



Welcome to the Great Neck South Middle School *Incoming 7th Grade Parent Night*

GREAT NECK SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Brian LoRusso- Grade 7

Mrs. Jessica Chase - Grade 8



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Mrs. Vanessa Cruz

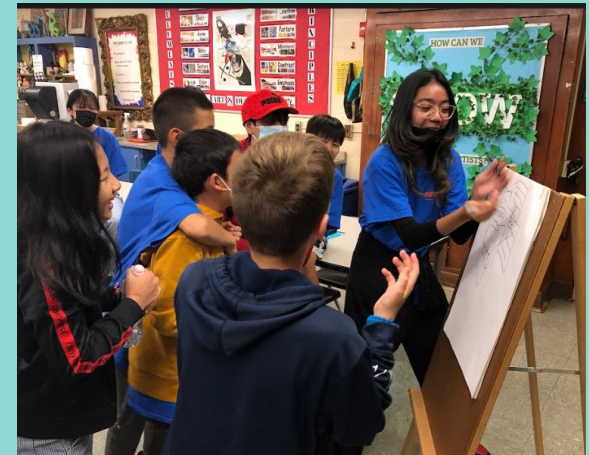


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Required Academic Classes

- English 7
- Math 7 or Pre-Algebra 7
- Science 7
- Social Studies 7
- FLEX 7



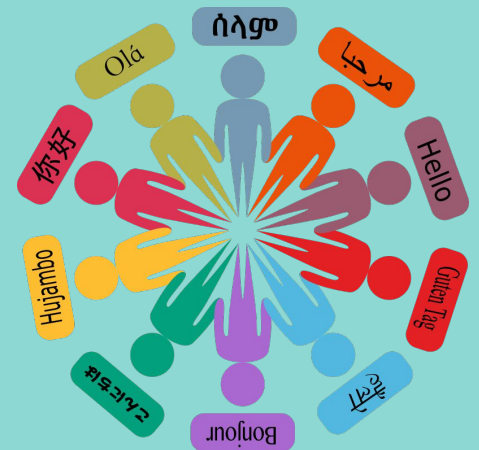
Required Classes Cont'd...

- Art 7 (½ year, everyday)
 - FACS 7 (½ year, everyday)
 - Health 7 (½ year, alt. days)
 - Technology 7 (½ year, alt. days)
- World Language (if already enrolled)
 - Lunch
 - Physical Ed. 7 (full year, alt. days)
 - Music 7 or Performing Group
(Band/Orchestra/Chorus - full year, alt. days)



World Language

- Chinese B (欢迎光临)
- French B (Bienvenue)
- Latin B (Salve)
- Spanish B (Bienvenidos)



Performing Groups

- Band 7
- Chorus 7
- Orchestra 7



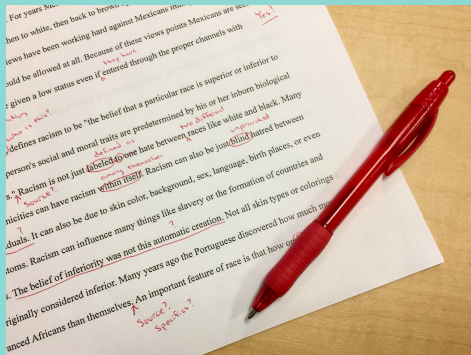
Scheduled Support Services

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

The
English
Center



Math
Center



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valkomna witamy ngiyanemukela benvenuti
Khushamdeed SELAMAT DATANG hoşgeldiniz
dobrodosli welkom udvozlom Haere mai
aayuboovan Chao mung tervetuloa karibua
aaniin **WELCOME** bienvenue
Soo dhowaw miawezon **Bine ati venit** Swagata
Marhaba Tonga soa zupinje z te videtite paduka
eguahe pora **karibuni Xush kelibiz** BIENVENIDO
svāgata node Maligayang pagdating vekomō
mikouabo Tere tulemast Mishto-avilian tu vitejte
laipni ludzam Bem-vindos Khair Raghly
ekabo failte **benvenguts mauya**
Murakaza neza Kenang ka kgotso

6th Grade vs. 7th Grade

Similarities	Differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flex is still part of the schedule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flex is now <u>every other day</u> instead of every day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health used to be incorporated into the Flex rotation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health is a scheduled period. (<i>Every other day for half of the year</i>).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Education is still part of the schedule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Education is now offered on alternate days for all students.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be randomly assigned to 3 evenly distributed teams again.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The team periods in 7th grade will be different from 6th grade (4,5,8,9).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students were eligible for intramurals and club activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are now eligible to play team sports in addition to the intramurals and club activities.

