

WELCOME TO THE ROLLER COASTER RIDE KNOWN AS MIDDLE SCHOOL



TIPS FOR PARENTS ON SURVIVING THE RIDE!

Dr. Hibbs - Superintendent
Mrs. Nieliwocki-Principal
Mr. McCann - Asst. Principal
Mr. Tatgenhorst - Asst. Principal
Ms. Riehl - School Counselor
Dr. Asher-Shultz - Psychologist

Middle school as a time of change:

- Number of teachers;
- The schedule;
- Blending of schools;
- Physical changes - the range of the
- Onset of puberty;
- For parents - figuring your role in this new experience

6th Grade Teams of Teachers

- Math Teacher
- Language Arts Teacher (2)
- Science Teacher
- Social Studies Teacher
- Special Education Teacher

8 Period Day

- Literacy (leveled)
- Written Expression (leveled)
- Math (leveled)
- Science
- Social Studies
- Spanish /Physical Ed.
- Related Arts including Health
- Student Lunch Period

Related Arts Classes

- Art
- Music (Orchestra, Band and Chorus)
- Applied Technology
- Computers
- Engineering & Design

More info...

- Lunch period
- Supply lists will be posted on the MMS and District web site in the summer
- Combination locks on hall lockers
- NO Back Packs during the day

Student Lunches

- Chartwells Food Services
- Director – Mr. Vincent Palmiero
- Office at MMS – 732-972-2100 X 6730
- You may continue to use the online system for payment.

So what can a parent do?

Learn what you can about the school

- Come to orientation
- Look at the webpage
- Read over the agenda pad
- Use the teacher homework pages and the parent portal
- Get involved

PTO Executive Board and members here tonight

- Laura Lavery - President
- Anabela Alekshun - 1st Vice-President
- Dawn Kopp - 2nd Co-Vice-President
- Ekta Parekh - 2nd Co-Vice-President
- Stacey Rothman - Secretary
- Fran Tomasello - Treasurer

PTO apparel

- Nancy Sukhai
- Anita Loui

Membership Committee

- Michele Fischetti

P. T. O.

The PTO supports us through...

- a Walk-A-Thon in September
- school spirit clothing
- book fair, art show, Rita's Ice, Portrait Sessions, Star Wars show, & additional fundraisers



And then funds...

- the student agenda books
- 8th Grade Dance
- team & homeroom events & rewards

Please visit the PTO Webpage at home & as shown at the PTO table tonight.

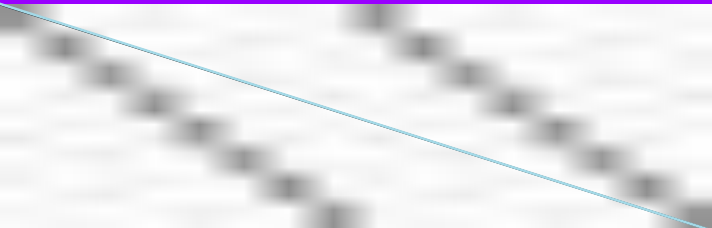
MMS PTO

Help your child learn to manage their time:

- Have a scheduled time (and place) for homework;
- Help them learn to use the agenda pad as an organizational tool;
- Help your child determine the best way for them (and your family) to coordinate school work and extracurricular activities.

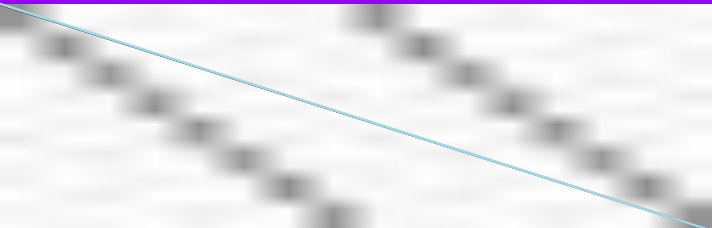
Show interest in your child's studies:

- Talk to them daily about what they are learning – help them make connections to the world around them;
- Be familiar with the teacher web pages and all that the teachers post;
- Sit down with your child on a regular basis to look at the parent portal and their progress;



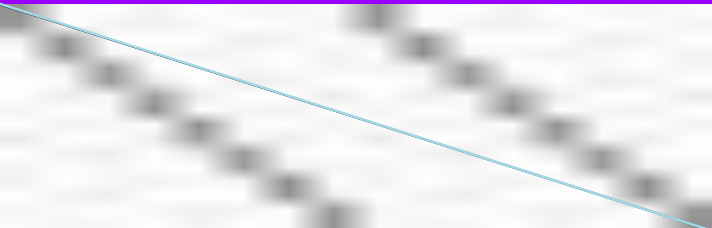
Know and utilize your school's resources:

