6th Grade Parent Orientation

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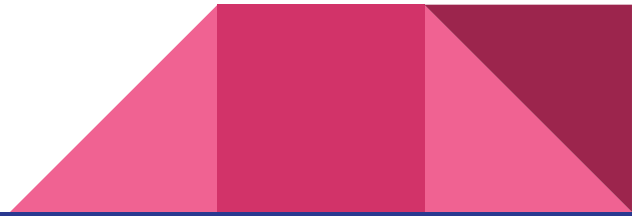
Tonight’s Agenda

-Welcome to Middle School

-Parents’ Top Ten List

-Words of Wisdom from our 6th Graders!



What is Middle School All About?

District 96’s Vision: Ensure that every child achieves his or her maximum potential.

The same is true at Twin Groves and Woodlawn!

What is Your Child Experiencing?

-Movement Towards Independence

-Future Interests and Cognitive Changes

-Physical and Emotional Changes

-Morals, Values, and Self-Direction

Middle School At-A-Glance

-Teams of students and teachers

-Schedule to meet needs of program...and students

-Curriculum and teaching techniques geared to this age student

-Extracurricular opportunities

-Supportive school staff who understand the unique needs of middle school students!

Parents’ Top Ten List

10. Can kids really make it to class in a 3 minute passing period?

YEP!

Parents’ Top Ten List

9. What does a 6th grade schedule look like?

DAILY SCHEDULE

A Day	B Day
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Music- 41 min	**Spanish- 41 min**
Math-60 min	Math-60 min
Language Arts-60 min	Language Arts-60 min
Flex-40 min	Flex-40 min
PE- 41 min	PE- 41 min
Lunch- 25 min	Lunch- 25 min
Science- 60 min	Science- 60 min
Social Studies- 60 min	Social Studies- 60 min

A Word From Our Experts

What is it like having different teachers for different subjects?

A Word From Our Experts

Socially, how was the transition to TG/WL with an entire group of new students?

Parents’ Top Ten List

8. You mentioned “teams”. How do teams work?

Grade Level Teams

-Group of teachers responsible for a small group of students (about 100 students

-Meet regularly to discuss programs, curriculum, students, cooperative plans

-Communication with parents; newsletters, phone calls, conferences, e-mail

-Students identify with smaller group; sense of community.

-Teachers know students well

-Class schedules are mixed; all 6th grade students have lunch,

-Exploratory, Spanish, and PE at the same time

Parents' Top Ten List

7. How will students know what's going on?

-TeacherEase

-Schoology

-Daily Announcements

-Twin Groves/Woodlawn Websites

-Email

Parents' Top Ten List

6. How will parents know what's going on?

-Teacher Ease

-Schoology

-E-News

-Daily Announcements

-Weekly Principal's Blog

-Twin Groves/Woodlawn Websites

-Email, Phone, Notes

-If you have a question, please just ask!

A Word From Our Experts

What advice do you have for the parents of next year's 6th grade class?

Parents' Top Ten List

5. What happens if my child needs extra help?

- You can always...
- Talk to the teachers
- Talk to our Student Services staff
- Talk to the office

Extra Help….

We can always...

- PIT (Problem Intervention Team) crew
- Math and Literacy interventions
- Study Halls
- Call and talk to our staff! We are here to help!

Parents' Top Ten List

4. What happens at the beginning of the year?

-Placements sent out early-June (this drives summer reading book selection)

-IN ORDER TO GET YOUR SCHEDULE…Health forms must be turned in

-Schedules will be sent out early August

-Locker set up week of August 14th from 4-7PM

-First day of school for students on Thursday, August 15th

Parents' Top Ten List

3. What am I hearing about iPads?

-All 6th graders will get their own school-issued iPad for the 2019-2020 school year in order to provide 1-to-1 access to technology!

-Students will participate in direct instruction on use and expectations before being given the iPad.

A Word From Our Experts

How has using the iPad changed the way you study and learn?

Parents' Top Ten List

2. What extracurricular activities are available for 6th graders?

-Clubs! Clubs! Clubs!

-Events--Musical, Play, Variety Show

-Band, Orchestra, Chorus

-Sports--Cross Country, Soccer, Wrestling, Track

-Study Hall/Activity Period

-Check the schools' websites!

A Word From Our Experts

What After-School Activities have you been involved in at your school?

A Word From Our Experts

What did you worry about BEFORE starting MS?

What would you tell parents and incoming 6th graders NOT to worry about?

A Word From Our Experts

Is there anything you WISH you had known before starting 6th grade?

Parents' Top Ten List

1. Will "I" be able to keep up with the 6th grade homework load?

NO! It is your student’s work!

You already finished MS!