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Dear Gilbert Arts Academy Parents:

We are so excited to announce that we are expanding to 7th and 8th grade. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school, our students, our teachers, and our families.

We have a great deal of planning to do, but here are some things we already know:

- We will add 7th grade this coming school year (19/20) and 8th grade the following school year (20/21)
- All Middle School classes (6-8) will be in one building
- Middle School students will switch classes, this coming year having 1 teacher for ELA and Social Studies and 1 teacher for Math and Science
- Middle School students will have the opportunity to participate in semester long clubs tailored to their age-level and interest
- Our lower-elementary students, our upper-elementary, and our Middle School students will have recess and lunch in age-appropriate groups
- To help with traffic at dismissal time, there will be staggered pick-up times for elementary and middle school - more information will come on this topic
- We will continue, as always, to have the same high academic and behavioral expectations of all our students and work each day to meet their individual needs

Parents, please feel free to email or call with any questions regarding our expansion. We will keep everyone informed as this expansion process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lauren Arnold", is written over the typed name and title.

Lauren Arnold  
School Leader