

# Welcome to Orchard Park Middle School!

Incoming 6th grade  
Parent Information Night



# Introductions

- Aaron Grupka, Principal
- Bernadette Krumpek, Assistant Principal
- Brandon Pafk, Assistant Principal
- Kali Supples, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor



# Agenda

April 24, 2023

- Overview of our 6th grade program
- Overview of the supports available
- Discuss the transition to middle school

# Mission Statement

To explore the unfamiliar

To discover the possible

To grow in knowledge  
together

As we navigate into the  
future...

# We believe that our school should:

- Assist all students with a successful transition from elementary to high school, from child to young adult, and from dependent to an independent learner as we focus on the development of the whole child.
- Provide all students with the opportunity to develop personal responsibility and respectful behavior as they acquire the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to positively contribute to society, especially encouraging tolerance, respect, and appreciation of individual differences so all students can meet their true potential.
- Create a safe and healthy learning environment that focuses on the health and safety of all
- Provide all students with a program that is comprehensive, challenging, purposeful, integrated, relevant,



# 6th grade program

- Bases/Teams
- Satellite Classes
- Character Education
- Extra-curricular Activities



# 6th Grade Bases/Teams

- 4 mixed groupings of 6th graders
- 4 to 8 teachers on a team
- Students rotate through team classes throughout the day.
  - ELA
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Reading





# Satellite (off-base/team) classes

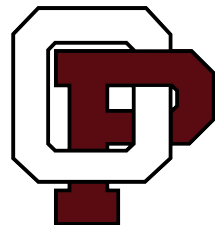
- 10 week classes
  - Wellness
  - Life and Careers
  - Art
  - Technology
- Every other day classes
  - Band
  - Chorus
  - Orchestra
  - Physical Education
- Every other day for a semester
  - Library and Information Skills
- Every other day for 10 weeks
  - General Music
- Meeting times depends on student need and schedule
  - AIS Math
  - AIS ELA
  - Reading Instruction
  - Resource Room





# Character Education

- Positive, supportive, encouraging, and empathetic climate
  - Class Meetings
  - Base Activities
  - Proactive Approach
  - Changing Behaviors



# Clubs, Activities and Intramurals

- Dozens of after school opportunities
- Encourage your child to get involved throughout the year
- Club meeting times are posted on the morning announcements, and displays around the buildings.



# Summary of the 6th Grade Program

- Math
- English Language Arts
- Reading
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education
- Art
- Library and Information Skills
- DARE
- Technology
- Life & Career Skills
- Wellness
- Music (Band, Orch., Chorus, GM)
- AIS Math/ELA
- Study Hall
- Homework Hall
- Learning Center



# Bell Schedule (sample- each bases schedule will be slightly different)

- Homeroom takes place from 8:00-8:06
- There are 4 minutes for passing time.
- Cycle 1 or Cycle 2

Period	Time	Class
1	8:10-8:51	Base
2	8:55-9:36	Satellite
3	9:40-10:21	Base
4	10:25-11:06	Satellite
5L	11:10-11:30	LUNCH
5a	11:34-12:15	Base
6a	12:19-1:00	Base
7	1:04-1:45	Base
8	1:49-2:30	Satellite



# Counseling Center Services

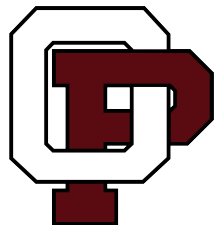
- Coordination - student schedules, parent conferences, support services, homework requests
- Consultation - parents, teachers, staff, outside providers/agencies
- Counseling - support for students
- Social Work services
- Facilitate - process for Special Education, 504 Plan, AIS





# Student Supports

- Base Teachers & Satellite Teachers
- School Counselors
- School Social Workers
- School Psychologist
- Behavioral Specialist
- OT/PT/Speech
- Teaching Assistants
- Teachers Aides
- Administrators



# Student Skills

- Self-Advocacy
- Organization
- Responsibility
- Motivation
- Positive Attitude
- Empathy
- Kindness





# What can you do as a parent/guardian?

- Communicate with us.
- Provide routine and structure
- Review your child's agenda
- Provide an appropriate space for homework
- Check your child's locker once per quarter or as needed
- Periodic check-in with teachers
- Be sure that your child attends school on a regular basis



# What can you do as a parent/guardian?

- Monitor social media and screen-time
- Ensure your child gets adequate sleep
- Encourage a healthy diet
- Remind your child to be an advocate when they have questions or need support
- Encourage your child to join a club or activity
- Join the PTO - volunteer at an event



# How can you stay informed?

- Parent Portal: Report Cards and Grades
- OPCSD website / MS page / Email
- Base pages
- Virtual Backpack
- Child's google classrooms
- Help track progress, growth, communication



# Transition to Middle School

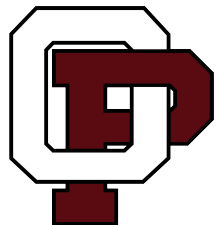
## Upcoming Events

- May - middle school staff visit the elementary schools
  - South Davis May 9
  - Ellicott May 17
  - Eggert May 10
  - Windom May 1
- June - 5th graders visit
- August 31 - 6th grade student orientation
- August 31 - PTO Back to School Night



# Contact Information

- Principal: Aaron Grupka 209-6448
- Assistant Principal: Brandon Pafk 209-6448
- Assistant Principal: Bernadette Krumpek 209-6448
- 6th Grade Counselor: Kali Supples 209-6233
- 6th Grade Social Worker: Maryanne Baumgartner 209-6233
- Attendance Office: Jeanette Smith 209-6412
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*Questions?*

*Thank you for joining us this  
evening!*

