

Welcome to Middle School!

**Parent Meeting, April/May
2019**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

What is middle school all about?

- Academic-
- Social
- Emotional

We specifically work to further develop:

- Organization
- Self-advocacy
- Proactive planning
- Study Skills
- Awareness and Leadership

MMW SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Daily Schedule

- School Day is 9:15 – 3:55
- Before School Offerings
 - Student Help Morning, Tuesdays and every other Thursday at 8:25
 - Learning Lab (8:05 – 9:05)
 - Math Help M/W/Th/F at 8:20
- Morning Cafeteria – open at 7:30
- After School Offerings-e.g. Brightwatch, sports, clubs



SIXTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Math 6	Pre-Algebra	Algebra
Language Arts		Honors Language Arts
Science	Accelerated Science	
<i>English</i>	Social Studies <i>Spanish</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
Lunch		



SIXTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Art (one quarter)	Health (one quarter)	STEM (one quarter)	FACS or CODING (one quarter)
PE (all year, every other day)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Band 6● Music 6● Boys Choir 6● Girls Choir 6● Orchestra 6 (all year, every other day)	

Some students may have an academic support class in place of one of these classes.

MINNETONKA COURSE PLACEMENT STANDARDS

The Coordinator of High Potential Services and the Director of Assessment review data to determine student course placement:

- Placement criteria is meaningful
- Placement criteria is non-arbitrary
- Placement processes are equitable
- Placement processes are transparent

PLACEMENT PROCESS

The District (Director of Assessment and Coordinator of High Potential Services) analyze data and recommend student placement through multiple paths:

1. Students with data meeting honors/accelerated criteria are **automatically placed** in an advanced course
2. Students with data that is close to meeting criteria undergo a **District Automatic File Review** for placement
3. After District File Reviews are complete, placement is communicated to parents by school staff by **mid-July**
4. **After placement is communicated**, questions may be directed to the school

COMMUNICATION

- Skyward – Attendance, lunch account, end of grading period grade
- Schoology – Teacher/Course Information, grades, assignments, etc
- MMW Newsletter
- Email
 - Teacher communication
 - School communication

Enrichment Activities

Cross Country Running
Tennis
Nordic Skiing
Running Club
Volleyball (not 6th grade)
Wrestling
Golf
Track

Baking Club
Minecraft Club
Service Club
Speech Team
Student Government
Yearbook Club



Chamber Music
Guitar Ensemble
Jazz Band
Morning Madrigals
Show Choir



Knowledge Bowl
Math Tutoring
Science Olympiad
Speech Team
Theater



KIDS POINT OF VIEW

How do we know how to get to each class?

How do the lockers work?

Getting from class to class on time?

How to get used to so many teachers?

MORE FROM OUR KIDS

Lunchroom

Extra-curricular

Homework

New friends

Student Ambassadors

Physical Education

Older Siblings' Stories

And . . .MORE FROM OUR KIDS

MAST/ Advisory

Time Management/Organization

Climate of MMW

PTO

Welcome!

Our community is what makes our district GREAT!

PTO is a great way to stay connected to your child's school and community even as your child gains independence and needs less hands on help.

PTO

- **Gym Uniforms** - order online and pick up at Back to school night August 29th
 - [Tonka Pride Gym Uniforms](#)
- **Background Check** required to volunteer
 - [Volunteer Background Check](#)
 - [Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- **PTO Communications** through MySchoolAnywhere
 - [SIGN UP for MySchoolAnywhere](#) or go to
 - [MMW PTO Website](#)

PTO Events

- 6&7 grade party - Fall TBD
- Fall Fundraiser Direct Donation Drive Kickoff
- Fundraiser Party
- Teacher Appreciation - First Wed. each month
- Career Day
- Speaker Series
- Tour of Tables
- Dreammakers

Technology in Middle School

Digital Health and Wellness

UPCOMING DATES

July	Course confirmation letters sent
August 26	First Mates – Welcome to 6 th Grade!!
August 29	Back to School Night
September 3	First Day of School

QUESTIONS
