

Welcome to Middle School!!

Parent Meeting



MIDDLE SCHOOL

What is middle school all about?

- Academic
- Social
- Emotional

We specifically work to further develop:

- Organization
- Self-advocacy
- Proactive planning
- Study Skills
- Awareness and Leadership



MMW SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Daily Schedule

- School Day is 9:15 – 3:55
- Before School Offerings
 - Student Help Morning, Tuesdays at 8:25
 - Math Help M/W/Th/F at 8:20
 - Homework Help
- Morning Cafeteria – open at 7:30
- After School Offerings





Sixth Grade Schedule

Math 6

Pre-Algebra

Algebra

Language Arts

Honors Language Arts

Science

Accelerated Science

Social Studies

English

Spanish

Chinese

Lunch





SIXTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Art (one quarter)	Health (one quarter)	STEM (one quarter)	FACS (one quarter)
PE (all year, every other day)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band 6• Music 6• Boys Choir 6• Girls Choir 6• Orchestra 6 (all year, every other day)	

Some students may have an academic support class in place of one of these classes.



MINNETONKA COURSE PLACEMENT STANDARDS

The Coordinator of High Potential Services and the Director of Assessment review data to determine student course placement:

- Placement criteria is meaningful
- Placement criteria is non-arbitrary
- Placement processes are equitable
- Placement processes are transparent



Placement Process

The District (Director of Assessment and Coordinator of High Potential Services) analyze data and recommend student placement through multiple paths:

1. Students with data meeting honors/accelerated criteria are **automatically placed** in an advanced course
2. Students with data that is close to meeting criteria undergo a **District Automatic File Review** for placement
3. After District File Reviews are complete, placement is communicated to parents by school staff by **mid-July**
4. **After placement is communicated**, questions may be directed to the school



COMMUNICATION

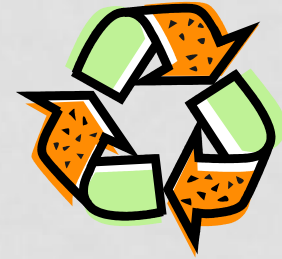
- Skyward – Electronic grade book
- Schoology – Teacher web page
- MMW Newsletter – newsletter
- Email
 - Teacher communication
 - School communication



Enrichment Activities

Cross Country Running
Tennis
Nordic Skiing
Running Club
Volleyball (not 6th grade)
Wrestling
Golf
Track

Anime Club
Baking Club
Minecraft Club
Service Club
Speech Team
Student Government
Yearbook Club



Knowledge Bowl
Math Tutoring
Science Olympiad
Speech Team
Theater



Chamber Music
Guitar Ensemble
Jazz Band
Morning Madrigals
Show Choir



KIDS POINT OF VIEW

- Homework
- Lockers
- Hallways and passing time
- Before school
- Lunchroom
- Phy Ed lockers, swimming
- Advisory
- IP
- Ways to get help



MORE FROM OUR KIDS

- iPads
- Phones
- Social/friend groups
- School Supplies
- 6th Grade Morning
- Back to School Night
- Responsibility



PTO

- Welcome! PTO is a great way to stay connected to your child's school and community even as your child gains independence and needs less hands on help.
- MMW PTO provides resources so your child's middle school experience will be enhanced. We provide educational and extra curricular "extras" as well as opportunities for community building for both students and parents.



PTO ADVICE

- Back to school night - pick up gym uniforms ordered online <http://www.tonkapridegear.com/>
- Background Check required to volunteer
 - <http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/administration/humanresources/Pages/VolBackCheck.aspx>
- Check out our booth for a list of events throughout the year. Sign up for anything that looks interesting!
- Give us your email now to make sure you get all the latest news or go to PTO Website
 - <https://sites.google.com/site/ptommw/>



MORE PTO STUFF

- This SPRING
 - MMW Color Run - May 20 - 8:30 AM - 7 AM
- Participate or volunteer SUPER FUN!!!
- <http://colormetonka5k.wixsite.com/mysite>
- Coming in FALL
 - Back to school
 - 6&7 grade party - Sept
 - Fall Fundraiser - Direct Donation Drive
 - Community Service Day
 - Teacher Appreciation



UPCOMING DATES

July	Course confirmation letters sent
August 28	First Mates – Welcome to 6 th Grade!!
August 31	Back to School Night
September 5	First Day of School



QUESTIONS

