



Welcome to the Great Neck South Middle School *Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night*



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SMS – Counseling Dept.

School Counselors

- ★ Mrs. Jennifer Hill, *Department Chair* – Grades 6, 7, 8
- ★ Mrs. Jecelyn Scauzillo – Grade 6
- ★ Mr. Brian LoRusso – Grade 7
- ★ Mrs. Jessica Chase – Grade 8



School Social Worker

- Mrs. Vanessa Cruz

School Psychologists

- Dr. Maria Hanakis (last name A-Lev)
- Dr. Sivan Erstein (last name Li-Z)

What is a School Counselor?

- ★ A School Counselor is a student advocate who collaborates with teachers, parents, administrators, and support staff to help students achieve academic, social, and emotional success.
- ★ Students grow and develop at different times and in different ways, and we are here to assist each student with their journey.



When Can Students See Their School Counselor?

- ★ Before School
- ★ After School
- ★ During Homeroom
- ★ Lunch

**Students can make an appointment through email or by visiting the Guidance Suite!*





Bell Schedule



- The school day is made up of a 10-minute Homeroom & 9 class periods.
- The school day starts at 8:20am and ends at 2:50pm.

** Tuesdays & Fridays have an extended Homeroom - 22 mins.*

Mon/Wed/Thu

Period	Begin	End	Min.
HR	8:20 AM	8:29 AM	9
1	8:33 AM	9:13 AM	40
2	9:17 AM	9:55 AM	38
3	9:59 AM	10:37 AM	38
4 <small>6 lunch</small>	10:41 AM	11:19 AM	38
5 <small>8 lunch</small>	11:23 AM	12:01 PM	38
6 <small>7 lunch</small>	12:05 PM	12:43 PM	38
7	12:47 PM	1:25 PM	38
8	1:29 PM	2:07 PM	38
9	2:11 PM	2:50 PM	39

Tue/Fri

Period	Begin	End	Min.
HR	8:20 AM	8:42 AM	22
1	8:46 AM	9:24 AM	38
2	9:28 AM	10:05 AM	37
3	10:09 AM	10:46 AM	37
4 <small>6 lunch</small>	10:50 AM	11:26 AM	36
5 <small>8 lunch</small>	11:30 AM	12:06 PM	36
6 <small>7 lunch</small>	12:10 PM	12:46 PM	36
7	12:50 PM	1:27 PM	37
8	1:31 PM	2:08 PM	37
9	2:12 PM	2:50 PM	38

Our TEAM Philosophy

The **THREE** teams in 6th Grade are:

- *Discovery*
- *Endeavor*
- *Innovation*

- There are no differences between the teams, and each team works collaboratively with teachers and a counselor to ensure a productive educational experience for our students.
- Team members meet weekly to discuss student progress and address any concerns.



Required Courses: Overview

- **English**
- **Social Studies**
- **Math:** *EP or Math 6*
- **Science**
- **Flex:** *Includes study skills, collaborative projects w/ Teams & Health push-in lessons*
- **Exploratory Cycle:** *Tech/Art/FACS/Music*
- **Physical Education**
- **Lunch**



Health Education

- **Health Education is provided as a push-in during students' FLEX period. Topics may include:**
 - Self-image and self-confidence
 - Developing a sense of health awareness
 - Setting positive health goals
 - Developing decision-making skills
 - Mental health awareness

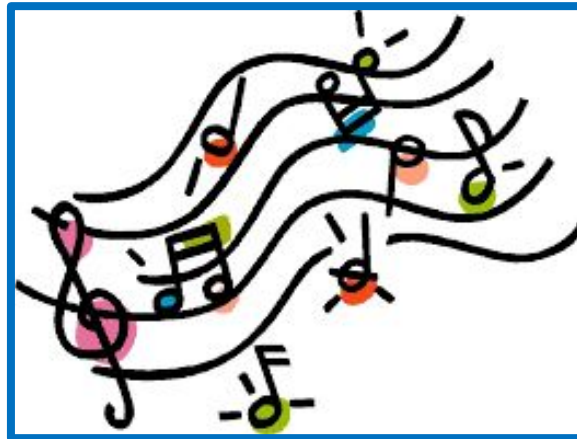


Department Chairperson: *Mrs. Jennifer DiPalo*
Email: JDiPalo@greatneck.k12.ny.us



Exploratory Cycle

- **During the exploratory cycle, students complete the following four 10-week courses:**
 - Art
 - Music
 - Technology
 - Family and Consumer Science



Elective Offerings

- **World Language**

- Spanish
- French
- Latin
- Chinese

Department Chairperson: *Dr. Christopher Pipala*

Email: CPipala@greatneck.k12.ny.us



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- **Music** (*Performing Groups*)

- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus (*no prior experience required*)

Department Chairperson: *Mr. Alan Schwartz*

Email: ASchwartz@greatneck.k12.ny.us



Support Services

If support services are needed, students may see the following classes in their schedules:

