



## **Escanaba Middle School**

August 4, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As August quickly approaches, we'd like to inform your family of some important information about the Escanaba Middle School. We look forward to a positive year full of exciting learning activities and extracurricular events for your child.

***The 2008-09 school year begins on Tuesday, September 2nd. Students may pick up their schedules on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, August 26th.*** At this time, classes and lockers may be located and students can pick up their agenda book. The agenda book is an important part of our Middle School; it includes our discipline policy, dress code and other information to assist students. ***Please take time to review the agenda book and our school policies with your child.***

**Students interested in participating in our interscholastic activities must have a physical exam dated no earlier than April 15, 2008**, on file in the school office. Students will not be allowed to practice until this requirement is met. Fall interscholastic activities are listed on the back of this letter.

Your child is scheduled for a Teen Health class, which is part of our health curriculum. One unit of this course concerns the area of reproduction/sexuality. According to Michigan law, you have the right to view the materials being used in this unit. You also have the right to have your child excused from the class during the time the unit is covered. Please contact the school for more information or to make an exclusion request.

As we begin this school year, we encourage all parents to take an active role in our school. **PowerSchool**, our new student information system, will be activated on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. This system provides useful information to parents and students via the Internet. ***PowerSchool allows you to access your student's grades and attendance*** in a secure password protected environment. It will help you keep up with the school announcements and communicate with teachers via e-mail. We encourage you to utilize PowerSchool!

Our staff is committed to keeping parents aware and involved in your child's education. We are enthusiastic about providing a quality education to your children! We will make every effort to keep in close touch with you throughout the year. Please do the same with us. **TOGETHER**, we can provide the best possible educational program for your middle school student. We are looking forward to a successful partnership!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kay Johnson  
Principal

Mr. Jude VanDamme  
Assistant Principal