



WELCOME TO THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**6th Grade Parent Information
Session/New Student Orientation**



TONIGHT'S AGENDA



- Part I:
 - Review important information pertaining to 6th grade operation/expectations
- Part II:
 - Tour of the 6th grade wing
 - Q and A with *STUDENT GUIDES*



TOTAL TIME = Less than an hour



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



- **Mr. Larry Kostula, Building Principal TOIS**
- **Mr. James Maliff, Assistant Principal TOIS**
Grade 7 & 8
- **Mr. Christopher Amato, Assistant Principal TOIS**
Grade 5 & 6



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS



- **Main Office:**
 - Mrs. Shauna Burgess (ext. 7000)
 - Mrs. Sheri Norman (ext. 7002)

- **6th Grade House Office:**
 - Mrs. Roxann Andrus (ext. 7008)



SUPPORT STAFF



- **6th Grade Guidance Counselor:**

- Doreen Brown (ext. 7031)

- **Child Study Team:**

- Jen Marks, LDTC (ext. 7038)
- Jenn Bauries, School Psychologist (ext. 7040)
- Kelly Rasmussen, School Social Worker (ext. 7039)

- **Licensed Professional Counselor:**

- Rosbel Puello (ext. 7041)
 - Splits time between TOIS and Dept. of Human Services



ABOUT THE SCHOOL



- **5th-8th Grade**
- **Approximately 1100 students**
- **Approximately 275 in 6th Grade**
- **Secondary setting**
 - Rotate every period
 - 41 minute periods



ABOUT THE SCHOOL



- School Hours (Typical Day)
 - Start Time 8:00
 - End Time 2:30
 - Student drop off 7:45
- **Delayed Opening Hours**
 - **Start Time 10:00**
 - **End Time 2:30**
 - **Student drop off 9:45**





ACADEMIC DAY/STRUCTURE



- **Completely departmentalized structure:**
 - Highly qualified/Specialized content teachers in each content: Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading and Language arts

- **Secondary philosophy in regards to curriculum and instruction**

- **Specials/Exploratory Courses:**
 - Semester Courses
 - World Language
 - Computers – Coding, Virtual reality, Chrome, etc.
 - Applied Technology
 - Theater Arts – Block Box Theater
 - ASP (Math and ELA)
 - Band
 - Enrichment
 - Physical Education: 5 times per week (athletic clothing required, changing in locker room)
3 MPs
 - Health 1 MP



LUNCHES



- **One Lunch Moving Forward**
 - **Students will eat in the Cafétorium**
 - **12:35-1:00**
 - **Seated in sections by team to start the year**
 - **Two lunch lines and a snack line**
 - **Working snack time is still provided in the morning**



BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT/ DISCIPLINE REFERRALS



- **No longer follows the Behavior Management system of fifth grade.**
- **Administration and Guidance meets with students first week of school to outline expectations**
- **Student handbook is online, but will also be in student planner. Will have to sign and return in the beginning of the year to confirm that it has been viewed.**
 - **Demerit System**
 - **Extra curricular activities - must maintain academic and disciplinary standards as described in student handbook**

Difference between Conflict and HIB

Conflict

- “Mutually” competitive or opposing action or engagement.
- Includes disagreements, arguments and fights.
- A normal part of growing up and of life.



HIB

- HIB is one-sided.
- One or more students are victims of one or more person's aggression.
- The intent is to physically or emotionally hurt someone.





REPORT CARDS



- **Electronic: Power School Parent Portal**
 - Need an account? Contact Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Andrus
- **Students log-in information should still be active.**
- **Paper copies of report cards will be available at the end of each semester**
- *****No more Parent Conference*****
 - **Team meetings – twice a week, schedule a meeting through the guidance office.**



GRADING



- Transitional process that leads to this point
 - 4th grade and 5th grade elementary philosophy. Builds confidence through specific grading practices
 - Teachers follow suggested grading practices by department
 - 6th grade follows the secondary approach
 - District policy – teachers given the flexibility to create own grading system. **CHECK TEACHERS ON THE WEB**
 - **ACTUAL ASSIGNMENT GRADES GET ENTERED INTO THE GRADEBOOK**
 - Check Power School frequently, provides constant communication between parent and teachers
- **Extra curricular activities - must maintain academic and disciplinary standards as described in student handbook**



PICK-UP/DROP-OFF PROCEDURES



- **School start time is 8:00 am: must be present and accounted for in their homeroom.**
 - Morning drop-off begins at 7:45 am on the *west side/main entrance* of the building.
 - All drop-offs must be on the *west side/main entrance* of the building.
- **School ends at 2:30 pm**
 - All 2:30 pm pick-ups are on the *west side/main entrance* of the building.
- **ALL ENTRIES DURING NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS MUST BE ON THE *WEST SIDE/MAIN ENTRANCE* OF THE BUILDING FOR SECURITY REASONS.**



MORE ABOUT PICK-UP.....



