Agenda

- PTSA Business
- Introductions
  - Information / Resources
- Student Scheduling
- Guidance Counselor
- Student Team Advisor
- Middle School Glossary of Terms
- Extracurricular

Frequently Asked Questions
Middle-Level Policy Statements

• This We Believe (1982, 1995)
  – National Middle School Association

• Turning Points (1989, 1998)
  – Carnegie Corporation for Adolescent Development

• Essential Elements of a Standards Focused Middle School (1999, 2004)
  – New York State Education Department
Congratulations!

Your child attends a New York State and National Middle School to Watch
Middle School
(Re-designated 2012)
Developmentally Appropriate Transition

• Grade 6:
  – Interdisciplinary Teams
  – 2 teachers
  – Instructional Teams
  – Move as a class

• Grade 7
  – Instructional Teams
  – Re-group for all subjects
  – Individual programs

• Grade 8
  – Instructional Teams
  – Greater specialization
  – High school credit
Counseling Services

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
The role of the Counselor is to advise/coordinate/guide...

- Social/Personal Development
- Educational Growth
- Career Exploration

A Counselor is a:

- Student Advocate
- Parent Advocate
- Staff Advocate
The Role of the Student Team Advisor (STA)

- Liaisons to other staff
- Student advocates
- Coordinators of team activities
- Support and promote SEL programs
- Attendance at CST, CSE and 504 meetings
- Weekly meetings with administration
Scheduling
Grade 7 Course of Study

- English Language Arts 7
- Mathematics or Accelerated Mathematics 7
- Science 7
- World Language 7
- Lunch
- Art 7 (Alt. Day Fall or Spring)
- Health 7 (Alt. Day Fall or Spring)
- Technology 7 (Alt. Day)
- Home & Careers 7 (Alt. Day)
- Physical Education 7 (Alt. Day)

* If Chorus or Exploratory Music is selected, another elective must be chosen.
Creating a Student Schedule
Grade 7

**DAY 1**
1. Music
2. English Language Arts
3. Social Studies
4. World Language
5. Home & Careers
6. Physical Education
7. Lunch
8. Science
9. Mathematics

**DAY 2**
1. English Language Arts
2. Social Studies
3. World Language
4. Art/Health
5. Technology
6. Lunch
7. Science
8. Mathematics
Grade 8 Course of Study

- English Language Arts 8
- Mathematics 8 or Integrated Algebra
- Science 8 or Earth Science
- Social Studies 8
- World Language
- Lunch
- Art 8 (Alt. Day Spring or Fall)
- Health 8 (Alt. Day Spring or Fall)
- Physical Education 8 (Alt. Day)
- Technology 8 (Alt. Day)
- Electives – Each student must have 3 electives  
  (Band and Orchestra count as 2 electives)
Creating a Student Schedule
Grade 8

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Middle School “Vocabulary”

- S.E.L. (Social Emotional Literacy)
- Interdisciplinary Teaming
- Heterogeneous Grouping
- Quality Circles
- BRAVE Program
- Guidance Counselor
- PTSA
- JAA
- SEPTA
- Clubs/Extra Curricular
- Standards Based Grading
SEL is the process whereby children and adults develop essential social and emotional skills, knowledge, and attitudes related to:

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

- Self-awareness
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- Responsible decision-making
- Self-management

- Impulse control and stress management
- Motivation / discipline
- Goal setting / organizational skills
- Perspecttive-taking
- Respect for others
- Appreciating diversity
- Using family, school, and community resources
- Problem solving
- Evaluation/ Reflection
- Personal/ ethical responsibility
- Considering consequences
- Resisting peer pressure
- Working cooperatively
- Conflict management
- Communication
- Building relationships
- Seeking help

From C.A.S.E.L.: Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning
Clubs Offered Could Include:

- Advertising
- Art Club
- B.R.A.V.E.
- Chinese Club
- Community Service Council
- Computer Club
- Create-A-Game
- Diversity Club
- Drama Club
- First Lego Robotics
- French Club
- Games Club
- Gardening Club
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Geography Club
- Health and Wellness
- Homework Club
- Italian Club
- Jazz Club
- Kung Fu
- Math Olympiads
- Mathletes
- Newspaper Club
- S.A.D.D.
- Science Club
- Scrabble
- Set and Scenery Design
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Study Skills
- Writing Contest Club
- Yearbook
- Young Tech Inventors

*Contingent upon the budget process
Please visit our school district website. It contains some of the following information:

- Middle School Chain of Communication
- Club Calendars
- Parent Newsletters
- PTSA Information
- Lunch Menus
- Progress Reports
- Report Cards
- E-mail: A vehicle for communication
- Updates on School Closings

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Some questions you may have:

- What do I do when my child is struggling academically?
- What if my child wants to change his/her program?
- What if my child is having trouble making friends?
- What if my child is having difficulty adjusting to middle school?
- How do I contact a teacher?
- What is an S.T.A.?
- How do I request a team conference?

- Do you have an accelerated or honors program?
- Can I request a certain teacher?
- Can I request that my child be placed with other students?
- How does the bus work?
- What happens when it snows?
- What’s lunch like?
- How is my child graded?
- What happens if my child is late or absent?
- What happens after school?
Thanks for Attending
Have a Good Evening!

- Communicate with school
- Stay involved
- Join PTSA
- Support your child
- Open door policy