- Always begin with your child's teachers when there are academic questions or concerns;
- Your school counselor or CST case manager is a great resource if you are looking for strategies to help your child who may be having difficulties academically or socially;
- Online resources like teacher web pages and parent portal allow you to stay in the loop;



Encourage your child to get involved in school outside of the classroom:

- Clubs and sports play an important role in the development of children in this age group;
- They meet other kids who share their interests;
- It allows the child to explore diverse opportunities



General Information & Agenda Books

- Lockers, deodorants, perfumes “No Sprays or Axe”
- Discipline Policy
- Student dress code
- Bullying & Harassment
- Pick-up procedures during and after the school day

Athletics / Intramurals / Clubs

- Athletics / Sports - 6th graders may try out for all sports teams
- Intramural Volleyball (fall) & Intramural Basketball (spring) – after school programs
- Annual Physicals and paperwork must be submitted by deadlines. Late paperwork will not be accepted.
- All clubs, activities, and sports require on-line registration utilizing www.payforit.net
- Stay “up-to-the-minute” by checking the web site regularly.

ATHLETICS

FALL - CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER, INTRAMURAL
VOLLEYBALL, FIELD HOCKEY

WINTER - WRESTLING, BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING

SPRING - TENNIS, TRACK, RUNNING CLUB, INTRAMURAL
BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, INTRAMURAL LACROSSE

The Sports Physical is good for 365 days ONLY.

***The repeater form is used for second season participation with a valid sports physical.*

CLUBS

MUSIC - BAND, ORCHESTRA

PING PONG

DIGITAL TECH & VIDEO

DEBATE

COMPUTER CLUB

STUDENT COUNCIL

BRIDGE BUILDERS

YEARBOOK

NAT. HISTORY DAY

HEALTH & FITNESS

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

RAD (formerly H.O.T.)

STEM (TSA CLUB)

NEWSPAPER

MATH CLUB

CRAFT CLUB

ANIMAL CLUB

RUNNING CLUB

Get to know your child's friends:

- Friends are going to change;
- Issues with peer pressure and making good decisions really begins to surface in middle school;
- Use experiences from the world around you to get your child thinking about some of the decisions that they may face

Communication

- Cell phones – school telephones – Internet Safety, parent e-mail addresses
- Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the day – no phone calls or texts
- Attendance Procedures– calls to parents – calls to school
- Tardy policy – school begins at 7:30 am
- Early morning drop off is not permitted.
- You must send in a note to pick up your child early. Your child will be given a pass. We cannot call into a classroom during the class period.

Communication continued...

- If your child leaves his/her lunch, homework, sports equipment, book or permission slip at home.....
 - Allow him/her to take the consequences
 - We will advance lunch money
 - Athletic equipment, large projects or other materials will be held in the main office.

Medical Guidelines

- If a 6th grade student has turned 11 years of age, he/she MUST have received the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines to attend school. Proof of vaccination from the doctor MUST be on file at school. This requirement will be followed throughout the year.
- A review of your child's records will take place early in September. If there is no written record of vaccination, the student will NOT be allowed to return to school until such documentation is provided. This is a State mandate and we are obliged by law to comply.
- Please check with your physician now so that your child can attend school in the fall.

Medical info continued...

- Absentee notes are to be given directly to the main office by the student and will be forwarded to the nurses for filing.
- Students who are sick must be seen by the nurse prior to dismissal from school. The nurse will call the parent, not the student.

COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE!!!!

- With your children; their teachers; and anyone else you may need to if you need assistance;
- Don't believe everything you hear, and neither will we! Check out what you are hearing from your child or another adult using an appropriate resource;
- **Remember** - you are not alone - we are in this together and want to be part of your team!

Champions Learning After School Program



- Led by a **Certified teacher**
- We provide a **safe and engaging learning environment**
- We **survey our students' interests and goals** during the beginning of the school year, **modify our lessons based on their interests and passions**
- Engaging and age-appropriate activities
- **Curriculum based lessons specifically designed for middle school students**
- **Homework assistance** - many students complete all of their home work and have experienced an **improvement in grades**

Fitness Activities - Basketball, soccer, volleyball, and outdoor activities

JB Sports - a fitness group that offers over 70 different fun activities such as crab soccer, volleyball, foot golf, obstacle courses

Champions Learning Cooking Club - We have made fruit kabobs, guacamole, blender muffins, brownies, rice krispies treats, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce during thanksgiving

Family Engagement events - Superbowl party, Halloween party, Thanksgiving feast, Holiday party, Valentine's Day celebration

Contact information - Please email Anisha Kakar - AKakar@klcorp.com for more information

MMS School Website

Twitter - @MarlboroMiddle

And now a chance to hear from our current
HAWKS

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!

