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Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware, the middle school conducts annual parent/teacher conferences. Our upcoming conferences are going to be held on November 3rd and 4th. We will be sending out information regarding the scheduling of these conferences shortly. This year we are changing the structure of these conferences. In years past, these meetings have been clustered together during three days in November. This year, however, the middle school is shifting one of those dates. As stated above, we will hold the first two days of conferences on November 3rd and November 4th. The third day of conferences will be shifted to April 20th. There are two primary reasons for this shift. Most importantly, learning is a yearlong process and there are instances where the school/family partnership requires repeated conferences in order to plan for a successful student experience. Secondly, the state statute governing conferences recommends that they be held twice a year.

While the shift will provide the school with greater access for families that require repeated meetings, the shift will also have the result of reducing the number of conferences that are available for the more conversational meetings. Fortunately, we have many other platforms for families to engage with the middle school. The school and district websites offer a bounty of information regarding activities and upcoming events. The PowerSchool Parent Portal allows families day-to-day access to their child's current academic progress in school. We also hold an annual open house which affords families the opportunity to meet all of their child's teachers. Moreover, all teachers are available to answer any parental questions or concerns (email is usually the fastest means of communication). If you have a concern regarding your child's experience at Suffield Middle School, I urge you to contact our school counselors, Mrs. Scatolini (last names A-L) or Mr. Kadamus (last names M-Z).

Sincerely,

Damon Pearce