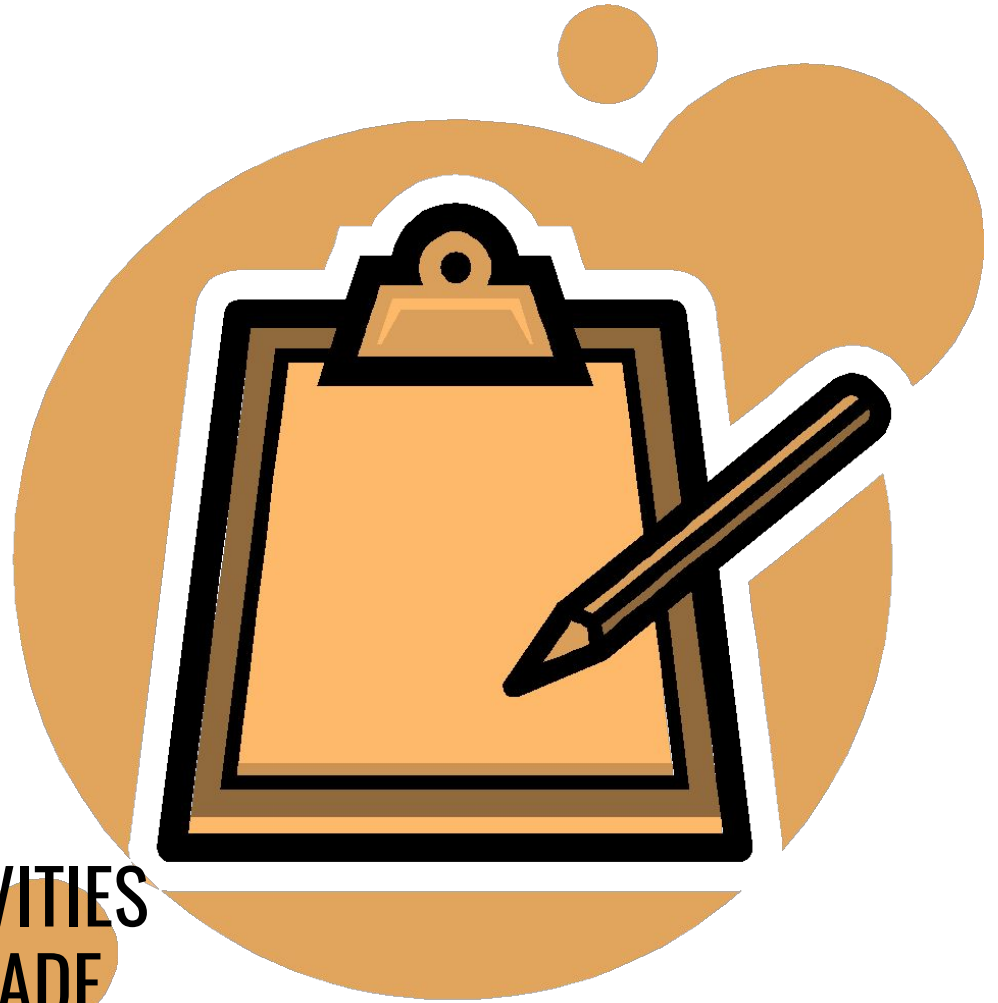


**Welcome to
Churchville-Chili Middle School!
Parent Information Night
4/30/24**

AGENDA

- GENERAL INFORMATION
- FOCUS ROOMS
- CONSTRUCTION
- CURRICULUM
- ORIENTATION COURSES
- BAND & CHORUS
- SCHEDULE
- COUNSELING
- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- OPENING DAY FOR 5TH GRADE



Middle School Structure

Rebecca Tibbitts – Executive Principal

Karen Satter – Secretary

Blue House (6-8)

Kim Eichas
Administrator

**Cory
Terwilliger**
Counselor

Kim Mantegna
Secretary

Green House (6-8)

Terry Moore
Administrator

**Bethany
Valente**
Counselor

TBD
Secretary

Red House (6-8)

Ashley Guarino
Administrator

Kelly Salomone
Counselor
Lisa Shebile
Secretary

5th Grade Counselor
Danielle Thompson

Social/Emotional Lead Counselor
Shavaughn Stefaniak

5th Grade Academy

- ❖ All students will be linked to a focus room teacher in 5th grade and will be assigned to an administrator
- ❖ Students will be placed in a house in 6th grade after getting to know their strengths and weaknesses better
- ❖ Focus on building positive relationships and social skills in 5th grade and a sense of community across all the grade level

General Information:

- ❖ School day starts at 8:05 AM ends at 2:40 PM
- ❖ Pick-up/Drop-off for students is at Door 20
- ❖ All 5th grade classrooms are on the first floor of the building in the Middle School North
- ❖ Nurse and Attendance Office are located next to Door 20 on the first floor
- ❖ Every student will have a 40 minute lunch in the 5/6 cafeteria which includes a recess time
 - Weather permitting students can go outside
 - Movies in the auditorium are also optional

Construction Project

- ❖ Capital Improvement Project- started in December 2024, and ongoing until 2026
- ❖ All classrooms being renovated and updated
- ❖ Hallways and special area rooms renovated
- ❖ New lockers throughout building
- ❖ Ongoing communication throughout Summer 2024



