



# **Welcome to Stillwater Middle School**

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# 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

Alicia Wohlers  
8th Grade Class of 2030 + 5th grade GATE

Eric Hemmele  
6th Grade Class of 2032

Bridgette Dahlberg  
7th Grade Class of 2031+ 4th Grade GATE

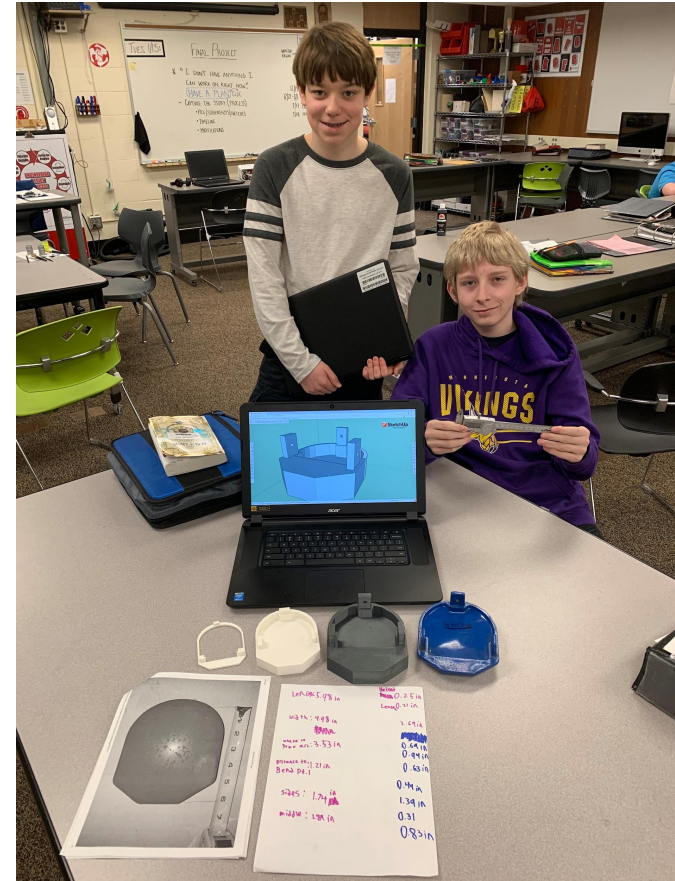


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# Philosophy

## Middle School Vision:

At Stillwater Middle School, our students will grow into empathetic, respectful leaders and innovators, prepared to excel academically and socially, to make a positive impact in diverse communities.



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# Philosophy

## **Middle School Mission:**

At Stillwater Middle School, our staff prioritizes academic excellence, fosters strong relationships, and cultivates a sense of community and belonging for all. Through meaningful course material, rigorous academics, family partnerships, and a focus on social-emotional learning, we empower our students to find joy, passion, and success in their educational journey.



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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.

Prepared

Respectful

Integrity

Determined

Encouraging



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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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# 6<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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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# 6th GRADE TEAMS

Pony Red Team



Pony Black Team



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# Life in 6th Grade



- School runs from 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 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 <sup>ST</sup> HOUR	MUSIC/ PE
9:02 – 9:51 AM	2 <sup>ND</sup> HOUR	MATH
9:55 – 10:48 AM	3 <sup>RD</sup> HOUR	SCIENCE
10:52 - 11:41 AM	4 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR	MINNESOTA STUDIES
11:45 AM - 12:34 PM	5 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR	Lunch/Pony TIME
12:38 – 1:27 PM	6 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR	ENGLISH
1:31 – 2:20 PM	7 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR	HEALTH MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS ART Automation & Robotics (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

## 7th Grade

Math  
ELA  
US Studies  
Life Science  
Art, D & M, Health,  
Middle School Success  
Phy. Ed.  
Music

## 8th Grade

Math  
ELA  
Global Studies  
Physical Science  
Phy. Ed.  
Electives: Art, Design & Make,  
Choir, Band, Orchestra, Lifetime  
Fitness, Spanish, French, AVID



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# 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),  
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.

*[sms.stillwaterschools.org/go-ponies](https://sms.stillwaterschools.org/go-ponies)*



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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 will do elementary school visits to talk about registration
- January 20 counselors will return to elementary schools to help students register through PowerSchool
- *Tentative*-August 6 schedule pickup, students walk their schedule, get pictures taken and set-up lockers
- *Tentative*-August 12 *Open House* for parents to meet teachers and learn about curriculum from 5-7 p.m.
- First day of school 6th grade orientation/WEB (8/18/2024)



# 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!)





# School Supplies

- In Spring we will send supply lists to incoming 6th grade families
- Families will have the option to purchase an EduKit that has all supplies delivered to the school that can be picked up in the fall
  - Everything except PE clothes and Music Book included for 6th Grade



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# IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
January 20, 2025	6th Grade Registration at School
August 6, 2025	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation & Schedule Pickup
August 18, 2025	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School for 6th Graders - WEB Day



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# WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

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# QUESTIONS?



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**See you  
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