
Welcome to Zionsville Middle School

Incoming 5th Grade Parent Meeting



Core Mission at ZMS



Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions of key staff**
- **Overall structure of ZMS**
- **Transition from 4th to 5th Grade**
- **5th Grade Structure and Course Selections**
- **School Safety**
- **Technology**
- **Extracurriculars**
- **ZMS PTO**



Introductions of Key Staff

- **Mrs. Mitzi Macaluso- Principal**
- **Ms. Blair Williams- Assistant Principal (5th and 6th Grade)**
- **Mr. Craig Callahan- Assistant Principal (7th and 8th Grade)**
- **Ms. Kelly Antcliff- Athletic and Activities Director**
- **Mrs. Krista Hoffman- Incoming 5th Grade Counselor**



Structure of ZMS

- **5th – 8th Grade**
- **Making the big feel small**
- **Gradual release over four years**



4th Grade to 5th Grade Transition

- ZMS visit #1- Music concert (February 4th)
- Music course selections due (February 6th)
- Music Teachers visit schools (March)
- ZMS visit #2- Tour, lockers, ZMS facts (April 9th -12th)
- Back to School Days (July 28th and 29th)
- Locker Day (July 31st)



5th Grade Courses

Bell Schedule has 7 Class Periods and Homeroom

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3		Literacy and Social Studies
4	Math	
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7	Exploratory	One Quarter of Art One Quarter of Project Lead the Way One Semester of PE/Health
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Music

- Band, Orchestra, Choir
- Each course has a performance standard that includes evening concerts. Some courses may include a rental fee.





Exploratory Courses

- PE/Health- 1 Semester
- Art- 1 Quarter
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)- 1 Quarter



Transition through Middle School

5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
		Language Arts	Language Arts
Humanities	Humanities	Social Studies	Social Studies
		Spanish I part 1	Spanish I part 2
Math	Math	Math	Math
Science	Science	Science	Science
Exploratory	Exploratory	Exploratory	Exploratory
Music	Music	Fine Arts	Fine Arts

Student Technology

- **Chromebooks**
 - Purpose
 - Usage at ZMS
 - Student training
 - Online safety
 - Family Recommendations
- **PowerSchool**
- **Canvas**
- **ZCS Portal**



School Safety

Safety of students is our first priority. This includes physical safety and emotional safety.

- **Entry at Door 1- ring doorbell**
- **School Resource Officer**
- **3 School Safety Specialists**
- **Fire Drills, Tornado Drills, Active Intruder Drills**
- **Stop It Reporting System**
- **Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training**
- **4 School Counselors and Social Worker**



Student Clubs and Activities

Ms. Antcliff is our Athletic and Activities Director

- Fall Club Fair- Held in late August for students to get information about clubs and sign up for more information.
- Winter Club Fair- Second semester
- This year we had 34 club opportunities open to 5th graders.
- [Student Clubs and Activities](#) are located on the ZMS website under the Student tab.
- Examples- Slime club, Student Council, Science Fair, Run Club, Pickleball, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf, Dungeons and Dragons, Creative Writing, Ceramics, Best Buddies

