

PETERS TOWNSHIP PARENTS  
OF THE CLASS OF 2028



Welcome to  
the 6-8 Middle School!

MR. SIKORSKI  
Principal



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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING YOU TO THE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**



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# Middle School Construction


- New Front Office Area
- New Roof
- New windows
- New HVAC System
- New Orchestra Classroom
- Classroom Upgrades





# MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL

- **TEAMING MODEL**
- **ONE BELL SCHEDULE**
- **UNITY ACROSS GRADES**
- **ROBUST ELECTIVE PROGRAM**



PETERS  
TOWNSHIP  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

# WHAT DOES 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GAIN?



- **FULL-YEAR/DAILY INSTRUCTION IN SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES**
- **MAINTAINING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) BLOCK**

# WHAT DOES 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GAIN?



- **ADDITIONAL TIME FOR MUSIC, ART, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH**
- **ADDITIONAL TIME FOR INSTRUCTION IN WORLD LANGUAGES (FRENCH, GERMAN, AND SPANISH)**

# WHAT DOES 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GAIN?



- **ACCELERATED MATH WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT TRAVELING TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL.**
- **EACH STUDENT WILL HAVE A DAILY STUDY LAB INCLUDING A MATH LAB OPTION FOR THOSE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.**

# SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

- **CLASSROOMS WILL BE ASSIGNED ACCORDING TO TEACHER TEAM ASSIGNMENTS.**
- **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASSROOMS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE MAIN FLOOR OF THE SCHOOL. (CLOSER TO ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELING OFFICES.)**





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Meet our  
Counselors!

**MS. TREVITHICK**  
8th Grade Counselor

**MRS. KENNY-MASSARO**  
★  
7th Grade Counselor

**MRS. WAWRZENIAK**  
6th Grade Counselor

# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHERS





# Just a Typical Day at PTMS



**7:45 am**  
Student Arrival

**8:00 am**  
Start of School Day

**2:55 pm**  
Student Dismissal

**Class Length: 41 minutes**  
**Pass Time: 4 minutes**

All students will have...



Seven periods of classes

Homeroom (17 minutes)

- Team Building
- Academic Activities

Lunch (30 minutes)

Study Lab and/or  
Musical Performance

## CLASSES

### CORE CLASSES

- Language Arts  
(double block)
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math

### SPECIAL AREA CLASSES

- Practical Arts
- Fine Arts

Music  
Gym  
Health

SIX WEEK  
SPECIALS



Computer Applications

French Exploratory

AIM

Spanish Exploratory

Intro to Innovation

German Exploratory



# TWELVE WEEK SPECIALS



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION /HEALTH

Your child will need a  
combo lock and gym  
uniform – shorts and  
t-shirt in school colors.

## ART

## MUSIC

- Comprehensive
- Vocal
- Strings
- Instrumental

# STUDY LAB

OR *Performance music classes*

Option 1

**STUDY LAB  
EVERYDAY**

Option 2

**STUDY LAB +  
1 performance  
music**

Option 3

**NO STUDY LAB  
2 performance  
music classes**

## STUDY LAB

- Complete homework
- Make appointments to visit teachers for additional help
- Make-up missed assignments



CHORUS

BAND

OR

ORCHESTRA

Option 1 STUDY LAB EVERYDAY

Option 2 STUDY LAB + 1  
performance music

COMBO 1

STUDY LAB & CHORUS

COMBO 2

STUDY LAB & BAND

COMBO 3

STUDY LAB & ORCHESTRA

# CONFUSED

yet?



