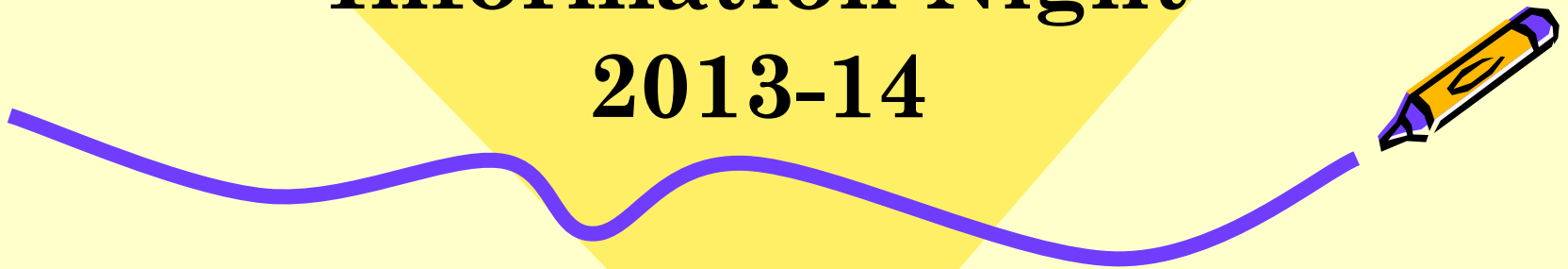


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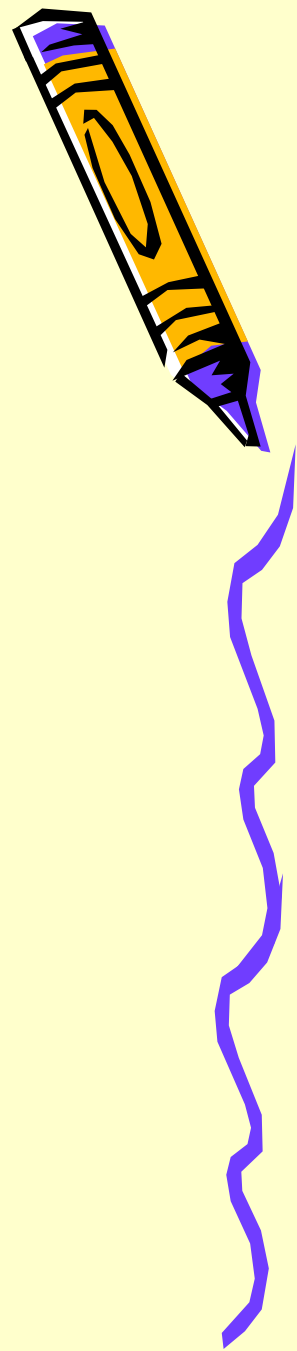
**Welcome and  
Information Night  
2013-14**