- **Written notification is required for an early dismissal or a change in the pick-up arrangement.**
- **Please do not email, faxes preferred (732-493-1891)**
- **Regular school dismissal pick-up (2:30 pm):**
 - Park on the *west side / main entrance* of building.
 - **We suggest parking and entering building**, but many students walk out to car (causes traffic jam).
- **Early dismissal:**
 - Park on *west side / main entrance* of building.



BUSES



- **Students must ride their assigned buses to and from school. Bus passes only given in emergency situations.**
- **All transportation changes must be made through the transportation department.**
 - **Maria Mosca (ext. 1950)**
- **Late buses Monday-Thursday.**
 - **Board buses between 3:15-3:25 pm and depart at approximately 3:25 pm.**
- **6th Graders may stay for:**
 - **Extra help**
 - **Skills for Success**
 - **All extra curricular activities**
 - **Detention**



ABSENCES



- **Call Mrs. Andrus in the 6th Grade House Office at extension 7008.**
 - Important to call for safety reasons.
- **After 3 consecutive days absent the nurse will require a doctor's note.**
- ***Letters will be sent home for excessive absences (State Law).**
- **Please make every effort to arrive on time - it impacts learning.**
- *****NEW LAWS*** – Excused vs. Verified**
 - **Excused = Religious reasons and Bring your child to work day**
 - **Verified = Called in or doctor's note, still counts towards an absences**



TECHNOLOGY



- **Cell phones must be kept off during the school day and in their lockers.**
 - If found on them during the day, it will be confiscated and you will be asked to come get it at school.
 - Encourage them to leave iPods/iPads, etc. at home.
 - Please remind them of responsible use of technology.
- **Apple Watches – to be used for keeping time only, not games or text messaging (same consequences as cell phone)**
- **Students may bring in Kindles and Nooks to read with the permission of their teachers. However the school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.**



TECHNOLOGY



- Social Media Concerns
 - Guidance Lessons – Cyber bullying, Types of cyber bullying, safe user names, information that should/shouldn't be shared.
 - Instagram/Finstagram
 - Twitter
 - Snapchat
 - Calculator Plus
 - AskFm



<http://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/tweens-technology-kids-parents/story?id=38006049>



TECHNOLOGY



- Parent Awareness

- APPs
 - MamaBear (Free)
 - Finding Friends (Free)
 - Secure Teen Parental Control
 - ParentKit
 - Norton Family





STUDENT TECHNOLOGY



- Each student will have access to their own Google Chromebook.
- Students bring Chromebooks home
 - **Remember to charge each night**
- Chromebooks are the property of the Township of Ocean School District and should be used in accordance to the Acceptable Use Form (signed by parent and students when entering 5th grade)
- Students will take most assessments via Chromebook in all content areas.



FORMS



- **All beginning of the year forms, including the Intermediate School Handbook, will be available for download via the district website:**
 - www.oceanschools.org
 - Go to the TOIS tab, second link on the left.
 - Will be available in late August, so please check the website.
 - If you would like a paper copy of the forms, please contact the 6th Grade House Office in late August.
 - *located in student planner/agenda
- **Forms to be returned should be done so during the first few days of school-they will marked “Please Return”.**
- **Electronic release of homeroom assignments via Power School at the end of August.**
 - Email List
- **Bus passes will be mailed home in August along with student profiles (unfortunately can’t be sent electronically).**



INFO FROM THE NURSES



- **Call nurses with any health concerns throughout year including surgical procedures.**
- **If your child has asthma, allergy/anaphylaxis, diabetes please let nurses know.**
- **Medication in school:**
 - need a doctor's note and parent signature
 - Parent must bring medicine to school
 - Consent Form to Administer (available for download)
- **Fractures/Broken bones**
 - Doctor's note for PE
 - To leave early from class, use crutches, and elevator.
 - Foot injuries must have a covering like a sock.



INFO FROM THE NURSES



- **Routinely check health records for immunizations.**
 - Will receive a letter if your child needs immunizations.

