

Welcome To Grade 5/Rising 6th Grade Parents' Night

Thurston Middle School
5/29/24

The Middle School Team



Nicole Haberman
Assistant Principal



Michael Redmon
Principal



Erin Banty
Dean of Students

The Middle School Team



Dee Graichen
Student Services Department Head



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Katherine Stewart
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Robin Bova
6 Red Team Leader



Lisa Yetman
6 Blue Team Leader

Your Middle School Memories

Turn to someone seated near you:

1. Introduce yourself
2. Share a memory from your own middle school experience

Middle School Development

Who Am I?

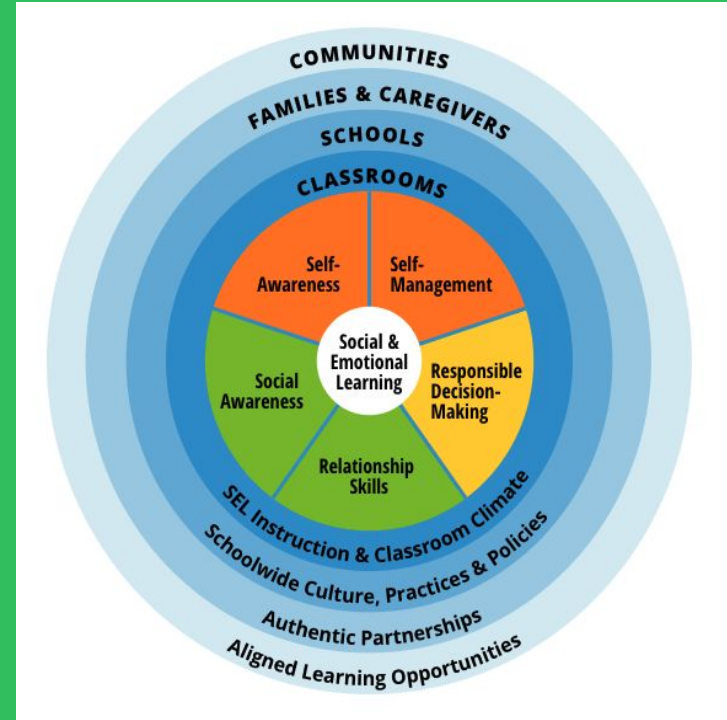
Where Do I Belong?

Who Do I Fit In With?

What Is Happening To My Body?

Where Is My Homework?

Why Should I Listen To You?



Middle School Bell Schedule

Regular School Day
7:45 AM - 2:22 PM

Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8	
7:30-7:40	Arrival/Grab & Go Breakfast (10)				
7:40-7:45	Transition to Advisory Classes (5)				
7:45-8:00	ADVISORY (15)				
8:00-9:00	CORE CLASS (60)	8:00-9:00	CORE CLASS (60)	8:00-9:00	CORE CLASS (60)
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12:10-1:07	CORE CLASS (57)	12:45 - 1:42	CORE CLASS (57)	12:25-1:25	CORE CLASS (60)
1:07-2:22 (75)	EXPLORATORIES 1:07-1:44 (37) 1:45-2:22 (37)	1:42-2:22	W.I.N. (40)	1:25 - 2:22	CORE CLASS (57)

Middle School Bell Schedule

Early Release
7:45 AM - 1:10 PM

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Middle School Individual Schedule

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TMS Team Structure

Red Team

ELA Teacher
Math Teacher
Science Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Special Education Teacher

Guidance Counselor
Mr. Austin Bushey



Blue Team

ELA Teacher
Math Teacher
Science Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Special Education Teacher

CACE Teacher
Health Teacher

TMS Grade 6

Core Content Program of Studies

Full-Year Classes (2 Semesters)

- ELA
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science

Half-Year Classes (1 Semester)

- Health
- Culinary Arts Consumer Education (CACE)

TMS Grade 6

Rotating Arts/Exploratory Program of Studies

Full-Year Classes (Meet Every Other Day)

- Physical Education (PE)
- Music
 - Orchestra
 - Band
 - Chorus
 - General Music

Rotating Arts (approximately 30 days)

- Art 1
- Art 2
- Drama 1
- Drama 2
- Computer Science
- Engineering

COMPUTER SCIENCE 6

- ★ Online Safety
- ★ Privacy
- ★ Licensing
- ★ python

Computer Science & Engineering

ENGINEERING 6

- ★ EDP
- ★ Hand Tools
- ★ Power Tools
- ★ Materials



- TMS Students participate in an engineering course in grades 6-8 as part of the exploratory program.
- Students will be given design tasks and real world problems that challenges them to explore various topics.
- The engineering lab has a variety of hand and power tools that students will learn how to safely and accurately use to design and build models.

