PTSA Meeting
September 17, 2013

Agenda:

Welcome Back!!
Teachers
Joining the Middle School Family…

- Ryan Vinberg
  - 8th Gr. Earth Science

- Melissa Xenakis
  - MS Speech Language
  - (returning to the M.S.)

- Christen Visceglie
  - P/T World Language - Italian

- Corrinne Van Wickler
  - 8th gr. Math Lv.
  - Replacement for Spiridoula Theotokis
Aides

Joining the Middle School Family…

- Michael Alsen (from HS)
- Terence Kraemer (from HS)
Congratulations!

- Spiridoula Theotokis, baby boy – Peter 7/31/13
- Evangeline Bellon, baby girl
- Lauren Klemballa, baby boy – Logan 8/7/13
- Steve Marsh – marriage
- Brooke Schnittman – M.S. Sp. Ed. Facilitator
- Best wishes to Lynn McDonnell – H.S. Sp. Ed Facilitator
Welcome to Our New Staff Member

Joanne Fernandes, 6th Gr. Co-Teaching
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• Ryan Vinberg, 8\textsuperscript{th} Grade Earth Science
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- Christen Visceglie,
  World Languages –
  Italian
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Corrinne Van Wickler, 8th Gr. Leave Replacement

Welcome to your Mathematics 9 Moodle Page
Tuesday, September 17th:
Welcome to Middle School: Study Skills How to Succeed in Middle School

Wednesday, October 9th:
M.S. Welcome & School Information Night/PTSA Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 7th:
Common Core

Wednesday, January 15th:
PTSA Mtg. & Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Parent Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 6th:

Guest Speaker:
Joanne Verdino, M.S. Social Worker TBD

Thursday, March 6th:

TBD

Thursday, May 8th:

Family Book Talk – Book TBD

Thursday, June 5th:

End-of-Year PTSA Meeting and Installation of Officers
Middle School Transitions

- Jeff Barnes, M.S. Psychologist
- Joanne Verdino, M.S. Social Worker
- Brooke Schnittman, Special Education Facilitator
Program Components

Parents

Classroom

School

Community

Individual
JERICHO MIDDLE SCHOOL
BULLY PREVENTION
SCHOOL-WIDE RULES

• We will not bully others.
• We will try to help students who are bullied.
• We will try to include students who are left out.
• If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

I STAND UP TO BULLYING!” - MRS. SAMMARTANO
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Middle School Transitions

- Meredith Pollack Richman
  - Grade 7 Counselor
- Joan York
  - Grade 8 Counselor
- Kerri Schmitt
  - Grade 6 Counselor
Mr. Gately
Principal, Jericho Middle School
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2013-14 School Year
Jericho Middle School

- Common Core
  - Purpose
  - Assessments
  - Rigor

- APPR

- Olweus program
235 students took the Algebra Regents in 8th grade.
190 received a score of 80% or better (78.6% of our students).
Of those 190 with 80% or above, 82 students got a 2 or below on the Math 8 State Assessment.

Having a State Exam that DOES NOT MEASURE ANYTHING VALUABLE AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR STUDENTS....

PRICELESS!!
Mr. Gately

Principal, dad, runner, cook, cyclist... and READER

I’m reading...

What are you reading?
SEL is the process whereby children and adults develop essential social and emotional skills, knowledge, and attitudes related to:

**Self-awareness**
- Identifying emotions
- Accurate self-perception/self-confidence
- Recognizing strengths, needs and values

**Self-management**
- Impulse control and stress management
- Motivation / discipline
- Goal setting / organizational skills
- Perspective-taking
- Respect for others
- Appreciating diversity
- Using family, school, and community resources

**Responsible decision-making**
- Problem solving
- Evaluation/ Reflection
- Personal/ ethical responsibility
- Considering consequences

**Social awareness**
- Resisting peer pressure
- Working cooperatively
- Conflict management
- Communication
- Building relationships
- Seeking help

**Relationship skills**
- Communication
- Building relationships
- Seeking help

From C.A.S.E.L.: Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning
The kicker

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLyQNlh_rSM&feature=youtu.be
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