

South Woods Middle School Presents:

Grade 6 Parent Orientation 2026



South Woods PTSA Welcomes You!

Join our email blasts!

Send an email to:

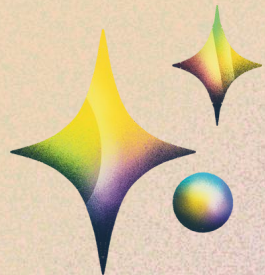
SOUTHWOODSPTSA@GMAIL.COM

You will receive weekly email blasts and timely PTSA information.

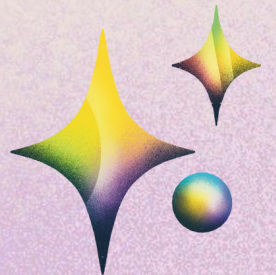


Please include:

- Your name
- Your email address
- Name of student(s)
- Grade of student(s)



Membership is our single largest fundraiser.
Proceeds go to programming for our students.





**Close your eyes and
picture. . .**

What does
middle school
look like to
you?





2025-26 TRANSITION TEAM

Principal

6th Grade Assistant Principal

7th Grade Assistant Principal

8th Grade Assistant Principal

6th Grade Counselor

Social Worker

School Psychologist

Michelle L. Burget

Theresa Berke

Elizabeth Burke

Dr. Jessica Tam

Rebecca Carleo

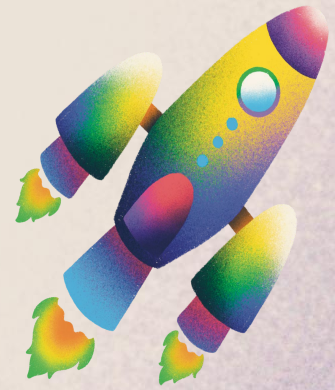
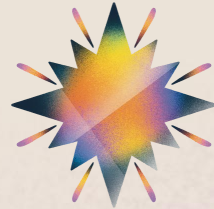
Jennifer Connolly

Dr. Taii Foster



Syosset's Mission:

“The mission of the Syosset Central School District is to prepare students to thrive in both the future we imagine and one which may evolve in ways yet to be envisioned.”



Community Expectations





NEXT UP: The Real Experts!

Peer Leader Co- Advisors

Ms. Stephanie Russell

Ms. Jessica Raguzin

Ms. Tara DiBernardo

Ms. Jennifer Connolly

&

The South Woods Peer Leaders

THINGS TO KNOW



- Incoming 6th grade = 256 students.
- Teachers (3-4) on each team share responsibility for teaching Math/Sci/ELA/SS
- Teams are randomized by computer and reviewed and finalized by counselors
- The World Language you selected is a five year program through Grade 10.
- Music choice remains the same for all three years of middle school.

✦ Developmental Guidance ✦

- Ms. Carleo will be your child's guidance counselor.
 - Counselors focus on academic success, social-emotional growth, and college/career readiness
 - Prepares schedules and coordinates transition
 - Gets to know each child
 - Integral part of teaching team

✦ Advisory Connections ✦

- Our Advisory Program is designed to:
 - Foster relationships
 - Facilitate communication
 - Build positive school culture
 - Advisory meets every day
 - Adult advisor(s); multigrade group
 - Daily "check-ins"
 - Special monthly events planned by students and teachers

GRADE 6 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Social Studies

- History, geography, and culture of Eastern Hemisphere.
- Research, critical thinking skills, and evidence-based argumentation
- Current events

Science

- Inquiry approach to science learning
- Body Systems
- Forces and Motion
- Space Systems

English/Reading

- Balanced approach to comprehension, literacy, and a love of literature.
- Vocabulary building, writing from sources, and the creative writing process

Math

- Algebraic and statistical thinking, mathematical reasoning and problem-solving
- Number sense and operations, ratio and rate, division of fractions, rational numbers (including negatives)



EXPLORATIONS, EXTENSIONS, & SUPPORT

- Physical Education
- Computer Applications
- Music
- World Language
- Family and Consumer Science
- Health
- Technology
- Art
- Instructional Support
- Math/Reading Lab
- Project Beyond
- Local Theatre Excursion
- Arts Assemblies
- BOCES Outdoor Education
- MakerSpace
- LEGO Robotics
- Digital Citizenship Lessons
- Spirit Week
- Student Council Events
- Many, Many Clubs!!!