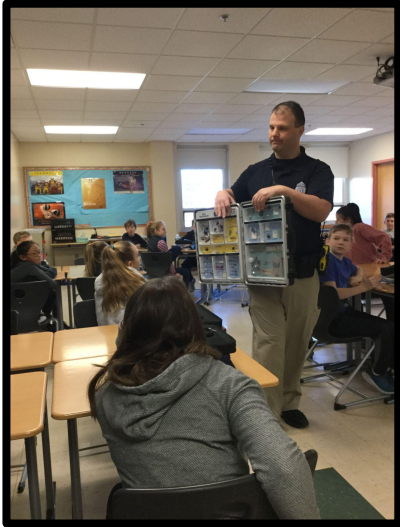


Wellness Department

Health, C.A.C.E. & Physical Education

We strive to:

- Foster a sense of community.
- Help students reach a level of success, regardless of ability level.
- Build confidence.
- Develop social-emotional skills in small groups and team situations.
- Promote healthy habits.



Art Department

Art Class in Grades 6, 7, and 8

Exploration

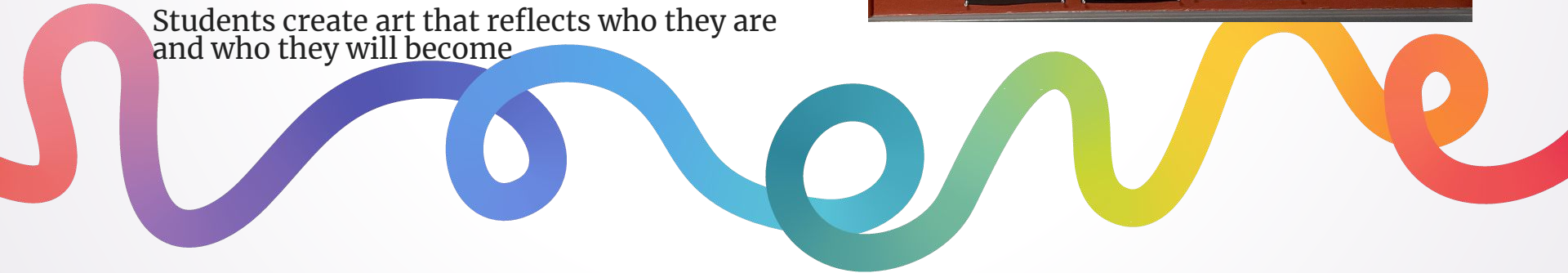
Students experiment with new materials and processes

Observation

Students learn to slow down and look closely at the world around them

Self-Expression

Students create art that reflects who they are and who they will become



World Language Department

We study Spanish or French, take steps to share who we are, and engage in the world around us to become global citizens

9th grade

Continue Spanish/French, or add Latin or Mandarin

8th grade

Develop your foreign language - French or Spanish

7th grade

Begin your foreign language - French or Spanish

At the end of 6th grade

Choose your foreign language - French or Spanish

ciao!

مرحبا

Hallo!

Salut!

Olá!

Hi!

您好



Drama Department



The drama program at TMS works to foster creativity while building a fun and dynamic community.



