



Welcome to Stillwater Middle School

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More.**

TODAY WE WILL....

- Introduce you to Stillwater Middle School (SMS)
- Review 6th grade courses and how to register
- Learn about extracurricular activities
- Review important upcoming dates
- Answer questions



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Introductions



Dr. Joshua Krebs
Principal

Kristin Arnt
Assistant Principal



School Counselors

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7th Grade Class of 2030 + 4th grade GATE

Eric Hemmele
8th Grade Class of 2029 + 5th Grade GATE

Bridgette Dahlberg
6th Grade Class of 2031

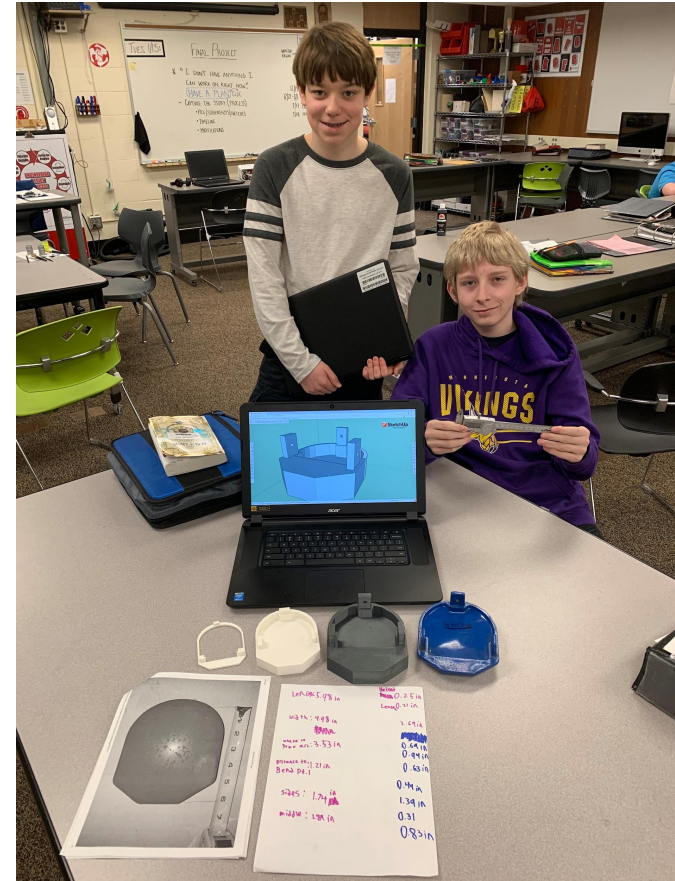


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Philosophy

Middle School Mission:

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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Real-World Experiences

Learning is made more meaningful and engaging with:

- Integrated learning opportunities
- Hands-on projects
- Real-world problem solving
- Digital devices and technology
- Community experts
- 4Cs – Communication, Collaboration, Critical-thinking, Creativity



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Personalized Learning

Learning is personalized based on each student's strengths, passions and unique needs:

- Exploratory experiences
- Advisory programming
- Community service activities
- Project-based learning
- Clubs, activities, sports and more



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Caring Relationships

Students get to know one another and develop meaningful relationships with staff through:

- Teaming of teachers and students
- Academic and wellness counseling
- Intervention teachers (English learners, math/reading support and more)
- Strong community partnerships



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Building Safety

- Secured Entryway
- Sign in/out Procedures
- Background Checks
- School Safety Team
- 5 Lock Down Drills
- School Resource Officer
- 5 Fire Drills
- Student Support Team

As a staff, we accept the responsibility to educate, nurture, and ensure the safety of all students at Stillwater.



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Pony P.R.I.D.E.


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	Be Prepared	Be Respectful	Show Integrity	Be Determined	Be Encouraging
Hallways					
Cafeteria					
Classroom					
PONY Time					



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1:1 Technology

- All Students will receive a Chromebook from the school district
- Students and families are responsible for the Chromebook at school and at home
- Appropriate use is expected of all students when using a school device



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6th GRADE COURSES

ADVISORY
MATH
SCIENCE
MINNESOTA STUDIES
LANGUAGE ARTS
PONY TIME/LUNCH
PE/MUSIC (EVERY OTHER DAY, ALL YEAR)
HEALTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS I, ART, DESIGN/MODELING, (1 QUARTER EACH)