Sample Schedule



Homeroom

1. World Language or Support Service
2. Performing Group or General Music / **FLEX**
3. Phys. Ed./Tech. (*½ year*) & Phys.Ed./Health (*½ year*)
4. **Math** (Math 7 or Pre-Algebra 7)
5. **English 7**
6. Lunch
7. FACS (*½ year*) & Art (*½ year*)
8. **Science 7**
9. **Social Studies 7**

Sample Schedule

TEAM PERIODS

	Term 1 (09/02/25- 11/07/25)	Term 2 (11/08/25- 01/24/26)	Term 3 (01/25/26- 04/17/26)	Term 4 (04/18/26- 06/26/26)
HR	997-2 HOMEROOM 7 D'Angelo/Galgano Rm: 608	997-2 HOMEROOM 7 D'Angelo/Galgano Rm: 608	997-2 HOMEROOM 7 D'Angelo/Galgano Rm: 608	997-2 HOMEROOM 7 D'Angelo/Galgano Rm: 608
1	872-9 (Day A) PHYS ED 7 SEM F Dnypropowsky, C. Rm: Gym 1 687-1 (Day B) CHORUS 7/8 Coppola, K. Rm: 310	872-9 (Day A) PHYS ED 7 SEM F Dnypropowsky, C. Rm: Gym 1 687-1 (Day B) CHORUS 7/8 Coppola, K. Rm: 310	874-1 (Day A) PHYS ED 7 SEM S Bonaventura, J. Rm: Gym 1 687-1 (Day B) CHORUS 7/8 Coppola, K. Rm: 310	874-1 (Day A) PHYS ED 7 SEM S Bonaventura, J. Rm: Gym 1 687-1 (Day B) CHORUS 7/8 Coppola, K. Rm: 310
2	771-2 FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE 7 Stefandl, M Rm: 216	771-2 FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE 7 Stefandl, M Rm: 216	671-4 ART 7 Marciana, G. Rm: 213	671-4 ART 7 Marciana, G. Rm: 213
3	772-11 (Day A) TECHNOLOGY 7 Beutel, B. Rm: 206 007-10 (Day B) FLEX 7 Willis, 7SM Rm: 825 Team: Wonder	772-11 (Day A) TECHNOLOGY 7 Beutel, B. Rm: 206 007-10 (Day B) FLEX 7 Willis, 7SM Rm: 825 Team: Wonder	873-8 (Day A) HEALTH 7 Backus, K. Rm: 214 007-10 (Day B) FLEX 7 Willis, 7SM Rm: 825 Team: Wonder	873-8 (Day A) HEALTH 7 Backus, K. Rm: 214 007-10 (Day B) FLEX 7 Willis, 7SM Rm: 825 Team: Wonder
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5	372-3 PRE-ALGEBRA 7 Friedman, E. Rm: 808 Team: Wonder	372-3 PRE-ALGEBRA 7 Friedman, E. Rm: 808 Team: Wonder	372-3 PRE-ALGEBRA 7 Friedman, E. Rm: 808 Team: Wonder	372-3 PRE-ALGEBRA 7 Friedman, E. Rm: 808 Team: Wonder
6	1111-2 LUNCH/SEL 7 Chase, J. Rm: CAFE 2	1111-2 LUNCH/SEL 7 Chase, J. Rm: CAFE 2	1111-2 LUNCH/SEL 7 Chase, J. Rm: CAFE 2	1111-2 LUNCH/SEL 7 Chase, J. Rm: CAFE 2
7	571-2 SPANISH B La Greca, A. Rm: 403	571-2 SPANISH B La Greca, A. Rm: 403	571-2 SPANISH B La Greca, A. Rm: 403	571-2 SPANISH B La Greca, A. Rm: 403
8	177-12 ENGLISH 7 Sabino, J. Rm: 611 Team: Wonder	177-12 ENGLISH 7 Sabino, J. Rm: 611 Team: Wonder	177-12 ENGLISH 7 Sabino, J. Rm: 611 Team: Wonder	177-12 ENGLISH 7 Sabino, J. Rm: 611 Team: Wonder
9	277-5 SOCIAL STUDIES 7 D'Angelo, J. Rm: 608 Team: Wonder	277-5 SOCIAL STUDIES 7 D'Angelo, J. Rm: 608 Team: Wonder	277-5 SOCIAL STUDIES 7 D'Angelo, J. Rm: 608 Team: Wonder	277-5 SOCIAL STUDIES 7 D'Angelo, J. Rm: 608 Team: Wonder
AIS	No Scheduled Course	No Scheduled Course	No Scheduled Course	No Scheduled Course

Number & 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



A Unique Opportunity in 7th Grade

HONOR ROLL

- Earn a 90% (A-) or above in ALL classes.
- Demonstrate appropriate behavior and attitude in all classes.



The STAR Student

- The “Star of the Month” is someone who is committed to the four tenets of STARdom.

