



GORDON C. SWIFT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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"Here Everyone Acts with Respect and Tolerance" 

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Dear Students,

Welcome to Swift! I know how very anxious you all are to start a new school year (I know I am!) so I am enclosing some information to help make your first day of school smooth and easy.

The first day for all students is **Thursday, August 30, 2018**. Please plan to arrive at school between 7:50 and 8:00 that morning. We will run a full day schedule, with lunch being served and our dismissal will be at 2:35. We have set routines for coming and going to make it safe for all:

- *If arriving by car, please note that you will need to be dropped off in the front circle or at the sidewalk on the Colonial Street entrance to Swift.*
- *Once you arrive, you will enter through the front doors. There will be staff members there to direct you on the first day.*
- *If you are walking to school, and arriving from Colonial Street, please enter through the front doors as well. If walking and arriving from Davis Street, you will enter the building in the back by the cafeteria. There will be staff members there to direct you on the first day.*
- *Bike riders will park their bikes in the front of the building by the library and enter the building through the front doors. (A reminder-you need to walk your bike while on school property for safety!).*
- *All bus riders will be dropped off at the back entrance and enter there as always. Again, there will be staff members there to direct you on the first day. Remember to check for your bus number in the Town Times or in the Waterbury Republican newspapers.*

Upon arrival, all sixth graders will be escorted to the auditorium, all seventh graders will go to the gymnasium and all eighth graders will wait in the cafeteria. From there you will be escorted by your homeroom teachers to homeroom and begin the day.

On the first day, you will be given lockers (and shown how to use them!) and receive lots of important papers. Most importantly, you will receive your course schedules at that time. Lunch is available in the cafeteria beginning on that first day as well and the cost is \$3.25. You may of course, also bring your own lunch if you choose.

**Please visit our web site, www.watertownps.org, for a general list of school supplies that ALL students will need.
Looking forward to a G-R-E-A-T school year!**

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