- English Center
- Math Center
- Special Education Services
- ENL



Sample Student Schedule

Homeroom

1. English

2. Science

3. World Language or Support Service(s)

4. Lunch – (Students can go to the Library, Math Center, Recess, Comp. Lab etc.)

5. Math

6. Performing Group/Physical Education

7. Social Studies

8. Exploratory Cycle – (Art, Music, FACS, Technology)

9. Flex



TEAM PERIODS

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Student Resources

- **Extra Help** – once per week, per subject w/ subject teacher
(Each subject's extra help day will be posted on the school website)
- **Math Center** – open every day during lunch & after school until 4pm
- **Homework Center** – open everyday until 4pm
- **Library** – open every day after school until 4pm
- **Peer Tutoring** – sign up in Oct. to be paired with a high school tutor

Clubs & Activities

- **Anime Club**
- **Art Club/Mural Club**
- **Chess Club**
- **Chinese Yo-Yo**
- **Coding Club**
- **Community Action**
- **Community Closet**
- **Debate Club**
- **Fantasy/Sci-Fi Club**
- **Friday in the Front**
- **Future Business Leaders Club**
- **Gamers Unplugged**
- **Gay Straight Alliance**
- **Homework Center**
- **Intramurals (A.M. and PM)**
- **JKD (J-Pop/K-Pop Dance Club)**
- **Lego Club**
- **Lion Dance Club**
- **Mag-Lev Club**
- **Math Olympiads**
- **Math Team**
- **“Middleview” School Newspaper**
- **Movie Enthusiasts Club**
- **Movie Making Club**
- **Multicultural Club**
- **Podcasting Club**
- **Post-Production Club**
- **"Rebel Pen" -Art & Literary Magazine**
- **Ribbon Dance**
- **Robotics Club**
- **SADD Club**
- **School Musical/Stage Crew**
- **School Service**
- **Science Bowl**
- **Science Olympiad**
- **Sew Crafty Club**
- **Student Government**
- **Walking Club**
- **Yearbook: TESL**
- **Yearbook Photography**

[Great Neck South Middle School Clubs & Activities Booklet](#)

***Students will attend a Club Fair at the beginning of the school year to learn about what is offered at each club and can join as many clubs as they would like in the following weeks.**

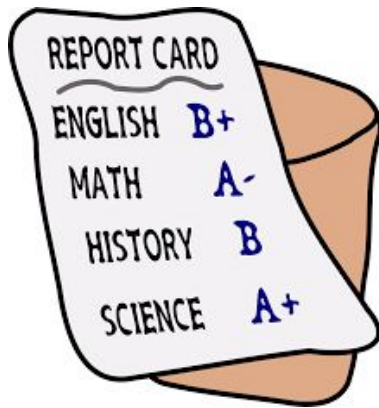
***Students will also be allowed to play sports through Intramurals. 6th Graders are not allowed to join team sports until 7th Grade. Intramurals are available in the mornings Mon.-Fri. and after-school Mon.-Thurs.**

Frost Valley Field Trip

- **An annual fun-filled 3 day trip dedicated to our sixth-grade students.**
- **Students participate in interactive team-based activities, including hiking, ziplining, candle making, and more!**
- **There is also a stay-at-school option for students that would like to take part in team building activities while staying at South Middle.**



Number and Letter Grades



97-100 - A+

93-96 - A

90-92 - A-

87-89 - B+

83-86 - B

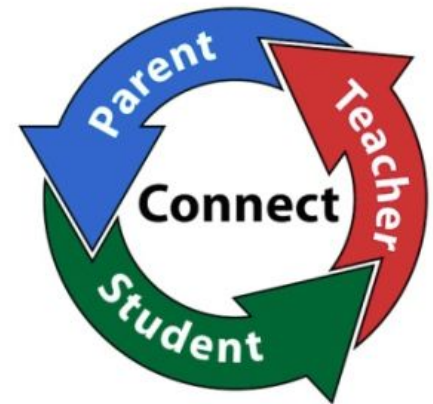
80-82 - B-

77-79 - C+

73-76 - C

70-72 - C-

65-69 - D



- Report Cards are available for viewing at the end of each quarter - about every 10 weeks.
- It is important for you to keep track of your child's progress throughout the quarter by checking the Parent Portal.
- Final Report Cards will reflect all four quarter grades and final comments. There is no final average.

Bus Information



- 3:00PM*
- 4:00PM*
- 4:50PM
- 5:20PM
- 6:30PM

** 6th grade students generally ride either the 3PM or 4PM buses.*

Transportation Contact Information: 516-447-4060

SMS iPad INFORMATION

- All students will bring their iPad and accessories they received in 5th grade to South Middle School.
- Please immediately report damage, loss, or theft to the school.
 - Families will be responsible for 100% of the replacement cost of any lost, stolen or unrepairable devices.
 - Families are responsible for 70% of the cost of every iPad that is repairable.
 - Students will not receive a loaner iPad until payment is received.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding iPads, please contact our **School Library Media & Information Technology Department Chairperson, Mr. Damon Reader** at DReader@greatneck.k12.ny.us

**Please note the process for receiving iPad differs for new students to the district*



Additional Information

Parent Portal Overview Link:

Parent Portal Slideshow

Parent Portal Link:

*Parent Portal**

Registration Information Link:

6th Grade Registration Booklet

**If you have any trouble accessing your Parent Portal account, please email our Help Desk at:*

ParentSupport@greatneck.k12.ny.us



QUESTIONS?