



'the best thing sixth graders say about middle school is ...'

- more freedom
- getting out at 2:15
- eating lunch at 10:46
- having days go by much faster than elementary school
- switching classes
- meeting Dover/Sherborn kids - making new friends
- being in different rooms with different kids and different teachers
- nice teachers and guidance people
- you have a bunch of teachers so if you don't like one, you'll have lots of others
- teachers all smile here
- challenging teachers
- becoming friends with the teachers
- breaks between classes-let's you talk to your friends and gives you energy
- homework that's not always long and hard
- after-school classes - math, science, cooking, and painting
- having a different schedule every other day
- a different exploratory each term- art, music...
- having gym every other day
- being able to learn a foreign language, which is really fun
- 8<sup>th</sup> period Help Session to get help and begin homework
- spirit days
- walking to lunch in all kinds of weather
- cafeteria food choices - bagels, hot food, pizza, salad, etc...
- out-running half the boys
- PE - it's awesome
- vending machines in the cafeteria
- being able to stay after school
- decorating the inside of your locker
- having projects
- being able to relax more
- the late bus
- all the hands-on things
- the independence
- the atmosphere
- everything