

# 7th Graders Jump Start the School Year

—8 a.m. August 17

New seventh graders and parents alike are mystified by the idea of junior high. The questions and concerns are limitless.

- Will I be able to open my lock?
- Where do I get my I.D.?
- What do my teachers expect?

Transition to Success, developed by FSPS junior high school principals, offers students entering the 7th grade and their parents support and information as they make the leap from an elementary school environment to junior high. A parent orientation begins at 6 p.m. August 15 at each junior high.

At 8 a.m. on August 17, 7th graders will meet their teachers and receive ID cards; they will walk through their daily class schedule and try out the lunch line and many other things—without the worry of a school full of upperclassmen.

## Transition to Success: An Important Piece of a Comprehensive System

- Student Achievement — Transition to Success 'sets the stage' for learning by removing obvious barriers. With anxieties relieved and questions answered, students begin learning the first days of school.
- Highly Trained Teachers — Specialized continuing education prepares the staff for this new endeavor.
- An Education of Choice — There is no one secret recipe for success—just hard work. Transition to Success gives students and parents the information that they need to see the distinct advantages and opportunities that exist in FSPS Junior High Schools.
- Safe Schools — Positive relationships and involvement in school activities create a sense of responsibility and respect. Transition To Success gives 7th graders, teachers and mentor students the valuable time necessary to build that sense of belonging.
- Parent and Community Involvement — Parents and Partners are involved in a variety of ways. Their support is critical in making the day a good one. Their knowledge of the program and the school makes them outstanding ambassadors in the community.

Educators and parents share the ultimate goal—all want to attend graduation ceremonies in six years and see these students wearing caps and gowns.

