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Dear Parents,

A couple of years ago we piloted a new approach to the middle school conferences, which includes team conferences (meeting your child's math, social studies, science, and English teachers at the same time). Each conference is ten minutes long. These conferences are arranged by teachers directly contacting parents of teacher-identified students. We received positive feedback about this new approach.

- Teachers will reach out to you to set-up an appointment for a conference.
- **You do not have to sign up for conferences**, particularly if you have already had a meeting with your child's teacher(s) or you do not have any pressing questions or concerns.
- If you would like a conference and were not directly contacted by your child's teacher(s), you must select an available time slot ahead of time through the teacher with whom you would like to meet.

Our middle school conference format was changed in order to encourage targeted communication where there are specific needs or concerns with parents whose students stand to benefit most from conferencing. Since the middle school teachers meet with multiple grade levels, which means they may have 30-80 students depending on the subject taught, we have found that the conference format we had used in the past was not the most productive. Please know that whether you are specifically contacted by our staff for a conference or not, you are always welcome to call or email your child's teacher(s) and engage in conversation about your child's performance or set up a conference time that is mutually convenient at any time throughout the year.

Thank you,
St. Charles School Middle School Teachers