Focus Rooms

- ❖ Each student is assigned a Focus Room Teacher who will instruct them in ELA, Math and Science/SS
- ❖ Parents: Focus Teacher will be their main teacher to contact for questions, concerns, meetings, etc.
- ❖ They will have a different teacher for their orientation classes (PE, Art, Health, Music and Research)
- ❖ A variety of related service providers work with each team to support student needs

CURRICULUM

- ❖ Based on New York State standards
- ❖ Core subjects include ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies
- ❖ Orientation subjects are PE, Music, Health, Art and Research
 - Each orientation course is 10 weeks long
 - PE is full school year
 - Every student will have access to a Chromebook
 - Standards based grading is used similar to elementary schools

Core Curriculum

ELA

- ❖ **Balanced approach to reading and writing utilizing a variety of instructional methods**
 - **Small group reading**
 - **Independent reading**
 - **Reading assessments to track growth and student strengths**

Math

- ❖ **Problem-solving approach to solve many different types of equations in a variety of ways**
 - **Examples: Fractions, number and operations, measurement and data, geometry**

Core Curriculum

Social Studies

- ❖ Focus on Western Hemisphere: United States, Mexico, and Canada

Science

- ❖ Weather and Climate
- ❖ Forces and Motion
- ❖ Plants and Animals

Orientation Courses

- ❖ Physical Education- Classes meet every other day, all year.
 - The integration of personal living skills throughout lessons and activities encourages healthy behaviors such as: perseverance, honesty, empathy, cooperation, and respect.
- ❖ Art: further exploration into the principles and elements of art
- ❖ Music: general music class covers elements of music, guitar and keyboard exploration and music history
- ❖ Health: skill development in areas such as decision-making, communication, goal setting and stress management
 - Focus on personal wellness
- ❖ Research: students will pick a topic and create a research based project

Band, Orchestra and Chorus



- ❖ **Optional** classes that meet every other day during Connect Time
- ❖ Students may take 1 or 2
 - (Band and Chorus OR Orchestra and Chorus)
 - If your child participates in 2 of these courses he/she will not have Connect time
- ❖ **Band Courses:** Band and Orchestra students will have a weekly lesson on a rotating basis

Sample Team Schedule

| | DAY 1 | DAY 2 |
|--------|---|--------------------------|
| 10 min | A.M. FOCUS | A.M. FOCUS |
| 60 min | Science / Social Studies | Science / Social Studies |
| 60 min | ORIENTATION CLASSES (Art, Music , Health & Research) | PHYSICAL EDUCATION |
| 40 min | CONNECT TIME (or Band/Chorus/Orchestra) | CONNECT TIME |
| 60 min | Math | Math |
| 40 min | LUNCH | LUNCH |
| 80 min | ELA | ELA |
| 40 min | FLEX TIME | FLEX TIME |
| 10 min | P.M. FOCUS | P.M. FOCUS |

Middle School Students...

are characterized by rapid physical growth, curiosity about their world and an emerging self-identity. Through a comprehensive developmental school counseling program, school counselors work as a team member with school staff, parents and the community to create a caring, supportive climate and atmosphere whereby young adolescents can achieve academic success."

- American School Counselor Association

School Counseling

- **Major Focus in 5th grade: peer relationships and effective social skills**
- **Counseling Curriculum** includes: academic skill support, organization, study and test-taking skills, social skills, coping strategies, career awareness and exploration, multicultural and diversity awareness
- **Responsive Services:** Individual/small group counseling, crisis intervention, peer mediation, and outside service referrals
- **System Support:** consultation/collaboration with teachers and parents

Activities and Clubs

A Variety of activities are offered at the Middle School. Examples of activities/clubs are:

- Intramurals
- Art Club
- Bookstore
- Chess Club
- Newspaper Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Service Club
- Ski Club

*Please see school website in Sept for a full list of clubs/after-school activities being offered

Late busses (4 PM) run on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for students participating in Extra-curricular activities

Communication

- Please sign up for the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and e-news at the beginning of the school year!
- District Web Page
 - Daily announcements, rotation calendar, monthly after school activity calendar
- The C-C Chronicle
 - emailed out on Friday afternoons

Middle School Technology

- ❖ 4th graders will be bringing their Chromebooks, case and charger home at the end of the year
- ❖ In August you will have the opportunity to sign up for the district's chromebook protection plan
- ❖ Protection Plan cost \$15 or \$7 for free/reduced lunch program
- ❖ Plan covers:
 - Up to 2 accidents = no cost
 - 3rd full cost of repair
- ❖ Chromebook Rules:
 - Do not remove the case from the chromebook
 - No food or drink near the device
 - Please be sure the device and charger are kept safe
 - Students will bring their charged Chromebook each day to school

4 Go 5 Transition

STUDENT INFORMATION

- ❖ All 4th graders will come over to the MS during the school day in May/June for a presentation and tour to help with the transition and ease their anxiety!
 - CRS -May 20th
 - CES- May 28th
 - FRS- June 3rd
- ❖ Teacher assignments will be sent out to families in late August.
- ❖ The school will be open before school begins to find classrooms, orientation rooms, and tour the building.

Opening Day 2024

- ❖ Full day of activities planned to create a sense of community for new 5th graders!
- ❖ Devoted to helping students learn about their new building and classmates