



# 6th Grade Parent Information Night

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# Purpose for this Presentation

- Welcome you to Oak-Land Middle School
- Communicate important building information
- Learn what courses and opportunities are available at OMS
- Understand what makes middle school unique
- Learn about the transition plan



# Introductions



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Principal



Heather Goetz  
Counselor 6th Grade  
Class of 2030



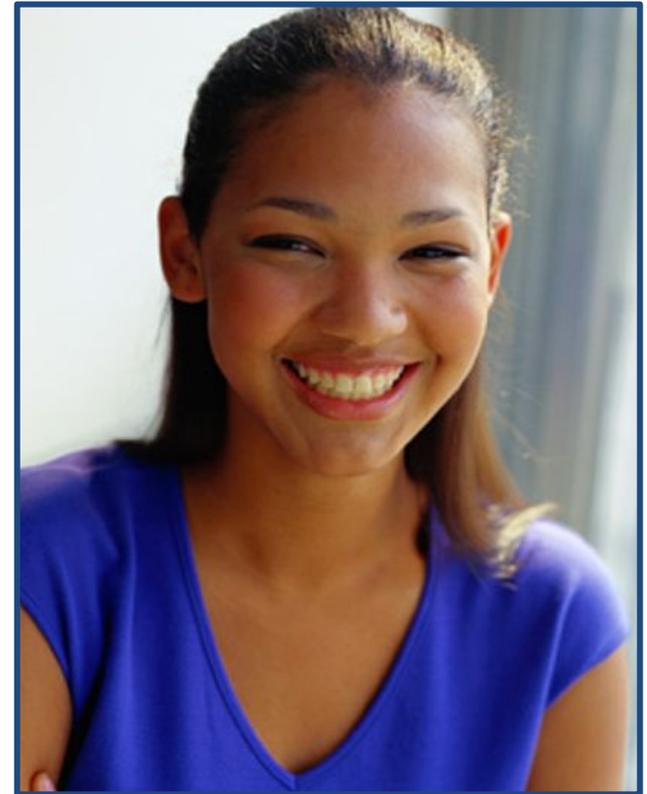
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Assistant Principal

# Middle School is a Unique Time

*Birth - Two*



*Adolescent*



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# Embrace Their Age and Generation



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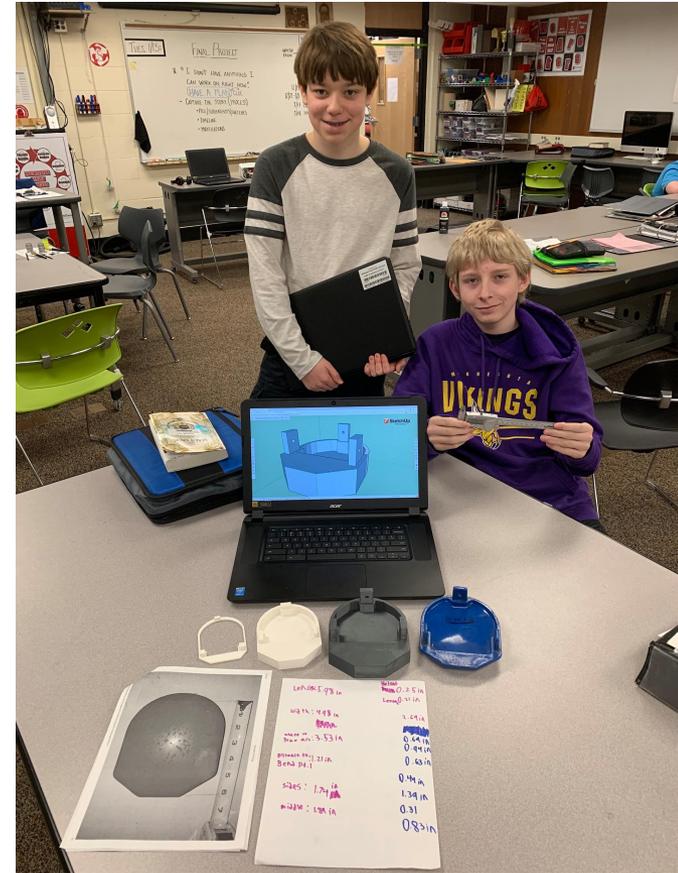
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# Philosophy

## Middle School Mission *(July 19, 2016)*:

Middle level education in Stillwater provides a **nurturing** and **collaborative** learning environment in which **positive relationships** create a foundation for **challenging, exploratory** and **integrative** experiences to maximize **individual growth**.