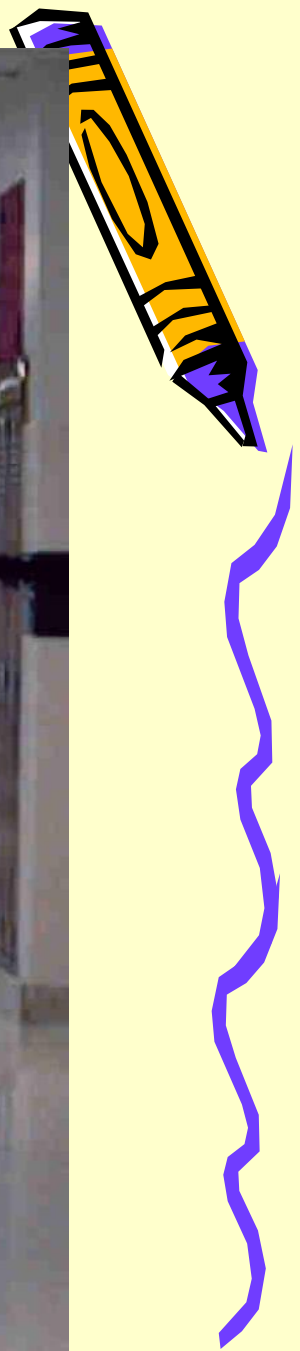


# *Agenda*

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

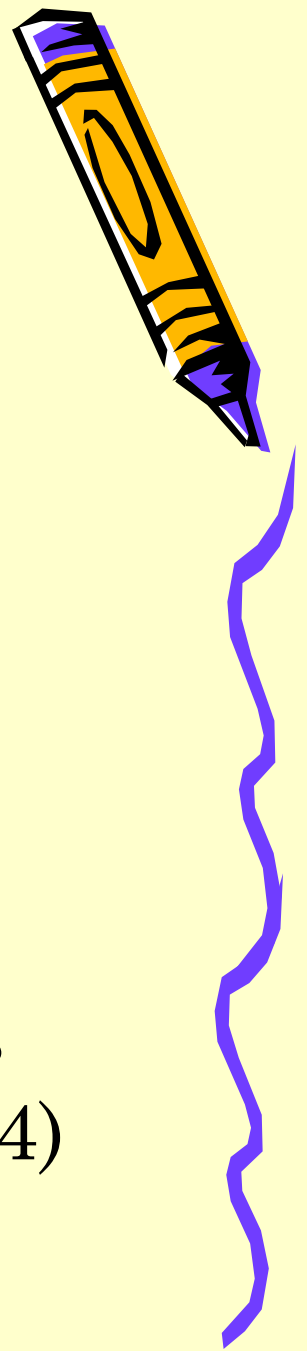
Frequently Asked Questions





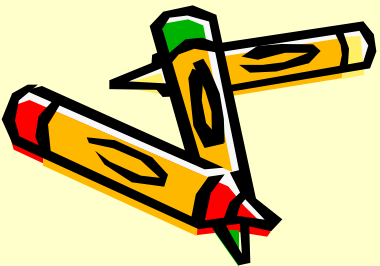
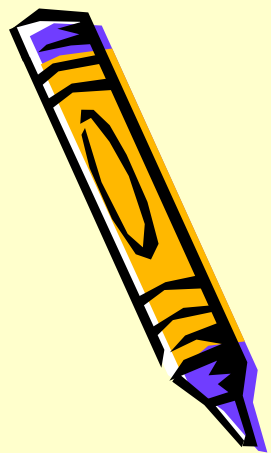
# Middle-Level Policy Statements

- 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



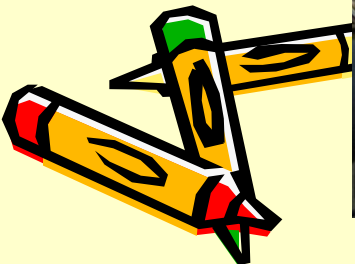
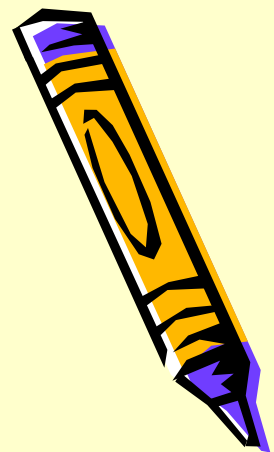
# Congratulations!

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



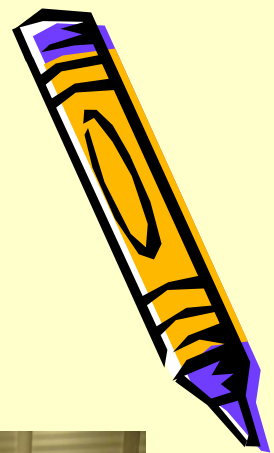
# Developmentally Appropriate Transition

- 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



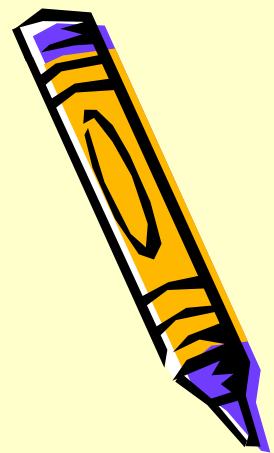
# Counseling Services

- ❖ 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)**
- **Music – Band, Orchestra, Chorus\*** (Alt. Day), **Exp. Music\*** (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.
2. English Language Arts
3. Social Studies
4. World Language
5. Art/Health
6. Technology
7. Lunch
8. Science
9. 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

### DAY 1

1.
2. Health/Art
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5. Physical Education
6. Lunch
7. English Language Arts
8. Social Studies
9. World Language

### DAY 2

1.
2. Technology
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5.
6. Lunch
7. English Language Arts
8. Social Studies
9. World Language