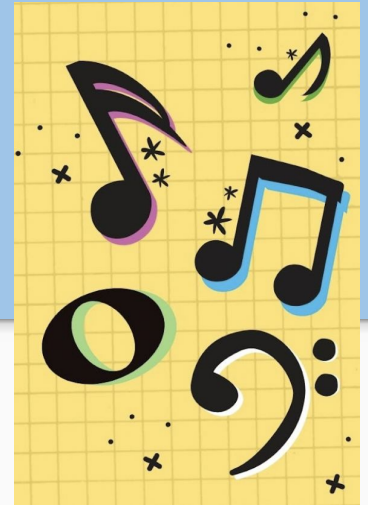
Silent Movie
Tableau
Structure of a Scene
Theatre Current Events
Greek theatre

6th Grade Play
7th and 8th Grade Musical
7th Grade Field Trip
Improv
Games
Audience Skills

Music Department

Orchestra, Band, Chorus, General Music

THE THURSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT STRIVES TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT GIVES STUDENTS A SENSE OF BELONGING AND PROVIDES THEM WITH THE TOOLS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES ARTISTICALLY THROUGH THE COMMUNAL ACTIVITY OF MUSIC MAKING.



WINTER CONCERT
JUNIOR DISTRICT FESTIVAL
SPRING CONCERT
JAZZ NIGHT
GREAT EAST FESTIVAL



Student Services At TMS



School Nurse
Ms. Marianne Baker

Counseling



Special Education



ELL



Related Services Therapies (S&L, OT, PT, Vision, APE)





1-1 COMPUTING Parent orientation
STEVE OUELLETTE

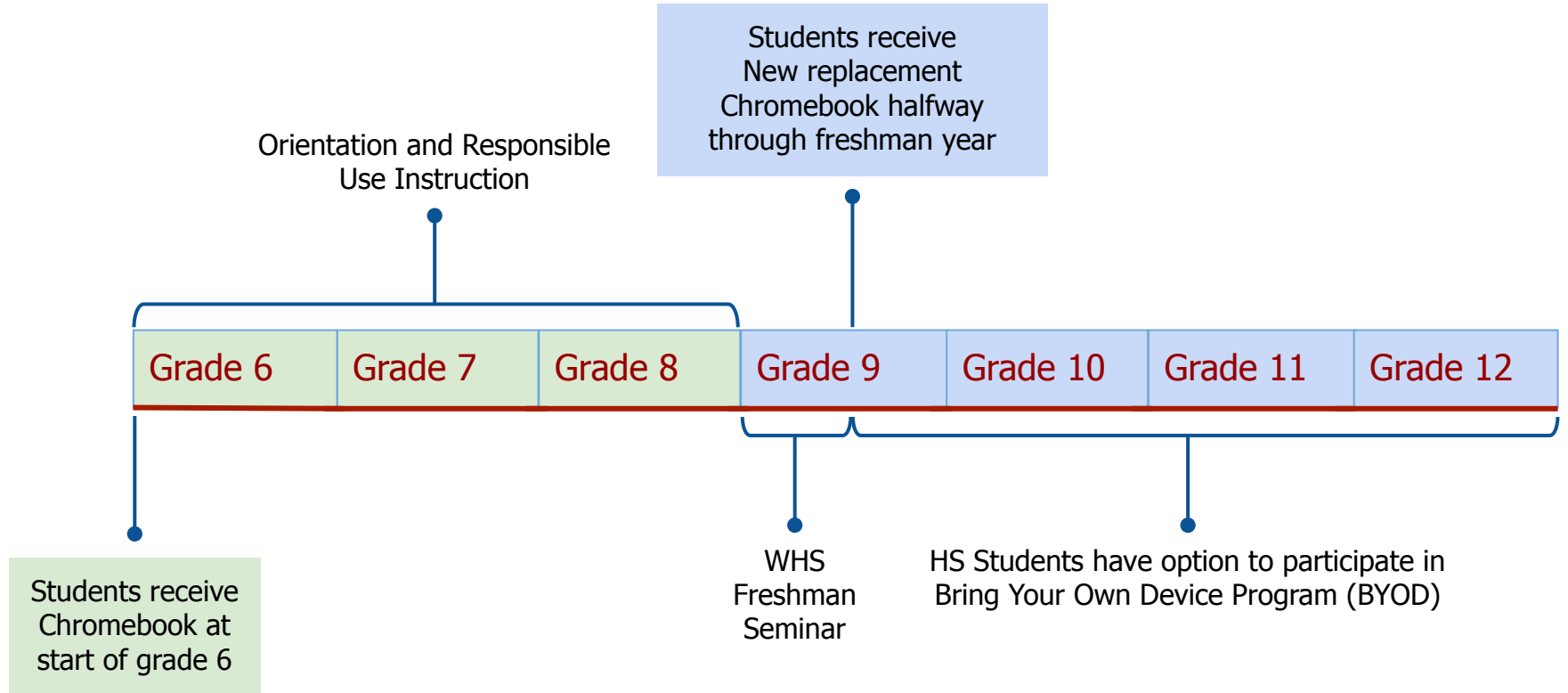
SHIFT FROM Teacher-centered TO STUDENT-centered

