New to District Orientation:
6th – 8th Grade

August 21, 2019
Presenters

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Purpose

• To communicate information about the Middle School program and provide an opportunity for students and families to orient themselves to a new school and district.
Agenda

• About our Middle School and Capital Project
• Laptops
• Code of Conduct and Character
• Typical Day and Program Summary
• Counselor Role and Communication
• Clubs and Activities
• Activity Period, Lockers, and School Nutrition
• Health Office
• Start-up Information
About Our School

GCMS consists of Small Learning Communities...

• three learning communities spanning grades 6-8

• typically, students remain in the same community throughout their middle school experience

• communities are housed in separate wings of the building

• each community has its own administrator and teams of teachers
  
  Amerk Assistant Principal- Mrs. Scott
  Redwing Assistant Principal- Mrs. Doty
  Rhino Assistant Principal- Mr. Tavelaris
Capital Project

1. Science
2. Family and Consumer Science
3. Counseling Suite
4. Bookstore
5. Security Station
6. Health Office
7. Special education rooms for programming
8. Art
9. PE Large gym floor, new bleachers, renovated locker rooms, fitness room, opportunity for future rock climbing wall
10. New student and staff bathrooms
Counseling
Student Laptops

• MS students receive individual laptops.
• Students, along with their parent(s)/guardian(s) who have signed the Student Pledge, and whose parent(s)/guardian(s) have signed the User Agreement, will be able to receive their devices. Students purchasing the Protection Plan ($30) will be able to take the laptops home.

• Distribution Days will be in the High School Field House as follows:
• The Middle School will be open for families and students to pick-up laptops, set up lockers, and walk a child’s schedule at the end of August as follows:
  • Monday, August 26, 2019: 3:00 – 7:00 pm
  • Wednesday, August 28, 2019: 3:00 – 7:00 pm
Other Electronics

• Personal electronics can be carried to school, but must be placed in your child’s locker during the school day.

• District issued laptop should be carried to every class (PE as requested).
Code of Conduct

You, and you alone, are responsible for your behavior. Think of ways to exhibit exemplary behavior... (Reference the District Code of Conduct on our website www.gateschili.org)

- in your classroom
- in the hallway
- in the cafeteria
- in the bathroom
- on the school bus
- during field trips/assemblies
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**Typical Day**

**General Overview:**
- 8 Day Rotation
- 6 Periods
- 59 Minute Classes
- 35 Minute Lunches
- Times around lunches will vary for the different communities
- 5-minute passing time

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# Program Summary

## 6th Grade
- 6 of 8 (40 weeks)
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Math
  - Reading
  - ELA

- 3 of 8 (40 weeks)
  - Band / Chorus
  - AIS
  - Literacy/Math

- 3 of 8 (20 weeks)
  - Health
  - Music
  - Art
  - FACS

## 7th Grade
- 6 of 8 (40 weeks)
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Math
  - English
  - LOTE

- 3 of 8 (40 weeks)
  - Band / Chorus
  - AIS
  - Literacy/Math

- 6 of 8 (20 weeks)
  - Health
  - FACS

## 8th Grade
- 6 of 8 (40 weeks)
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Math
  - English
  - LOTE
  - Technology

- 3 of 8 (40 weeks)
  - Band / Chorus
  - AIS
  - Music
  - Art

There are final exams in all courses that are weighted into your final average.
Counselor

- works to facilitate student success in the middle school;
- helps with concerns related to academics, relationships, personal and family concerns;
- helps with student transitions;
- acts as a resource for parents and students;
- provides individual and group counseling
- new students become part of a student counseling group
Communication

- conferences
- phone calls and Connect-Ed
- e-mails
- student agenda
- Parent Portal
- Spartan Happenings
- Website
- Twitter/Facebook/Instagram
- report cards
- 5 week Progress Reports (online only)
The Parent/Student Portal allows you internet access to review:
• results of in-class tests
• assignments
• grades
• schedule
• discipline history

Five week reports are not mailed home. To access them, you will need to have access through Parent/Student Portal.

Primary guardian will receive automatic e-mail ?????????. Everyone else can call Denise Falcipieri (247 – 5050, ext. 12106) to obtain rights.
Clubs and Activities

Clubs and activities are an important part of the Middle School experience. They usually meet once or twice monthly. MS clubs are organized by interest such as:

- STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and math)
- Literary Communication
- Social Science
- Fine Arts
- Service/Leadership
- Academic Competition
- Athletics

Join a club!
Activity Period

• Activity period takes place after the regular school day from approximately 3:02-3:30.
  - clubs
  - Intramurals
  - extra help with teachers
  - make-up work
  - detention

• Late buses begin to arrive at 3:30 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
Lockers

• Every student at GCMS is assigned his/her own locker to store school supplies and belongings.

• Locker shelves can be helpful in keeping materials organized.

• Locker decorations need to be kept to the interior and cannot include writing on locker or taping the inside of the locker.
School Nutrition Program

- http://www.mypaymentsplus.com
- HEALTHY choices for kids

Families must apply for free/reduced lunch. It is not automatic. Failure to complete the application will result in charges against a child’s account. The application is in the District calendar.
Health Office

- medication distribution
- sports physicals
  - 7th and 8th grade only
- immunizations

Monroe County Health Department holds a free immunization clinic every Wednesday from noon until 7:00 p.m. Parents can call 585.753.5150 for more information.
Start-up Information

• WHEN CAN I SET UP MY LOCKER?
  ➢ Today
  ➢ Monday, August 26, 2019: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
  ➢ Wednesday, August 28, 2019: 3:00 pm – 7:00 p.m.

• WHEN DO WE BEGIN?
  ➢ Grades 6/7/8 – Wednesday, September 4, 2019

• WHERE DO WE GO?
  ➢ A-Day, Period 1 Class

• WHAT SUPPLIES DO WE NEED?
  ➢ List included in packet
Drop-off/Pick-up Location

• Door #9 in the back of the building by the Cafeteria.
• There is no supervision before 7:35 am and after 3:45 pm. Students must be picked up immediately after school or after Activity Period (3:30 pm) if they are not taking the bus home.
Questions and Tours