# 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

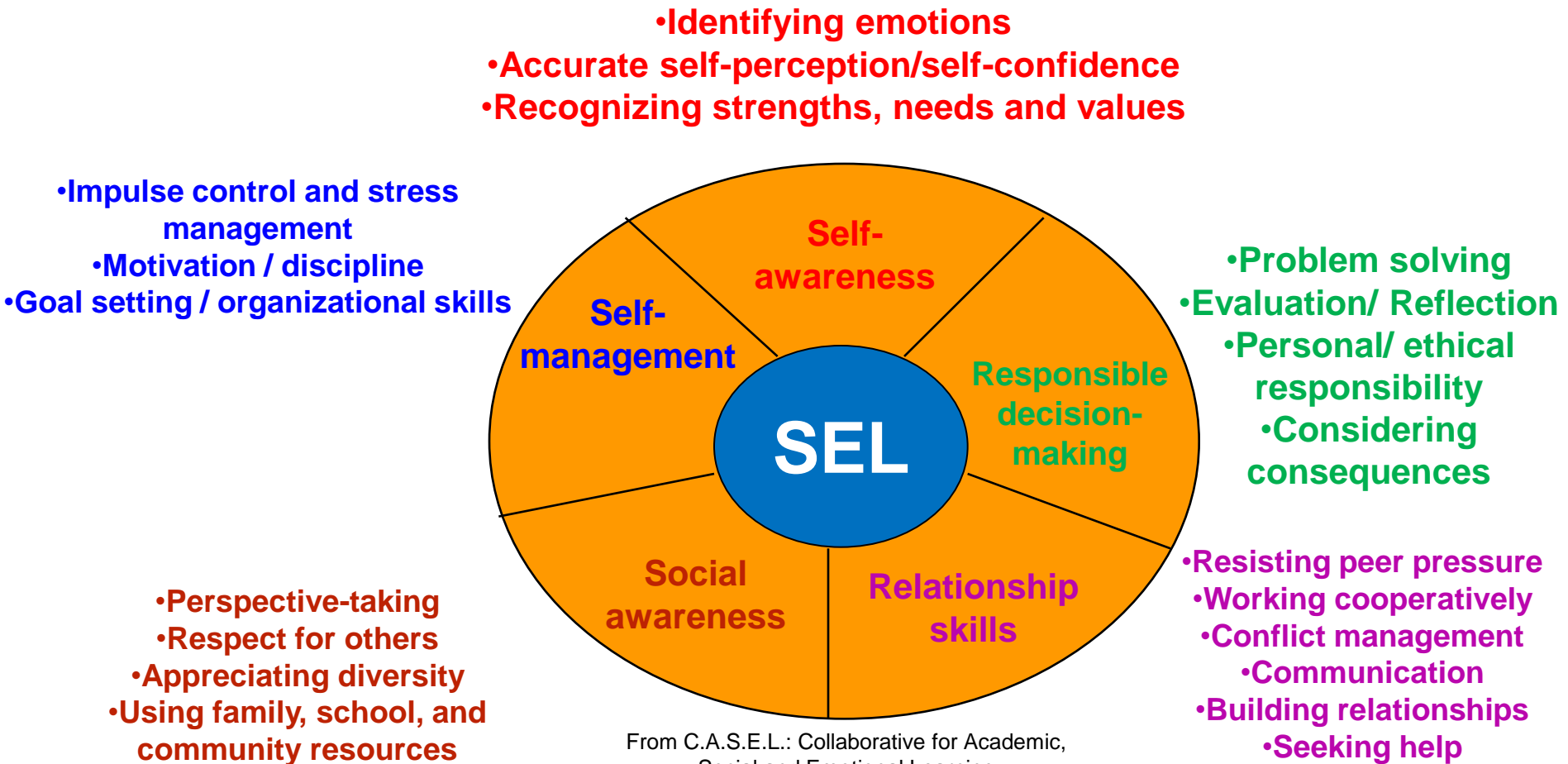




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## Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

SEL is the process whereby children and adults develop essential social and emotional skills, knowledge, and attitudes related to:



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

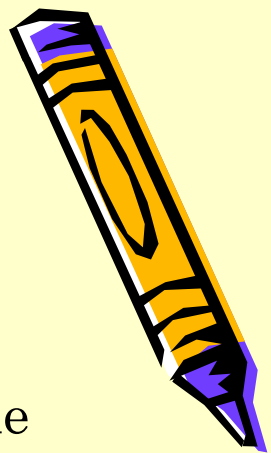


\*Contingent upon the budget process

# Jericho School District Website

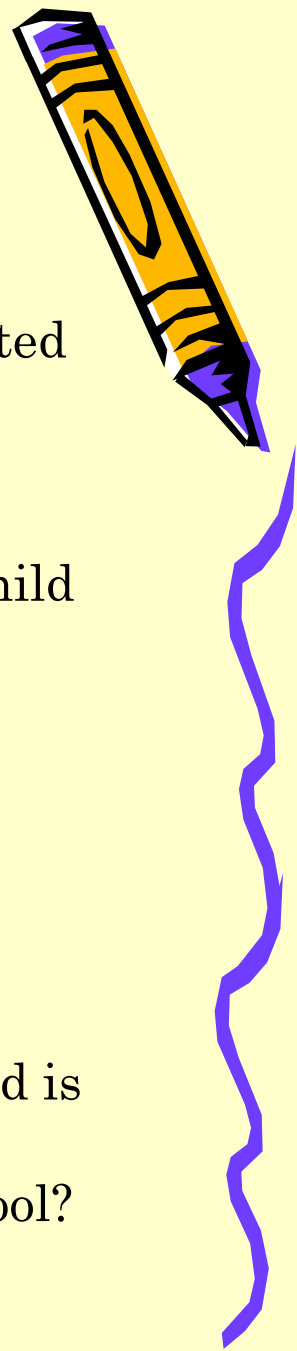
Please visit our school district website. It contains some of the following information:

- 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



[www.jerichoschools.org](http://www.jerichoschools.org)

# 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