Traditional Instruction: The teacher finds, packages, and delivers content to students.

Contemporary Instruction: Students are asked a question and use available resources to research, define, and construct knowledge.

- Fosters student agency/independence
- Much higher retention rates
- Promotes critical thinking, problem solving skills

WESTWOOD'S 1-1 CHROMEBOOK TAKE HOME PROGRAM



TIMELINE & LOGISTICS

Mailing (and/or email) in mid-August

- Chromebook Loan Agreement - Mail back to TMS or your child can bring it to homeroom on first day of school

First week of school

- Chromebooks and cases distributed in homerooms (assuming signed loan agreement has been returned)

Email from Steve Ouellette in mid-August (sent to primary contact in Aspen)

- Registration link for optional accidental insurance
- Registration link for access to Deledao parent portal

OPTIONAL Insurance

We've got this covered

Manufacturer Defects



- Battery failure
- The 'P' key suddenly stops working
- Pretty much anything not related to physical damage resulting from drops, spills, etc...



You've got this covered

Accidental Damage



- Anything related to physical damage resulting from drops, spills, etc...
 - Theft but not loss
- \$30/year, unlimited claims & no deductibles
 - Insurance follows the student, not the device.

deledao: our CHROMEBOOK FILTERING SOLUTION

deledao



"RESPONSIBLE USE" OF TECH

1. **Be Focused**

Chromebooks are for schoolwork *only*!

2. **Be Protective**

Take care of your Chromebook!

3. **Be Healthy**

Stay balanced and safe online

CARING FOR YOUR CHROMEBOOK

Habit 1: Protective placement

- Securely on a desk or table
- Consider foot traffic



CARING FOR YOUR CHROMEBOOK

Habit 2: Utilize the Chromebook case



CARING FOR YOUR CHROMEBOOK

Habit 3: Strategic “Charging Station”



(Ideally, not in the bedroom)



STAYING BALANCED AND SAFE

- **2nd Grade:** Internet safety education
- **5th Grade:** End-of-year responsible use unit
- **6th Grade**
 - Multiple units in Health and Wellness class
 - Dedicated WIN and Advisory sessions
- **9th Grade:** Digital Citizenship Seminar
 - Once per 8-day cycle during the fall semester

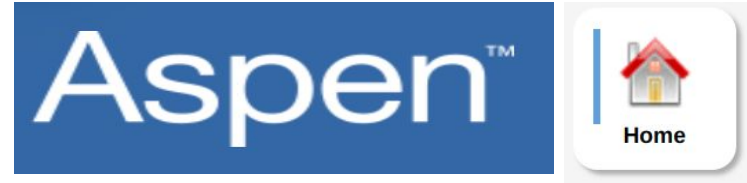
KIDS and CELL PHONES

My kid wants a phone...

online Grades



- Daily assignments and activities
- Grades posted frequently
- Guardian Summary emails (optional)



- Report Cards
- Progress Reports
- Grades posted by unit (for most teachers)



QUESTIONS?

tinyurl.com/tmsparents
souellette@westwood.k12.ma.us

Handbook Highlights

- Drop Off and Pick Up
- Cell Phones
 - If the device is audible, visible or in use outside of designated classes, or if it is being used inappropriately (e.g., for game playing instead of reading), it will be confiscated by a teacher and turned in to the office. A parent/guardian will be contacted to retrieve the item. If a student has had a personal device confiscated more than once, he or she will be required to complete an after-school detention as well.
- Dress Code
 - Two of the core purposes of the Westwood Public Schools are academic excellence and promoting respectful and caring relationships. To that end, we expect students to refrain from wearing clothing that is disruptive to the educational process, poses safety concerns, and/or interferes with an individual's right to learn in a harassment-free environment.
- Behavior Violations, Bullying, Harassment

