

Middle School East 5th Grade Parent Welcome 2023

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Welcome & Introduction

- Welcome to Middle School East!

- Introductions: Mr. Barboza

- Mr. Joe McCreary
- Mrs. Loni Williams
- Mrs. Beth Uniacke

- Teachers

- Schwind
- Forster
- Hash
- Brown
- Sprosty
- Hobbs
- Harris
- Hill
- Reece
- Foster
- Garcia



Social/Emotional Supports for Our Students

School Counseling - Loni Williams

- Purposeful scheduling (meet with the Elementary Staff and Administration to get to know the needs and strengths of the students)
- Individual counseling, check-ins
- Groups - ROX, Friendship, Executive functioning, New Students, etc.

Mental Health Support

- Mental Health Specialist Full Time
- Mental Health Liaison 1 Day/Week
- Outside Agencies, Work Together

SMART Lab Access

- Short Breaks, Reset, 10-Minutes

Sense of Belonging

- House System (More Info. To Come)



What to Expect in Middle School

- Students Growth
 - In Size
 - In Emotional Intelligence
- What Students Need
 - Challenge with Support
 - A Safe Place to Make Mistakes
 - Learning How to Learn
 - Knowing and Understanding Limits
 - Practicing Positive Human Interactions
 - A Sense of Community and Belonging

Transitioning to Middle School

Helping kids to learn about themselves and each other through:

- Team Building Activities
- Adventure Day
- Our House System...

We want our students to remember where they are from & learn from new students they meet.

- Mr. Barboza and Mrs. Williams also meet with the Elementary Staff and Administration to get to know the needs and strengths of the students.

The Houses



How is Middle School Different

Lockers

Grades

Multiple Teachers

Changing Classes Every Period

Book Signatures/Detentions

Cell Phones/Social Media

Middle School East Construction Overview





OVERLA

Coming Back to School in August

- Schedules will be created and completed by Mrs. Williams over the summer.
- Schedules will be distributed in August before school starts! -
 - 8/10: Schedule Pick-Up Day
 - 8/17: 1st Day of School for Students



First Day of School 8/17/2023

8:45 AM – 3:30 PM

All 6th graders
report straight to the
GYM!



A 6th Grader's Day at MSE

- House Meeting
- 4 Academics:
 - Math (2 period block),
 - LA (2 period block)
 - Science,
 - Social Studies
- Gold Period: CNN10, Silent Reading, Intervention
- Music/SH
- Lunch
- Related Arts: Physical Education, Art, Health



Related Arts

- **Physical Education**

- (Two 9 week sessions)**

Fundamentals of Team Sports with an emphasis on fitness. Students will also learn about lifetime health and fitness.

- **Art (9 weeks)**

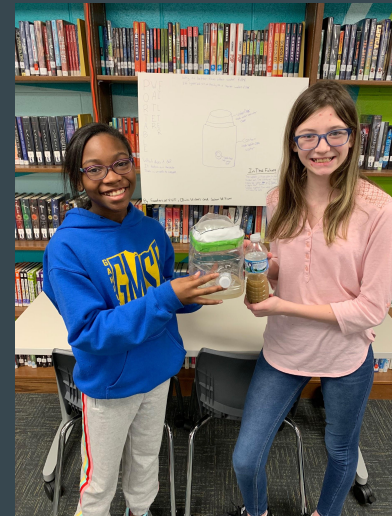
Students create several pieces of art using a variety of mediums from tempera paint to clay. There is an emphasis on creativity while learning new techniques.

- **Health (9 Weeks)**

Students will learn to: Express Emotions, Develop Empathy & Self-concept

Learn how to become Responsible Decision Makers

Students will also learn Personal Safety Topics Including: Hygiene, First-Aid, and Drug Use



Music

- Introduction to MS Music for 6 weeks
- Student Music choice
 - Band
 - Choir
 - Strings
- Study Hall:
 - Homework
 - Teacher Assistance
 - Media Center
 - Computer Use



Lunch

- Hot lunches - pay in Infinite Campus
- ID numbers (same as elementary)
- What if I forget my lunch?
- Kids split (half lunch, half recess)



Activities

- Ski Club
- Student Council
- East Live (Broadcast)
- Student Guides
- Skating Parties
- 6th Grade Fun Nights
- Spelling Bee
- Fitness Fundraiser
- Geography Bee
- Spirit Days
- East Buds
- STEM Club
- Chess Club
- Ping Pong Club...



Questions You May Have About Middle School

- What do you do when a child is coming to school after the start of the day?
- What do you do if you want to pick up your child before the school is over?
- What if there is a change in transportation for the end of the day?

Communication

- Infinite Campus
- East News
- Building e-mail: barbozab@gjps.org
- Phone calls/email with teachers
Parent-teacher conference nights
- Google Classroom & [Google Calendar](#)!
- PTA: Openings for volunteers, especially for Hospitality and Fitness Fundraiser!

Additional Questions ??- email

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Brad Barboza at barbozab@gjps.org

or Joe McCreary at mccrearyj@gjps.org

<http://www.gahannaschools.org>

ALL SCHOOL E-MAIL ADDRESSES:



LASTNAMEFIRSTINITIAL@GJPS.ORG

How Do I Find My Kid??



- A. Last name A - D Library
- B. Last name E - M Cafeteria
- C. Last name N - Z Gymnasium (Mrs. Williams walking students to gym)