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# First Priority: Student Safety

- Secured Entryway
- Sign In/Out Procedures
- Background Checks
- School Safety Team
- Student Education
- Standard Response Protocol
- School Resource Officer
- Emergency Response Team
- Student Support Team
- See something, Say something

**As a staff, we accept the responsibility to educate, nurture, and ensure the safety of all students at Oak-Land.**



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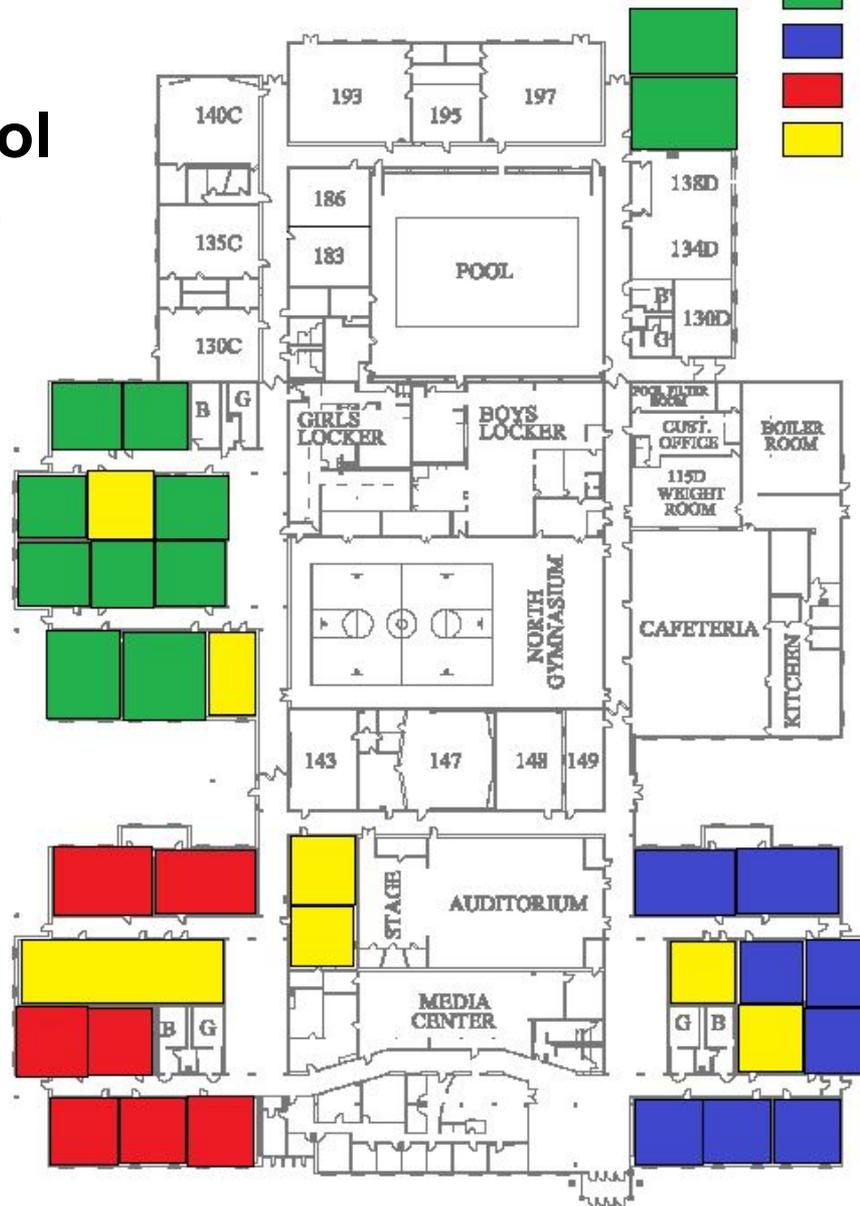
# Making a Large School Feel Small

