September 5, 2018

Dear Families,

CMCSS Middle Schools will host our first student-led conferences September 20th, 4:30-7:30pm. This will look different from traditional parent-teacher conferences. We are excited to provide an opportunity for students to reflect upon their success so far this year and share their learning with you. Students are working to prepare for the conference by collecting work samples and creating goals.

We want to emphasize that these are student-led, therefore students **mus**t attend. Teachers will not be directly involved in the discussions with your child. They will act as facilitators as several student-led conferences are going on at the same time. As always, if you need to have a discussion with a particular teacher about grades or behavior, feel free to contact the teacher directly by email or phone. Related Arts and Special Education teachers will be available in their rooms for questions or to visit. The conference will be first come, first serve and last approximately 15 minutes.

Student-led conferences are emerging as a positive alternative to parent-teacher conferences. Research has shown it develops important organization and communication skills while building students’ self-efficacy.

On the back of this letter are some guiding questions you can use during the conference. You can also view this video to give you an idea of what this would look like. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\_WBSInDc2E

We look forward to your attendance at this important event in your child’s life.

Sincerely,

Lisa Clark, Principal

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