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Greetings Future Bronco Families:

Let me be the first to welcome you and your student to Bailey Middle School. We are happy that you have chosen us as the place to begin your middle school journey. I know that many of you are nervous about the transition, but we are committed to doing all we can to make middle school a very positive experience. The first step to a successful start is the registration process. The information provided in this packet will help guide you through class registration. **In addition, I would like to invite parents to our Sixth Grade Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 pm.** This session is not mandatory, yet will provide parents with more information about your student's transition to Bailey. This session is for parents only and we ask that only one parent attend due to space considerations.

Students in middle school take four core academic courses daily. These include **Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies**. All four classes meet on a daily basis for approximately sixty-five minutes each. Students are placed into Language Arts and Math classes according to their data, prior performance, prerequisite classes, and teacher recommendation. Placement in Science and Social Studies is an academic mix of students to create heterogeneous classes.

Selection of **elective courses** is also very important. On the registration card, please number your choices with "1" being your top choice to "5" being your last choice of interest. Students take an elective course every day and they are scheduled for **two electives** every semester on a rotating A day/B day schedule. All students in middle school are required to take Health and Physical Education. ***We are now also requiring that all of our students take a computer class (CTE) in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, unless you are enrolled in a yearlong elective (Band or Orchestra).*** Band and Orchestra are the only yearlong elective courses that we offer to sixth grade students. Exploratory Spanish is a semester long class in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but can be taken as a year-long elective for high school credit in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students wanting to taking Spanish for high school in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade must have teacher recommendation and meet academic expectations. If students are interested in Band or Orchestra, please fill out the blue permission form and turn it in with your registration card.

We will be hosting our annual 6th Grade Bronco Round-Up and Open House in August as an orientation for families to meet teachers, tour our school, and get advice on how to function successfully in middle school. We will offer several sessions throughout the day to accommodate the large number of families. The date and times of these events will be announced before the end of the school year.

We are excited about your child's future at Bailey Middle School. We know that your child will love being a Bronco. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions you may have during the registration process. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at [jason.bissinger@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:jason.bissinger@cms.k12.nc.us). I can also be reached at 980-343-1068 during school hours.

Look forward to working with you.

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