



Clifton T. Barkalow School

Freehold Township Middle School Grades 6 - 8

Sixth Grade Parent Orientation



- Welcome and introductions
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Meet our Staff...



Principal:

Mr. John Soviero

Assistant Principal:

Mr. Thomas Smith

School Counselors:

Ms. Courtney Colford (Student Last name **A-L**)

Mr. Greg Lins (Student Last name **M-Z**)

Technology Integration Coordinator:

Mr. Matt Finucane

Nurse:

Mrs. Larisa Ippolito

Office Staff:

Mrs. Sue Perry, Mrs. Deidre Schiazza,

Mrs. Kelly Leone

Head Custodian:

Mrs. Pauline Crespo



Parent Teacher Organization

Mrs. Gandolfo, outgoing PTO President

Mrs. Shapiro, incoming PTO President

PTO Meetings are

3rd Wednesday of every other Month

(unless otherwise noted)

in Barkalow's GAM Center at 6:00 pm

Please Join Us - All Are Welcome!!

Please check our website for more information!

<http://www.freeholdtwp.k12.nj.us/barkalow/pto/PTO.htm>



Health Office Info

Mrs. Larisa Ippolito, RN

732-431-4403 ext. 2108 lippolito@freeholdtwp.k12.nj.us

- **Immunizations:** Student schedules will not be available in Genesis unless proof of immunization has been received

Tdap and Meningococcal must be administered within 2 weeks of 11th birthday or your child will be excluded from school.

- **Medications:** Drop-off for medications and corresponding completed paperwork the last 2 weeks of August
- **Sports Physicals:** Fall sports physicals are due between July 10th - August 17th

Please submit completed physicals to BOARD OFFICE. All pages 1-4 must be completed. Sports physicals are required for ALL sports. Packets were sent home with all 5th grade students last week.

****Please note that sports physical are due 2 weeks BEFORE medications are collected.



Classes

Required

- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education (every other day)
- Spanish (every other day)
- Health (half year)
- Personal Financial Literacy & Study Skills (half year)

**STUDENT SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED IN
GENESIS IN LATE AUGUST!**

**Student Locker Practice and Set-up
Date to be determined**

Related Arts

Full Year:

- Art
- Digital Art
- Music Exploration
- Chorus
- Band

Semester Option:

- Music Exploration; Art
- Music Exploration; Digital Art
- Art; Digital Art



Related Arts Selection

- Between Tuesday, June 5th and Monday, June 11th, parents must log in to Genesis and help students choose a related arts course for next year.

Related arts course selection must be completed by Monday, June 11th.

If your child does not make a selection by this date, they will be assigned a random course.

Sixth Grade Schedule



Period	Time	Class
HR	7:30 - 7:40	Homeroom
Period 1	7:40 - 8:24	Block 1
Period 2	8:24-9:08	Block 1
Period 3	9:08-9:52	Non Core
Period 4	9:52-10:36	Block 2
Period 5	10:36-11:20	Block 2
Period 6	11:20-12:04	Non Core
Period 7a	12:04-12:26	Lunch/Study
Period 7b	12:26-12:48	Study/Lunch
Period 8	12:48-1:32	Block 3
Period 9	1:32-2:16	Block 3



Levels of Mathematics

- 6th grade: Enriched Math, Accelerated Math
- 7th grade: Enriched Math, Pre-Algebra, Honors
Pre-Algebra
- 8th grade: Enriched Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Honors
Algebra



Criteria for 6th grade Accelerated Math

- ❖ A 93-100 average for the first three marking periods of grade 5
- ❖ MAP Test - 60th percentile or higher
- ❖ COGATs Non-verbal: 112 or higher
- ❖ COGATs Quantitative: 112 or higher



Algebra in Grade 8

- Students who take Algebra I in 8th grade have the opportunity to take Calculus in High School
- Algebra is a requirement for 4 out of 12 Magnet Programs in the FRHSD: Computer Science Academy, Business Administration Learning Center, Medical Sciences Learning Center, and Science and Engineering Learning Center



Genesis

- Math placements for next year will be available on Genesis on or around June 14th
- Contact Math Supervisor, Dr. Marchese at 732-462-8400, ext. 8823 for any placement questions



Sports

Fall Sports

- Cross Country - Boys/Girls
(non-cut sport)
- Field Hockey
- Soccer

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Softball
- Track and Field - Boys/Girls
(non-cut sport)

Winter Sports

- Basketball - Boys/Girls
- Cheerleading
- Wrestling- (non-cut sport)



Clubs and Organizations

- Academic Team
- Drama Club
- Maker Club
- Debate Team
- History Club
- Peer Leaders (grade 8)
- Barkalow Beat - video news broadcast club
- Mural Club
- STEM Club/LEGO Robotics
- Yearbook
- Student Council
- Optimist Jr. Club
- Model United Nations Club
- Volleyball

Information regarding meetings will be posted in the school hallways and updated on our website!



Tips for Middle School Parents

- Visit Schoology and Genesis parent portal for up-to-date information about assignments and grades. Checking these resources will help 6th grade students learn how to monitor their grades and ensure they are not missing any assignments.
- Communicate with your child's teachers and school counselor.
- Assist your child's development toward independence.



More Barkalow info...

- **Cell phones** – must be turned off and in locker at all times. Students can use phone in main office if necessary.
- **Lunch procedures** – Half the grade eats at a time, while other half is in lunch study.
- **Genesis** - Check regularly for gradebook updates, letters, and to update contact information. We've gone green!
- **Daily Announcements-** will be posted on Barkalow's home page and in the cafeteria for students to view during lunch -- also check out our Twitter!



STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Barkalow Middle School endeavors to empower each student with the skills and attitudes needed to succeed in a culturally diverse and changing world.

Handbooks are distributed to each student at the beginning of each school year. Please review this handbook and keep it for reference as it has valuable information for you and your child.

The handbook can also be found on our website:

<http://www.freeholdtwp.k12.nj.us/barkalow/index.htm>



Thank you for coming...

Questions?