- Grade Level Classroom Clusters
  - Most classrooms/lockers clustered together
- Grade Level Restrooms
- Grade Level Lunch Periods
- Pony Red and Pony Black Teams
  - Students on a team share same five core teachers
- Grade Specific Counselor - Mrs. Goetz
- Advisory/Pony Time



# Oak-Land Middle School Grade Level Clusters

- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- Special Ed



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# Advisory/Pony Time

## Two Daily Checkpoints With an Adult Advocate

Purpose: Advisory/PT is a program focused on fostering positive relationships between students and adults at Oak-Land Middle School. **It is the bridge between home and school and elementary and middle school.**

Based on Developmental Designs, The Origins Program (RC Focus)

Students greet, share, and participate everyday!

### Activity Examples

Grade/Homework progress checks

Organizational skills

Character building activities/games

Reading/Organization strategies



# Daily Life in the 6th Grade

- Buses arrive between 7:30 - 7:40 a.m.
- Optional breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m. in cafeteria
- Open gym before school
- School starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:20 p.m.
- No cell phones between 7:50-2:20
- Students have individual lockers with a built in lock
- Students have gym lockers with a built in lock
- Six classes with different teachers and classrooms
- All 6th graders eat lunch together
- Students will be issued Chromebooks and utilize Schoology for academics
- Student are taught how to use planners/binders to stay organized
- Buses leave school at 2:30
- After school homework club and/or math help club
- Students may participate in a variety of other after school activities



# Activities/Clubs

(These may change each year)

- Chamber Orchestra
- Lego Robotics
- Ambassadors
- Science Bowl
- Photography Club
- Chamber Choir
- Math Club
- Fitness Center
- National Junior Honor Society
- Harry Potter Club
- Science Club
- Drama Club
- Art Club
- Yearbook Club
- Ski/Snowboarding Club
- Homework Club
- Fiddle Club
- Writing Club
- Game Club



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# Sports

(Some sports aren't available for 6th graders. See the Oak-Land Website for details)

- ✓ **Fall:** Soccer, Adapted Soccer, Cross Country, Girls Swim/Dive, Girls Tennis, Volleyball
- ✓ **Winter:** Alpine Ski, Nordic Ski, Gymnastics, Danceline, Boys Swim/Dive, Wrestling, Basketball
- ✓ **Spring:** Golf, Synchronized Swim, Boys Tennis, Track/Field, Baseball, Softball



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# Student Chromebooks

- All 6th graders will receive Chromebooks
  - Charger and heavy duty case included
  - Devices stay with students for three years
- Students are responsible for:
  - Care of device, charging, bringing to school
- Content filters/safeguards are in place
- Schoology and Google suite of apps



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# HEALTH INFORMATION

It is the district's policy that all students entering into the 7th grade are required to have a health physical examination and immunizations. If your 6th grader is planning to participate in sports at Oak-Land Middle School, your child must have a current health physical exam before they are allowed to enroll in a sport.

Exam must state "OK" for sports.

Required immunizations (or notarized waiver) for 7th grade must be completed before the start of the school year.

## Significant Health Concerns

- Please notify nurse before school starts
- Diabetes, Asthma, Severe Allergies, Heart Abnormalities, History of Seizures or other chronic health condition
- Obtain physician's order for medications to be taken during school hours
- Over the counter medication usage policy
- Students with Asthma may self carry inhalers with a written order from Physician and consent from parent. All other medication needs to be administered in the health office.

Counselors will deliver a packet containing:

- a)Cover Letter
- b)Physical Exam Form
- c)Immunization Form

Parents can mail these forms into school over the summer or turn in at the "August Schedule Pick Up" prior to picking up the student schedule.



# Students With Unique Needs

- Information is shared from elementary schools
- Transition meetings will occur later in spring
- Programming is purposefully designed to support individual student needs
  - Special Education
  - 504 Plans
  - English Language Learners
  - Health conditions
  - Other special circumstances



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# Amigos Unidos - Spanish Immersion

- We are excited to welcome the first cohort of Amigos Unidos students to OMS this year
- Students in immersion program will be fully integrated into the middle school model while still maintaining program identity
- Multiple opportunities for academic and social language development during the day
- More to come.....





# DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

Advisory	7:50 - 8:05 a.m.
Hour 1	8:09 - 8:58 a.m.
Hour 2	9:02 - 9:51 a.m.
Hour 3	9:55 - 10:44 a.m.
Hour 4	10:48 - 11:38 a.m.
	6th Grade Lunch 10:44 - 11:10 a.m.
	6th Grade PONY TIME 11:14 - 11:38 a.m.
	7th Grade PONY TIME 10:48 - 11:12 a.m.
Hour 5	7th Grade Lunch 11:12 - 11:38 a.m.
	11:42 a.m. - 12:32 p.m.
	8th Grade A Lunch 11:38 a.m. - 12:04 p.m.
	8th Grade A PONY TIME 12:08 - 12:32 p.m.
Hour 6	8th Grade B PONY TIME 11:42 a.m. - 12:06 p.m.
	8th Grade B Lunch 12:06 - 12:32 p.m.
Hour 6	12:36 - 1:26 p.m.
Hour 7	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.





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**6th Grade Registration Guide 2023-2024**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED COURSES**

All 6th grade students will be registered for the courses below.

Course Title
Advisory/Pony Time ..... 2 sem
Minnesota Studies ..... 2 sem
Language Arts ..... 2 sem
Math ..... 2 sem
Earth Science ..... 2 sem
Physical Education (alternating days) ..... 1 sem
Health ..... 1 qtr
Art ..... 1 qtr
Middle School Success I ..... 1 qtr
Stem (Project Lead the Way) ..... 1 qtr

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

Complete the online registration form to indicate your child's music choice.

Course Title
Cambiata Boys Choir (alternating days) ..... 1 sem
Treble Girls Choir (alternating days) ..... 1 sem
Orchestra (alternating days) ..... 1 sem
Instrument _____
Band (alternating days) ..... 1 sem
Instrument _____
General Music (alternating days) ..... 1 sem

**NOTICE:** We determine our music staffing based on your enrollment information. Please choose carefully as we will not be able to accommodate changes later in the school year.

Scan to  
link to form



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**Registration Window  
 Jan. 17 - Jan. 27**

**Look for an email on  
 Jan. 18th with  
 registration details  
 and online form**

# A Look Ahead

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Math

Science

Language Arts

Minnesota Studies

Middle School Success I, Art, Design & Modeling, Health  
(rotating each quarter)

Band, Choir, Orchestra, General Music & P.E.  
(every other day)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Math

Science

Language Arts

U.S. History

Middle School Success II, Art, Automation/Robotics, Health  
(rotating each quarter)

Band, Choir, Orchestra, General Music & P.E.  
(every other day)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Required

Math (2 semesters)

Science (2 semesters)

Language Arts (2 semesters)

Global Studies (1 semester)

Physical Education (1 semester)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Electives

### Semester Courses

Intro to Unified PE

Design & Make\*

Art Studio\*

Public & Performance  
Speaking

*\*These courses may be taken twice*

### Full Year Courses

Band

Choir

Orchestra

French I

Spanish I

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# Elementary Visits

Middle school counselors will visit elementary schools to explain 6th grade registration and share some details about the middle school experience during the week January 18 - 20.

January 18 - Brookview/Andersen

January 19 - Afton-Lakeland

January 20 - Lake Elmo



# Transition and Orientation

- Counselors will visit each elementary school to talk about middle school and 6th grade registration
- Mid-August schedule pickup, students walk their schedule, get pictures taken and set-up lockers
- First day of school 6th grade orientation/WEB
- First week of school: daily transition activities
- September *Back to School Night* for parents to meet teachers and learn about curriculum



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# WEB

## Where Everybody Belongs

- Partnership Plan supported (thank you!)
- Connects new students with 8th grade students
- Welcomes new students before the school year begins
- Provides numerous touch points throughout the school year
- First day of school - 6th graders and WEB Leaders only.



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# Partners in Your Student's Success

- PTA Opportunities
- Weekly E-News
- Attendance
- Cell phones/Social media
- Schoology/PowerSchool



# We are here to help!

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