

Middle Township Middle School

6th Grade Parent Orientation

2026–2027

Mr. Jeff Ortman
Principal

Mr. Andre Hodges
Vice Principal



Organization of the School



6th Grade



7th Grade



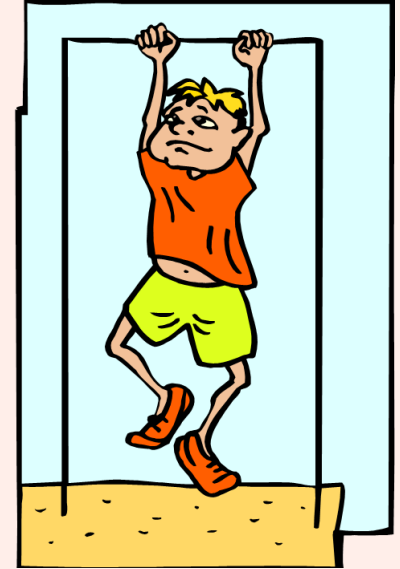
8th Grade

- 56-minute Academic classes — Math, Literacy, Social Studies, & Science
- 44-minute Special Areas & Gym
- 40-minute Panther Block
- Lunch 12:07 – 12:37



Physical Education & Health

- Students take gym every day.
- Students do not have to change for gym but must have appropriate footwear.
- Health classes will take place one marking period during the school year.



Panther Block

- 7:50–8:30 daily
- Students choose their class based on their interests the first week of school.
- Intervention period as needed.
- Provides an opportunity for students to get into the building and do something that interests them to “warm up” for academic classes.



Special Areas



STEM / Robotics



Music



Computers



Art



Spanish



Attendance

- School starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:18 p.m. Cafeteria opens at 7:20 a.m.
- Report to the office if you are late — after 7:45.
- Strive for “Perfect Attendance.”
- Please plan vacations around school holidays/breaks.
- Please help us ensure your child(ren) come to school every day, on time, and ready to learn.



Before School

- Students are not to arrive on campus before 7:20 a.m.
- Students eating breakfast will go to the cafeteria as soon as they come into the building.



To and From School

- Drop off through the Media Center doors by 7:45 and pick up at 2:18 at the parent pick-up circle.
- Walkers — meet in the cafeteria following dismissal. Written permission is needed to be on the walkers list. Teachers will release students after buses have pulled out.



Sports and Afterschool Clubs

Clubs

- Step Team
- Drama
- UYG
- Student Council
- Band
- Choir
- Success
- Homework

Sports by Season

- Fall — Boys & Girls Soccer, Cross Country (Co-ed), Girls Field Hockey
- Winter — Boys & Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Volleyball
- Spring — Baseball & Softball, Track and Field

Physicals Required

- Yearly physical
- Passing grades
- Concussion test
- Health history (every 60 days)
- Free of obligations
- Attend full day



Sports Physicals

- All students must have a physical to participate in sports before the school year begins. All paperwork is done through Arbiter Athletics Registration (opens August 11, 2026 for Middle School students).
- Sports physicals can be completed by visiting our website under the Athletics/Clubs tab.
- Please be sure this information is complete and up to date before school starts if your child plans on trying out for a fall sport: Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Cross Country.



National Junior Honor Society

Advisor: Mrs. Susan Pohle and Ms. Monica Derosé



Leadership



Character



Service



Scholarship



Citizenship



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Cafeteria

- Several options available daily in the cafeteria.
- Very important to fill out free/reduced lunch forms as soon as you get them. Eligibility criteria has changed, so you may be eligible even if you have not been in the past.
- Lunch menus are on the website.
- Snacks are available for purchase.



Cell Phones and Other Devices

- New Jersey has adopted a bell to bell law regarding student personal electronic devices including cell phones, smart watches and other personal devices.
- School/District Policy is forthcoming before the school year starts.
- Significantly cuts down on discipline and other social concerns.
- Failure to follow may result in disciplinary measures in accordance with the Code of Conduct.



Middle School PAWS Program

P.A.W.S.



Practice Safety
Act Responsibly
Work Together
Show Respect

ACHIEVEMENTS	REWARDS
Gold Card 1. No grades lower than an A 2. Accumulation of no more than 1 absence 3. Accumulation of no more than 1 tardy 4. No discipline referrals	1. Invitation to all P.A.W.S. Events 2. Two Homework Exemptions (Excludes projects and/or take home assessments) 3. Preferred Lunch Line Status 4. One excused lateness to school
Blue Card 1. No grades lower than a B 2. Accumulation of no more than 2 absences 3. Accumulation of no more than 2 tardies 4. No discipline referrals	1. Invitation to all P.A.W.S. Events 2. Two Homework Exemption (Excludes projects and/or take home assessments)
Red Card 1. No Grades lower than a C 2. Accumulation of no more than 3 absences 3. Accumulation of no more than 3 tardies 4. Maximum of 1 discipline referral 5. No internal or external suspensions	1. Invitation to all P.A.W.S. Events 2. One Homework Exemption (Excludes projects and/or take home assessments)
Purple Card 1. No Grades lower than a C 2. Accumulation of no more than 3 absences 3. Accumulation of no more than 3 tardies 4. Maximum of 2 discipline referrals 5. No external suspensions	1. Invitation to all P.A.W.S. Events 2. One Late Homework Exemption (Excludes projects and/or take home assessments)

Membership incentives and privileges are good for one marking period - dates are noted on the card.

Egregious behavior/discipline includes but is not limited to: fighting, weapon possession, drug/alcohol, as well as any other violation resulting in police notification.

Administration reserves the right to revoke all cards based on behavior that he/she determines to be egregious.



Support Services

Counselors

Mrs. DeRose, Mr. McCormick

Nurse

Mrs. Kane

Child Study Team

Mrs. Majane and Mrs. Zuzulock

Custodians

Mr. Perez, Ms. Springer, Ms. Schlenger, Mrs. Whitaker

Secretaries

Mrs. Hearon, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Seitz



6th Grade Immunization Requirements

- Per NJ Department of Health, 6th grade students are required to have proof of vaccination for the following before the start of 7th Grade:
- tDap and Meningococcal Vaccines
- You may fax the information to 609-465-5524 or mail to 300 East Pacific Avenue, CMCH, NJ 08210.



Important Dates

- Get your students involved!
- School starts September 3, 2026
- September 14 — Back to School Night



School Website and Facebook



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Thank You for Attending!

*Let's enjoy the **BBQ!!!***

