



# SWATARA MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Welcome Back Swatara Middle School 6th Grade Families,

We are excited to welcome you to the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The official first day for students is **Tuesday September 2**. Our staff has been hard at work this summer preparing for student return this fall. With your support, we will continue to implement creative and unique ways to engage our students in their learning. Below is how to best prepare for, and what to expect on the first day as a Swatara Panther.

Prior to the first day, please access the PowerSchool Home Access Center to identify your students **homeroom teacher and Student ID #**. Students will enter school at 7:20AM, receive free breakfast in the café and be escorted to homerooms at 7:35AM. Staff will be available to help students who have not yet identified their homeroom teacher.

On the first day of school, 6th grade students will practice following their bell schedule and will be able to meet all of their teachers. Staff will be available in the hallways to help guide students traveling to various creative arts classes. Students will continue to be escorted to and from lunch, daily. All 6th grade students will have one block of ELA/Reading, one block of Math and one alternating block of Science and Social Studies.

### 6th Grade Schedule

Breakfast 7:20-7:35

Homeroom 7:40-7:45

Block A 7:48-8:33 Creative Arts/Health & Phys Ed

Block B 8:36-9:15 Core Subject

Block C 9:17-9:56 Core Subject

Period 6 9:59-10:42 Lunch

Period 7 10:45-11:15 Creative Arts/Health & Phys Ed

Period 8 11:18-11:57 Creative Arts/Health & Phys Ed

Period 9 11:59-12:38 Academic Enrichment

We are excited to introduce your student to Swatara Middle School and look forward to working with each of you.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What time does school start and end?**

Our doors open at 7:20AM for breakfast in the cafeteria. Students should be in homeroom, ready for their day by 7:40AM. Our dismissal bell rings at 2:30 and buses depart at 2:35.

### **Are students allowed to bring bookbags to school?**

Yes. Students are encouraged to bring bookbags to school. Bookbags should be placed in lockers prior to the start of homeroom at 7:40AM. Students are able to visit their lockers at various times throughout the day. Students are permitted to carry small purses and drawstring bags during the school day.

### **If I have questions regarding my students grades, who do I contact?**

As a rule of thumb, always contact your students teachers first via email or phone. Student grades and attendance are frequently updated on HAC. Student assignments are available on Canvas.

### **Will my student receive a Chromebook?**

All Swatara Middle School students will receive a district issued device through CDS IT Department. It is the expectation that students arrive to school daily their Chromebook charged. In addition to their Chromebook, students should bring their chargers with them.

### **When will my student get a locker?**

7th and 8th grade students will receive a locker on the first day of school. 6th Grade students will receive their locker on the second day of school.

### **Are student cell phones permitted?**

Per board policy, cell phones must be off and away at all times while at school and while on district transportation.

### **Is my student permitted to bring a water bottle to school?**

Per district policy, water bottles must be clear and contain only water.

### **How do I find my students bus information?**

Register on the My Ride K-12 App for pick-up/drop-off times, stop location and bus number.

### **Where do I drop my student off in the morning?**

Please enter Swatara Middle School from Hanshue Street in the morning. Student drop off will occur at the corner cross walk with our School Resource Officer and/or Security guard. Please be mindful of bus traffic and do not block the bus ramp.

### **How do I communicate with the school?**

Guardians are encouraged to communicate frequently with their students teachers throughout the school year. Guardians can message teachers directly on **Class Dojo**, email staff through Home Access Center, or call the main office and leave a message with our secretary. The main office phone number is (717)939-9363.

### **What should I do if my student is absent from school?**

Students should bring an excuse note within three days of their absence. Excuses can also be emailed to [smsattendance@cdschools.org](mailto:smsattendance@cdschools.org).

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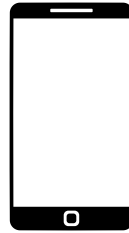
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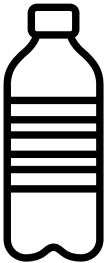
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**BOOKBAGS AND  
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