

# PROSPECT HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*“Home of the Yellow Jackets!”*

Renee Bourke  
*Principal*

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*Assistant Principal*

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New Students, Parents, and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Prospect Heights Middle School. We are anticipating that both students and parents are a little nervous about the transition from elementary to middle school, or coming to a new community and school. Rest assured, we will do all that we can to ensure that all goes smoothly. In order to make this transition possible, we would like to invite all new students, parents and or guardians to join us **Wednesday, August 2nd, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Benefits to students coming to new student orientation include;

- Meeting teachers, counselors, and administration
- Organizing your notebook and supplies
- Finding your way around

We invite all parents to participate in a parent orientation while their child is with their teacher(s) from 5:30 - 6:00. The parent orientation includes learning about our school and information about supporting your child as a student at PHMS. At 6:00 you will join your child in their homeroom classroom to complete a scavenger hunt to learn more about the school building and location of teacher classrooms.

As always PHMS welcomes the support and interest that family members extend to us and so we encourage extended family to come out to PHMS on **Open House Day, Thursday, August 3, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.** to meet the PHMS community.

Please find an enclosed agenda for the orientation and supply lists. Again, welcome to Prospect Heights Middle School and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 2nd.

Sincerely,

Renee Bourke

Principal

**WELCOME TO PHMS!**

**We are excited to start this year with you.**

**Go Jackets!**



New Student  
Orientation Information

**“DEVELOP A PASSION FOR LEARNING. IF YOU DO, YOU WILL NEVER  
STOP GROWING.” – ANTHONY J. D'ANGELO**

# New Student Orientation Information/Agenda

**When:** Wednesday, August 2, 5:30-7:00 pm to begin in PHMS Gym. Please plan to arrive by 5:15 so that we may get started at 5:30.

Students will be getting their schedules, getting materials organized for the first day of school, meeting new classmates, meeting teachers, and having fun.

Parents - PHMS will provide a 30 minute parent information session about PHMS in the Gym while your child is getting settled into their homeroom classroom. You will join your child at 6:00 to visit each of your child's classrooms.

## Supply List 2023-2024

[PHMS 6th Grade Supply List](#)

[PHMS 7th Grade Supply List](#)

[PHMS 8th Grade Supply List](#)

## Arrival Time

- 7:10 AM Student arrival - report to breakfast or homeroom.
  - **Students who are car riders, may be dropped off at the side entrance of the building at 7:10 AM.**
  - **If they arrive earlier, they must wait in the vehicle until 7:10 am.**
- 7:30 AM Students should be in their homeroom and ready to start class. Announcements will begin at this time.
- Students arriving **after 7:30 AM**, need to report to the front office to receive a late pass prior to going to their homeroom class.

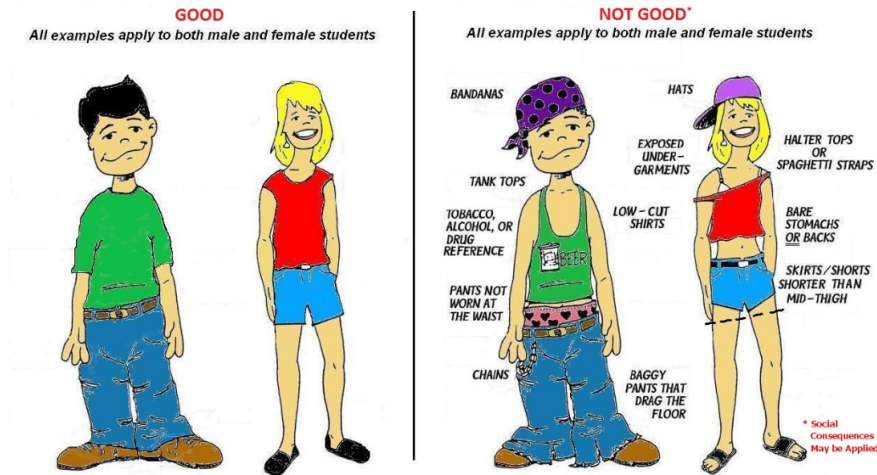
## Dismissal Time

- Students are released by 2:30 pm.
- Students who are **car riders** may be picked up at 2:35 PM at the side entrance. The bus loop is for buses only.
  - Students will not be dismissed to the front of the building.

## Schedule

- Classes are 60 minutes.
- Math, English, Science, and Social Studies are all year-long classes.
- Exploratory Classes are on an "A" Day or "B" Day Schedule
  - Band and Chorus are year-long classes/PE/Health are also year-long classes.
    - Please remember to bring suitable athletic wear on the days that you have PE.

# Dress Code



The Orange County Public Schools dress regulation states that students shall not wear the following items:

1. Clothing, pins, jewelry, accessories or other items of adornment displaying obscene, profane, derogatory, violent or gang-related messages, themes, designs or pictures.
2. Clothing, pins, jewelry accessories or other items of adornment conveying messages related to or promoting the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, or messages that promote illegal activities.
3. Clothing, pins, jewelry, accessories or other items of adornment depicting bawdy, salacious or sexually suggestive messages.
4. Clothing that is transparent or exposes the midriff, navel or cleavage.
5. Pants, skirts and/or shorts that sag below the waistline or must be held in place with the hands.
6. Underwear as outer garments or clothing that exposes underwear; and items not appropriate for a classroom setting including, but not limited to, stretch lycra, spandex or nylon tights, leotards, biker pants, biker shorts, bathing suits, pajamas.
7. Tank tops, halter tops, garments with spaghetti straps, tube tops, fishnet tops, strapless dresses, or other clothing that is not appropriate because of slits, rips or holes in the garment.
8. Accessories which could in some way pose a danger to the wearer or others and/or could be used as weapons including, but not limited to, two-or-three finger rings, chains hanging from clothes, picks, hair chop sticks.
9. Clothing that is too tight and/or is inappropriate in length as measured by any of the following measuring methods, as determined by the building principal/designee:
  - a. Shorter than six (6) inches above the student's mid-knee; or
  - b. Fingertip length as determined when both of the student's hands are at his or her side.
10. Inappropriate footwear including, but not limited to, shower shoes and beach shoes, bedroom slippers, and unfastened shoes or shoes missing appropriate closures.
11. Head coverings that are not related to or required by student's bona fide religious practices including, but not limited to, hats, caps, hoodies, stocking caps, doo rags, wave caps, scarves or bandanas.

**PHMS Principal**

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