- **If your child has vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever the day before, please keep them home.**

- **Encourage good health habits.**
 - Hand washing
 - Avoid touching eyes
 - Eat a healthy diet
 - Get rest



TWITTER



@camatotois

Look for announcements about:

- Important Dates
- Alerts
- 5th grade events

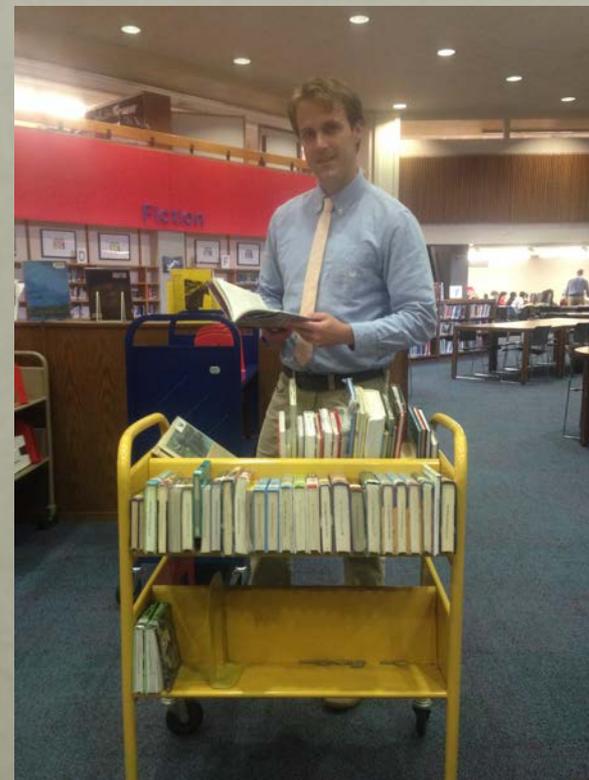
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PTA AND IMC



PTA President Jenn Palumbo
Sign up at the School Store



Volunteers are needed
Contact Jon 'Mike' Huston
at jhuston@oceanschools.org
Sign up at in the commons

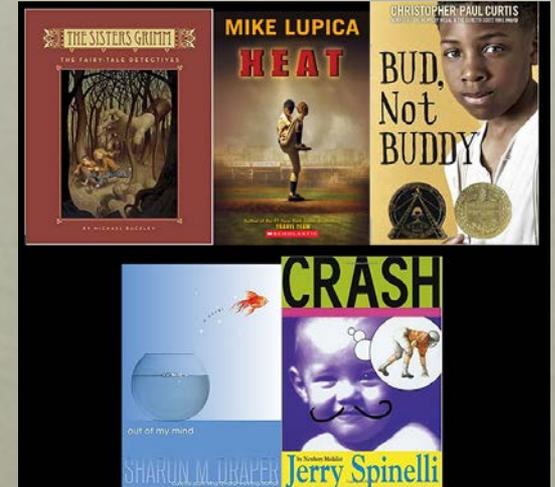


SUMMER READING



- Book Selection/ Assignment (Five Steps)

1. www.oceanschools.org
2. Hover over 'Links'
3. Click on 'Summer Assignments 2017-18'
4. Click on 'Intermediate School Summer Assignments'
5. Click on 'Entering Grade 6 Summer reading Assignment 2017'



This is a mandatory assignment.



WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO HELP TRANSITION?



- *NEW this year*
 - 6th grade student Q & A session (during half days)
 - Questions are developed by each homeroom
 - 6th grade student tour (during half days)
 - Show them the tricks they had to learn
 - When to go to lockers
 - 4 minutes between classes
 - Location of exploratory classes
 - This info session
 - Provide the bridge of communication
 - Share info from both student session and parent session
 - Everyone is on the same page





TIPS FROM THE TEACHERS



- Adjustment Period
 - Self-contained to independence
 - 1st MP is a huge adjustment
 - Review schedule and pick times to go to lockers. Carry books for 1 or 2 two classes at a time (no book bags)
 - Practice organizational strategies, specifically with binders
 - Check teachers website, assignments, and Parent Portal every night
 - Bring homework planner to every class
 - CHARGE CHROMEBOOKS
 - 4 minutes in between each class
 - Teams/classrooms in close proximity to each other
 - Report to class first, then go to bathroom or drink
 - Save socialization for lunch time





TIPS CONTINUED



○ = 6th grade

○ = 1st floor

○ = 2nd floor





MAP



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