After School Clubs/Activities

- Tuesday/Thursday
 - Start Late September/Early October
 - 2:25 PM - 3:25 PM
 - Late Bus (3:30 PM Departure)
 - Sample Offerings
 - Chefs Club
 - Board Games
 - Creative Writing
 - Homework Club
 - Open Gym
 - Unity Club

Middle School Sports

Fall

- Football (Grade 7 & 8 Only)
- Girls Field Hockey
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross Country

Spring

- Track

Special Olympics - New and Expanding

All athletic programs are run by the Athletic Department

Matt Gillis Westwood Athletic Director

Westwood METCO Program

All Westwood Public School Students are METCO Students

Westwood has been a METCO District since 1968

Historically Boston students started in 6th Grade

Elementary School Expansion 2022
Enrolling in Grades
Kindergarten - Grade 5

Ways of getting involved:

- Westwood METCO Welcome Club
 - Family Matching
 - Volunteer
 - Donate



Summer Reading/Math

**Book #1:
Community Text**



***Lifeboat 12*
by Susan Hood**

**Book #2:
Student's Choice!**

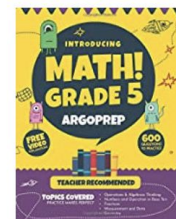
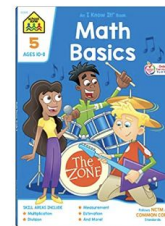
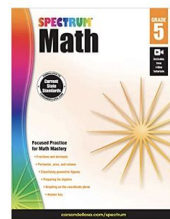


**Students read a book of
their choice. We'll share a
list from WPL if you need
a place to start!**

Option 1: IXL



Option 2: Summer Math Workbook





GET TO KNOW THE THURSTON PTO

The Thurston PTO Mission:

Celebrate our teachers, connect our families, and support enrichment for every student at Thurston.

SEVERAL COMMITTEES AND AN EXECUTIVE BOARD CARRY OUT THE PTO MISSION.

Apparel Sales

Show your Westwood Pride and support Thurston!

Site Council

Teachers, parents, and students share feedback with school leadership.

Teacher Appreciation

We show our teachers the love with seasonal gifts, snacks, and a whole week of celebration in the spring.

SEPAC Liaison

Works for the understanding of and support of children of all abilities.

Community Enrichment

Organizes student clubs, family events, parent workshops, and more!

DEI Liaison

Supports school-level and district-wide efforts for inclusion and representation.

Friday Night Fun Committee

Carry on this tradition and promote safe, positive social events for each grade.

Volunteer Opportunities

Get to know your school, teachers, and the community by volunteering.

8th Grade Events

Before they leave for WHS, let's celebrate our graduating 8th graders!

We're looking for help with the following:

- Community enrichment
- Chaperoning events
- ... and more!

Fundraising Committee

Brainstorm clever ways to raise money for TMS!

Welcome Club Liaison

Connects those new to Westwood, including families in the METCO program, with current families to build community.

Join our PTO Facebook Group!
Stay connected & get involved!



Pollinator Garden

Speakers/Guests

*Teacher
Appreciation Week
& Snack Cart*

What can you do?

- Get involved
- Submit your suggested donation

*Financial Aid for
Field Trips*

*New Sports
Equipment*

*Friday Night Fun is
back!*

*8th Grade Social &
Field Day ice
cream truck*

*Spring Musical
Cast Party*

*7th Grade Writers
Conference Book*

Got Questions? Ready to help? email us: ThurstonMiddleSchoolPTO@gmail.com

Important Dates

Thursday, August 22nd from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, TMS will be open prior to the start of the first day of school for students to practice opening lockers and walking their schedules. For this day, transportation will be provided to and from TMS to all new to Westwood Boston students.

Student schedules and Team assignments will be released on Friday, August 16th after 3:00 PM.