Warning Bell:

8:01

Periods 1-9: 8:04-2:50

Advisory:

10:16

A TYPICAL SCHEDULE



	RED DAYS	WHITE DAYS
1	Social Studies (Team)	
2	ELA/Reading (Team)	
3	Skills.com	ELA/Reading (Team)
	Advisory	
4	Computers (Project Beyond/Learning Labs)	Music/Chorus/Orchestra/Band
5	Lunch	
6	Art 6 (Fall) / Health 6 (Spring)	Technology (Fall)) Family and Consumer Science (Spring)
7	Mathematics (Team)	
8	Science (Team)	
9	Chinese/French/Italian/ Korean/Spanish	Physical Education



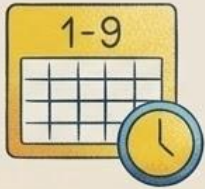
SCHOOL DAY FAQs



Ten minute multi-grade level Advisory stays together all three years



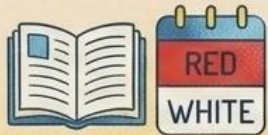
Extra Help one morning/afternoon each week



Nine period day/40 minute periods/4 minute passing time



Homework serves as reinforcement and practice



Daily core subject classes; Alternating 'Red/White' day explorations/support classes

LUNCH & RECESS

Period 5: 11:14 - 11:54



Food/drink drop off is not permitted after 8:15 AM.



No commercial deliveries

LUNCH



Balanced meals available



One free breakfast & One free lunch

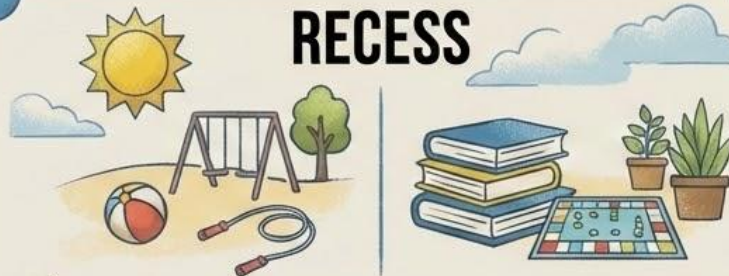


Snacks and second meals for purchase



Online payment system - no cash back

RECESS



Outdoor recess = second half of the period



Indoor options = Library, rotating indoor activities. Require a pass



Supervised by teachers and lunch monitors

TIME TO GO!



Dismissal is at 2:50 PM.



Assigned bus only - no guests.



Students may only stay after for supervised activities.



Car pickup on campus only.

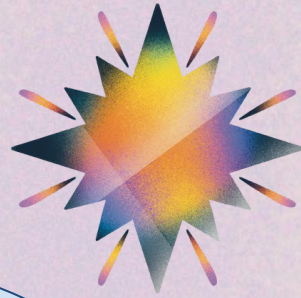


Two PM bus waves start at 2:55 from the front and side of the school.



Late buses for clubs/extra help are at 3:45 PM.

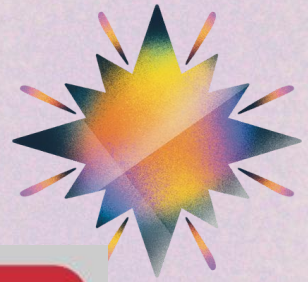
COMING SOON!



- **Optional Summer Orientation August date TBD**
 - **Tour the school**
 - **Meet classmates**
 - **Practice reading a sample schedule**
- **School supply lists: June 2026**
- **Course Verifications: June 2026**
- **Student Schedules**
 - **Posted electronically before the first day of school**
 - **Distributed in print in school and reviewed on Opening Day**



CONTACT US



South Woods Contact Information

Attendance Office	516-364-5632
Health Office	516-364-5627
Main Office	516-364-5621
School Counseling Center	516-364-5638
Link: South Woods MS Webpage	

District Contact Information

Athletics	516-364-5749
District Switchboard	516-364-5600
Transportation	516-364-5840

Patience

Respect

Integrity

Dignity

Empathy