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6th GRADE TEAMS

Pony Red Team



Pony Black Team



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Life in 6th Grade



- School runs from 7:50 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
- Buses arrive 15-20 minutes prior to start
- Optional breakfast is served everyday in the cafeteria
- Students have an Advisory period to start their day
- No cell phone use during school hours
- Each student has their own locker with a built in lock/combination



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Life in 6th Grade



- Students use Schoology (courses, gradebook, etc.)
- They are taught how to stay organized
- Students socialize with friends in grade level common areas
- 6th grade only lunch period
- Be on the lookout for clubs and activities after school



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DAILY SCHEDULE

**SAMPLE SCHEDULE; SCHEDULES VARY DEPENDING ON THE STUDENT*

7:50 – 8:05 AM	0 HOUR	ADVISORY
8:09 – 8:58 AM	1 ST HOUR	MUSIC/ PE
9:02 – 9:51 AM	2 ND HOUR	MATH
9:55 – 10:48 AM	3 RD HOUR	SCIENCE
10:52 - 11:41 AM	4 TH HOUR	MINNESOTA STUDIES
11:45 AM - 12:34 PM	5 TH HOUR	Lunch/Pony TIME
12:38 – 1:27 PM	6 TH HOUR	ENGLISH
1:31 – 2:20 PM	7 TH HOUR	HEALTH ART DESIGN AND MODELING MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS (rotating each quarter)



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ELECTIVE CLASSES



Music Elective Options:

- Choir
- Orchestra
- Band
- General Music

Students will register using PowerSchool in 5th grade classroom.



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A Look Ahead

6th Grade		7th Grade	
Math		Math	
Science 6		Science 7	
Language Arts 6		Language Arts 7	
Minnesota Studies Plus		US History	
Success I, Art, Design and Modeling, Health (rotating each quarter)		Success II, Art, Automation/Robotics, Health (rotating each quarter)	
Band, Choir, or Orchestra and Phy Ed (every other day)		Band, Choir, or Orchestra and Phy Ed (every other day)	

8th Grade – Required	8th Grade – Electives	
	Semester Courses	Full Year Courses
Math (2 semesters)	Lifetime Fitness	Band
Science 8 (2 semesters)	Design and Make*	Choir
Language Arts 8 (2 semesters)	Art Studio*	Orchestra
Global Studies (1 semester)	Public and Performance Speaking*	French I
Physical Education (1 semester)	Unified Physical Education	Spanish I
	*These courses may be taken twice	AVID

New Immunizations for Middle School

- MCV Vaccine (Meningococcal)
- Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)

Both are required before entering 7th grade, or a legal [Conscientious Exemption](#) on file (click link for form).

Send in a copy of your child's vaccine records when new vaccines are given. All elementary immunizations records carry through to Middle School and there is no need to resubmit.



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Physical Exam Form

- Your child needs to complete a Physical Exam before being eligible to enroll in a sport.
- Physical Exams are good for 3 years for sports eligibility purposes.
- Print a copy of the Physical Exam form with the link below and bring to your next appointment.

[Physical Exam Form](#)



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6th GRADE SPORTS



Fall: Tennis (G), Soccer (B & G),
Cross Country (B & G), Soccer (B & G),
Swim & Dive (B & G)

Winter: Basketball (G), Basketball (B),
Wrestling (B)

Spring: Track & Field (G & B), Tennis (B),
Softball (G)

Some sports aren't available for 6th graders.

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ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

(These may change each year)

- Art Club
- Book Club
- Builders Club
- Rubik's Cube Club
- Football Club
- Chamber Choir
- Climbing Club
- Math League
- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- Pony Power & Performance
- Stock Market Club
- Ski Club
- Weaving Club
- SMS Yearbook Club
- Science Club



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Transition and Orientation

- Counselors have done elementary school visits to talk about registration
- January 23 counselors will return to elementary schools to help students register through PowerSchool
- *Tentative*-August 14 schedule pickup, students walk their schedule, get pictures taken and set-up lockers
- *Tentative*-August 20 *Open House* for parents to meet teachers and learn about curriculum from 5-7 p.m.
- First day of school 6th grade orientation/WEB (8/26/2024)



WEB

Where Everybody Belongs

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



IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
January 23, 2024	6th Grade Registration at School
August 14, 2024	6 th Grade Orientation & Schedule Pickup
August 26, 2024	1 st Day of School for 6th Graders - WEB Day



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WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

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