



**Middle School West**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome Presentation**  
**March 2026**



# Administrative Team



**Mrs. Dombrowski**  
**Principal**



**Mr. Schmaldienst**  
**Assistant Principal**



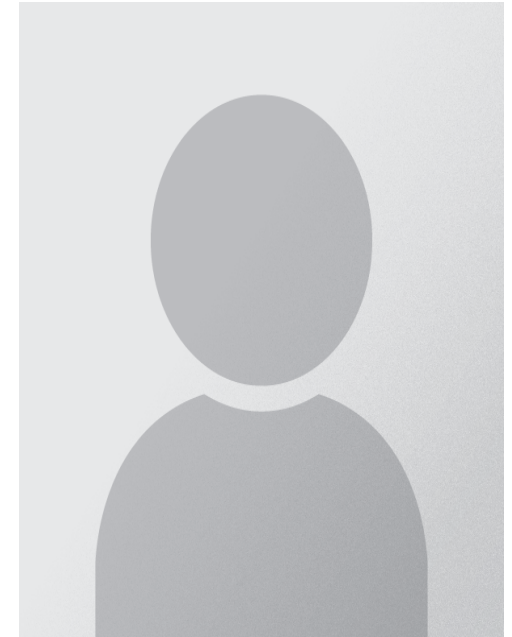
# School Counselors



**Mrs. Jones**  
**Grade 6**



**Mrs. Tyler**  
**Grade 7**



**TBD**  
**Grade 8**



# Secretaries



**Mrs. Benfield**  
**Secretary**



**Mrs. Algeo**  
**Secretary**



**Ms. McDowell**  
**Attendance/ISS**



# Agenda

- Middle School Philosophy
- Overview of Middle School Schedule
- Explanation of Period 10
- Questions/Answers





## The West Way *Being Awesome Means:*

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**Being Responsible**

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**Doing Your Best**

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**Helping Those in Need**

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**Inspiring Others**

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**Showing Respect for Others**

**Middle School West**



# PSSA 2024-2025

LEA Name	School Name	SPP Score	Proficiency	Proficiency
Boyertown Area SD	Boyertown Area MS-East	85	57.20%	61.60%
→ Boyertown Area SD	Boyertown Area MS-West	82.2	46.40%	55.90%
Wilson SD	Wilson West MS	75.9	44.80%	55.60%
Tulpehocken Area SD	Tulpehocken Area MS	73.7	31.70%	53.00%
Fleetwood Area SD	Fleetwood MS	73.1	36.40%	46.30%
Twin Valley SD	Twin Valley MS	72.8	49.80%	53.50%
Kutztown Area SD	Kutztown Area MS	72	37.90%	63.80%
Conrad Weiser Area SD	Conrad Weiser MS	71.7	40.00%	44.00%
Wyomissing Area SD	Wyomissing Area JSHS	70.9	40.60%	61.10%
Daniel Boone Area SD	Daniel Boone Area MS	70.6	43.10%	46.70%
Wilson SD	Wilson Southern MS	65.1	33.70%	50.40%
Oley Valley SD	Oley Valley MS	64.9	36.10%	53.50%
Schuylkill Valley SD	Schuylkill Valley MS	64.3	27.30%	48.40%
Reading SD	Southwest MS	64.2	7.10%	21.90%
Brandywine Heights Area S	Brandywine Heights Intrmd/MS	63.2	46.90%	55.20%
Exeter Township SD	Exeter Twp JHS	63	36.40%	48.20%
Hamburg Area SD	Hamburg Area Middle School	61.1	24.80%	44.30%
Reading SD	Central MS	59.1	5.00%	15.50%
Antietam SD	Kerry C. Hoffman Intermediate	58.8	22.70%	34.30%
Governor Mifflin SD	Governor Mifflin MS	57	25.70%	44.00%
Muhlenberg SD	Muhlenberg Jr MS	53.7	19.20%	29.70%
Reading SD	Northeast MS	52.8	8.00%	22.80%
Reading SD	Southern MS	50.6	4.80%	15.40%
Reading SD	Northwest MS	50.3	6.70%	16.20%



# Middle School Philosophy

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- Opportunity to make our large school “smaller.”
- Increased interdisciplinary options.
- Fewer transitions – longer instructional periods.



# Academic Teams

- Emphasis on teams and collaboration.
- Increased teacher communication.
- Common planning time for teachers with their team.





