the school year.

Chippewa is proud to offer many academic, athletic, and arts-related activity choices. We emphasize student connectedness through:

- instructional support programs that meet the needs of all students
- a problem based approach to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math)
- the development of key habits of mind aligned to high school and post-secondary success
- a collaborative and interdisciplinary emphasis on flexible thinking, designing and creating
- a wide range of hands-on learning experiences that include computer programming, robotics, 3D printing, laser engraving, Design Thinking, and visual arts
- band, orchestra, and choir available at all grade levels
- a variety of before and after-school sports and activities with after school activity bus transportation available

To learn more about Chippewa Middle School, I encourage you to visit our district's website, <https://www.moundsviewschools.org/chippewa>, or contact me via phone at 651-621-6403 or email at [molly.hollihan@moundsviewschools.org](mailto:molly.hollihan@moundsviewschools.org).

I look forward to seeing you virtually on **Tuesday, February 2nd.**

Sincerely,  
Molly Hollihan  
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