S - Studious

T - Truthful

A - Altruistic

R - Responsible



SMS iPad Information

- ❖ All students will bring their iPad and accessories they received in the sixth 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.
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- ❖ If you have questions or concerns regarding iPads, please contact our Information and Technology Director, Mr. Damon Reader at DReader@Greatneck.k12.ny.us

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



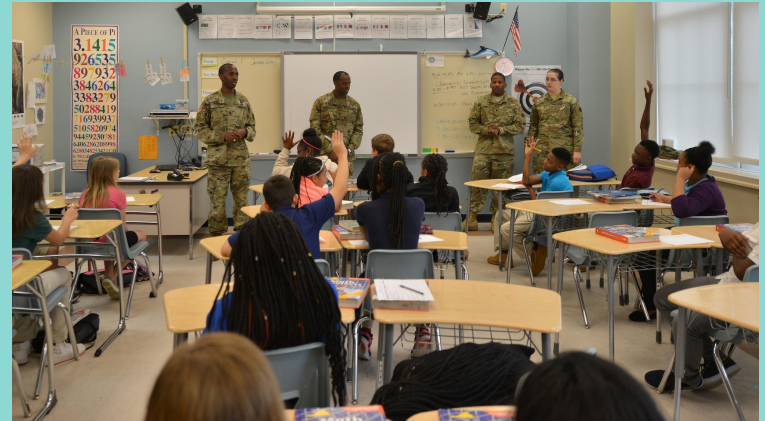
Clubs & Activities

- **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](#)

7th Grade Highlights & Activities

- Grade-level field trip could be in the Spring or Fall.
 - Past trips have included:
 - Adventureland
 - Dolan DNA Lab
- Grade-level Service Project
 - Pollinator Garden
- Career Day
 - The Family & Consumer Sciences and Guidance Departments provide our 7th grade students the opportunity to learn about many different professional fields.



7th Grade Highlights & Activities Cont.'d....



After School Support

- **Extra-Help** – once per week, per subject w/ subject teacher
- **Math Center** – open every day during lunch & after school until 4pm
- **Homework Center** – open Monday-Friday until 4pm
- **Library** – open every day after school until 4pm
- **Peer Tutoring** – sign up in Oct. to be paired with a high school tutor via Academic Outreach.

Sports Teams & Intramurals

- Cathleen Dnyprowsky, Director of Athletics & Physical Education Chairperson
 - Email: CDnyprowsky@greatneck.k12.ny.us



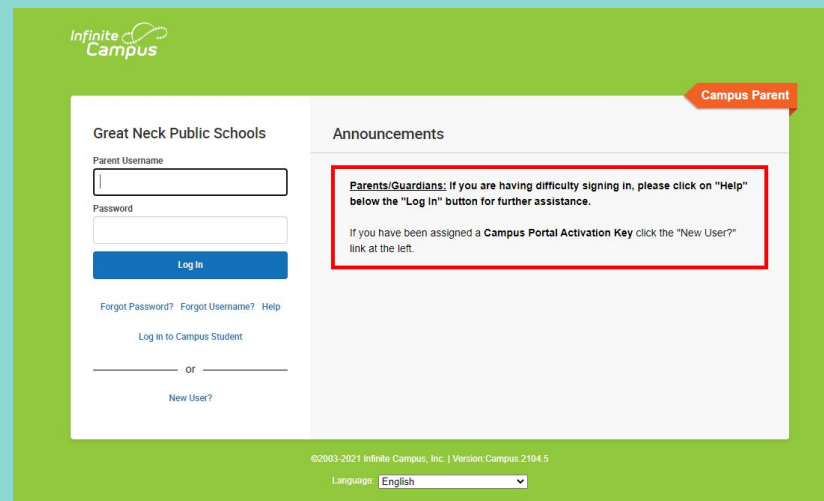
Additional Information Online

• Parent Portal

- ❑ Website: [Campus Parent Portal](#)
- ❑ Parent Portal Overview: [Parent Portal Slideshow](#)
- ❑ Parent Portal Information: [Parent Portal Video Tutorial](#)

• Registration Information

- ❑ Website: [Grade 7 Registration Booklet](#)



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. The page has a green header with the Infinite Campus logo on the left and a red 'Campus Parent' button on the right. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Great Neck Public Schools', contains a login form with fields for 'Parent Username' and 'Password', a blue 'Log In' button, and links for 'Forgot Password?', 'Forgot Username?', 'Help', 'Log in to Campus Student', and 'New User?'. The right column, titled 'Announcements', features a red-bordered box with the following text: 'Parents/Guardians: If you are having difficulty signing in, please click on "Help" below the "Log In" button for further assistance. If you have been assigned a Campus Portal Activation Key click the "New User?" link at the left.' At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice '©2003-2021 Infinite Campus, Inc. | Version: Campus.2104.5' and a language dropdown menu set to 'English'.

Questions???



Thank you!



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