# Middle School Schedule

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- 6-day cycle
- 10 period day
- 8 instructional periods
- Lunch
- Period 10



# Daily Schedule

- Doors Open 7:15AM
- Breakfast 7:15AM – 7:30AM
- Warning Bell 7:33AM
- In Homeroom Seat By 7:35AM
- Bus Students Dismissed 2:35PM
- Walkers/PPU Dismissed 2:35PM





# Instruction – Special Areas

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- 60 Days – Art
- 60 Days – Technology Ed.
- 30 Days – Business
- 30 Days – Health
- General Music or Chorus – 2 days per cycle (All year)
- Physical Ed. – Every other day (All year)
- REACH for the Future



# Responsibility

- Some areas of responsibility:
  - Check your e-mail daily.
  - Come to school with your Chromebook charged.
  - Come to school on time.
  - Be on time to class.
  - Take your academics seriously and give your best effort.
    - Classwork/homework
    - IXL
    - PSSA



# REACH for the Future

- What is REACH for the Future?
  - **R**espectful
  - **E**ngaging
  - **A**daptable
  - **C**reative
  - **H**opeful

Teacher and/or School Counselor  
taught class.





# REACH for the Future

- Meets One Period Per Cycle – All year.
- Focuses on:
  - Anti-Bullying
  - Friendship Skills
  - Suicide Awareness and Prevention
  - 7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens
  - Career Education & Work Standards
  - Impact Skills
  - Digital Citizenship





# Instruction – Music Electives

- Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Rutt, Mr. Cinquini
- Band & Orchestra
  - 3 days per cycle during period 10.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Ensemble
  - 2 days per cycle in place of general music.
  - By audition only
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginner Instrumental Class.





# Period 10

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- Clubs
  - Service/Application
  - Interest-Based
- Study Hall
- Camps
- Interventions
- Music Ensembles



# Clubs

- Take place during 10<sup>th</sup> period.
- Are a privilege and students must remain in good academic and behavioral standing.
- Club enrollment is dependent upon interest and availability.
- Application vs. special interest clubs.
- Study halls are an opportunity for students to work quietly on homework, prepare for upcoming assessments and/or read.

**The online club & music selection form should be completed by 4/10/26.**



# Technology

- All students will have a district issued Chromebook.
- A technology fee will be assessed.
- Chromebook is for academic use only.
- Chromebook will go home with students and will return to school daily fully charged.

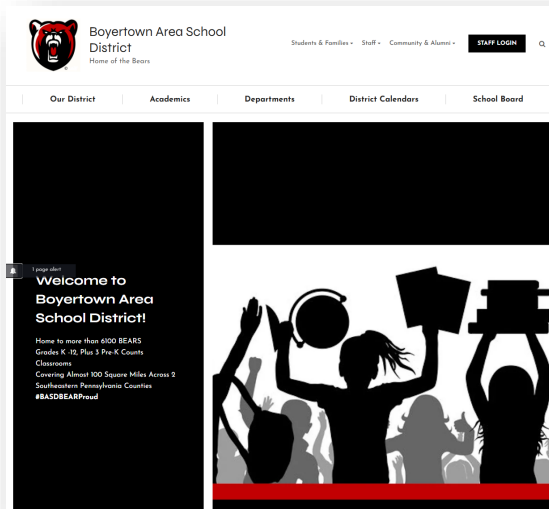




# Communication

- Infinite Campus
- School District Webpage
- Social Media
- Weekly Online Newsletter –  
*Bear Bulletin*

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# General Information

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- Student Handbook/Code of Conduct
- School Supply List
- Gym Uniforms
- Lunch Menus
- Program of Studies

**Will be  
Available  
Online  
This Summer!**



# Upcoming Events

- April 10, 2026 Club & Music Online Form Due
- May 4, 2026 Grade 5 Visitation to Middle School West
- August 12, 2026 New Student Day – 9:00AM-11:00AM
- August 17, 2026 New Student Day – 1:00PM-3:00PM
- August 19, 2026 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation – 6:00PM
- August 24, 2026 First Day of School
- September 4 – September 7 Schools Closed
- September 17, 2026 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Building Day



# Questions?



You may send questions to:

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[dschmaldienst@boyertownasd.org](mailto:dschmaldienst@boyertownasd.org)



# Welcome to MS West!