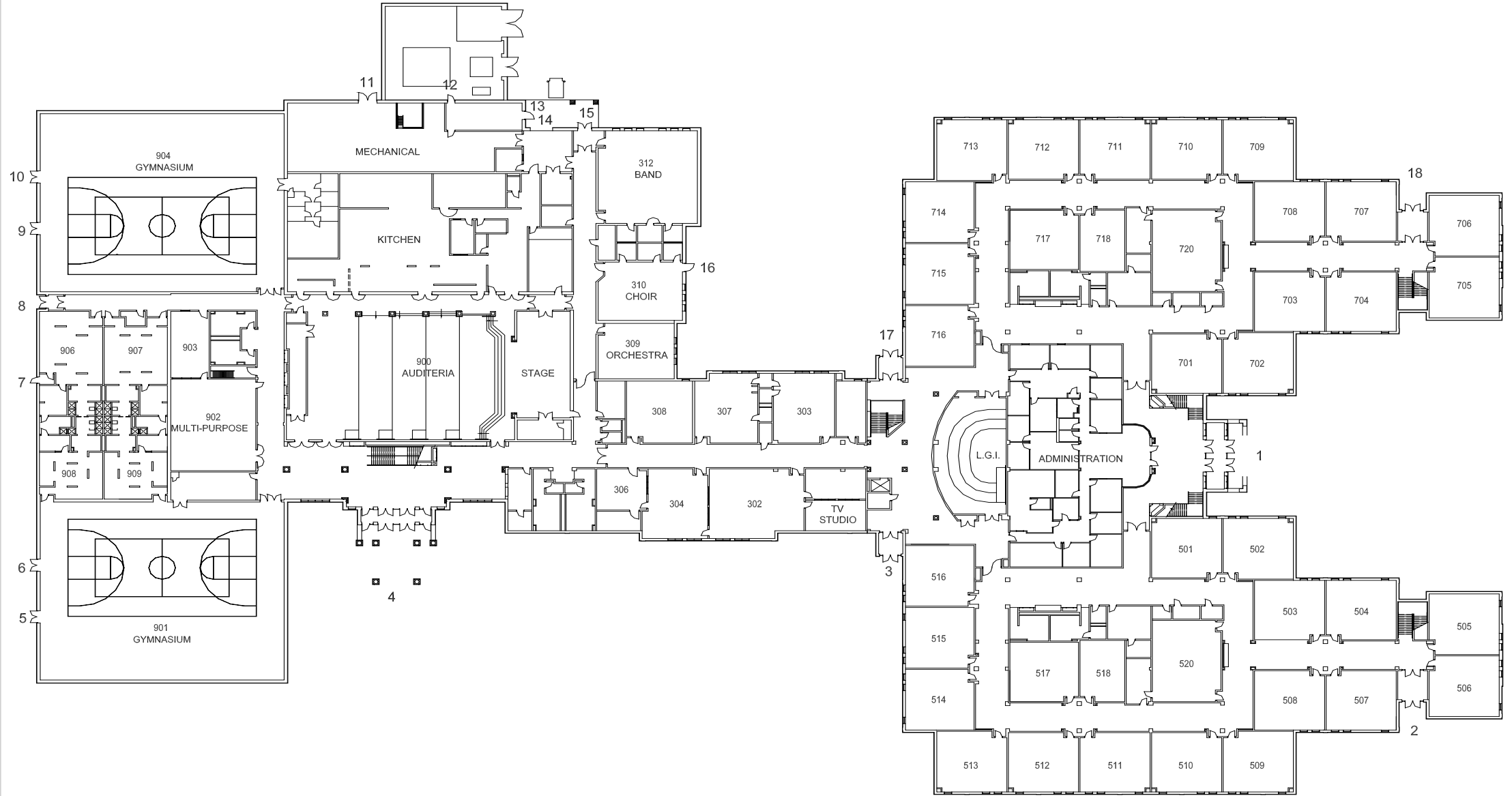


ZMS PTO

- **Membership Drive**
- **Classroom Grants**
- **Student and Teacher Appreciation Grants**
- **Door four outdoor seating area, outdoor classroom, student murals, fitness equipment, LGI and library equipment**
- **Philanthropy**



Facility



Unified Student Services at Zionsville Middle School



Unified Student Services

- USS in Middle School
 - Determined by current goals and services
 - Decided as a Case Conference/Transition Conference
 - Push in support
 - Resource period
 - Related services
- Example Schedule
- Course Selections
- Things to consider



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- Year long commitment
- Personal responsibility- instruments
- 5th grade is the time to try an instrument- can't later
- Music- evening concert commitments
- Resource- not a study hall



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Replace with Resource

7. For 5th grade, my child chooses the following music class *

Band

Choir

Orchestra

Due to my child's IEP/ILP, my child will participate in Resource in place of music