Option 3 NO STUDY LAB  
2 performance music  
classes

COMBO 1

CHORUS & BAND

COMBO 2

CHORUS & ORCHESTRA



## PTMS Sample Schedule For 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Period	Term	Course Name	Enroll	Leave
P1	20-21	Science 6	08/24/2020	06/10/2021
P2	20-21	Math 6	08/24/2020	06/10/2021
HR	20-21	Homeroom 6	08/24/2020	06/10/2021
P3	T1	Instrumental Music 6	08/24/2020	11/16/2020
P3	T2	Art 6	11/17/2020	03/09/2021
P3	T3	Physical Education 6	03/10/2020	06/10/2021
P4	20-21	Lunch 6	08/24/2020	06/10/2021
P5/6	20-21	Language Arts 6	08/24/2020	06/10/2021
P7/8	20-21	Reading 6	08/24/2021	06/10/2021
P9	20-21	Social Studies 6	08/24/2021	06/10/2021
P10	X1	French 6	08/24/2021	10/02/2020
P10	X2	German 6	10/03/2020	11/16/2020
P10	X3	AIM	11/17/2020	01/25/2021
P10	X4	Computer Apps 6	01/26/2021	03/09/2021
P10	X5	Intro To Innovation	03/10/2021	04/28/2021
P10	X6	Spanish 6	04/29/2021	06/10/2021
P11	20-21	Study Lab	08/24/2020	06/10/2021
P11	20-21	Band 6	08/24/2020	06/10/2021



# An Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Biggest Worries 🙄

## #1 Lockers

- ☐ **Your child will be assigned a locker**
  - All lockers have a combination lock
- ☐ **Lockers can be accessed between classes**
  - It is your child's responsibility to keep his/her locker organized and clean
- ☐ **Book bags must stay in lockers**
  - He/She cannot carry a book bag to and from classes

We suggest...

- ☐ Buy a combination lock and have them practice over the summer
- ☐ Remind them that...
  - ☐ The first week of school will be the most challenging – it will get easier!
  - ☐ The Guidance Office has all the combinations written down (if they forget!)

# An Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Biggest Worries 🙄

## #2 Getting Lost & Being Late

- **The First Day Schedule is Adjusted**
  - Allows additional time for students to get organized
  - Teachers will be in the halls to help students find their way
- **Students typically adjust quickly to changing classes**
  - Time management is key!
  - As long as they are direct and efficient, they will not struggle to get to classes on time.
- **If late, have a pass from a staff member**

We suggest...

- Having your student attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation held in August to walk their schedule and practice their locker combo
- Remind them that staff members will be there to help

# An Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Biggest Worries 🙄

## #3 Homework

- Will your child have homework? YES!
  - It is typical to have homework almost every night (especially in math)
- Don't let it pile up!
- Online Homework – Canvas Parent App
  - Grades reported in PowerSchool





# Other Information

## Absences

- It is your student's responsibility to speak with each teacher and gather make-up work.
  
- If your child is out for 3 or more days...
  - Notify the Main Office and/or your child's counselor
  - Students can access assignments on Canvas
  
- The Make-Up Work Policy can be found in the student handbook (under the "Parent Quick Links" tab on the website).

## Notes to the Office

- Attendance Notes
  
- Early Dismissals
  - Must be turned into the attendance secretary in the Main Office



# Other Information

## Dress Code

### TOPS

- All shirts must have sleeves
- No vulgar, obscene, or offensive words or pictures
- No references to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco

### BOTTOMS

- Skirts and shorts cannot be too short or too tight and of an acceptable length (mid-thigh)
- No cut or ripped jeans above the knees
- Underwear cannot be seen at any point

### MISC

- No hats, but yes to flip flops

## Cell Phones

- Are permitted, but must be **SHUT OFF** and **KEPT IN LOCKERS** at all times
  - Your child may use the phones in the Main Office when needed.

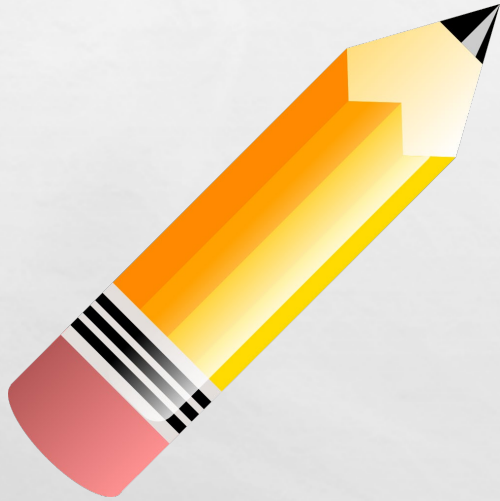
# Music Course *requests*

**Students/parents must complete a Google Form indicating which 12 week music class their child would like to take for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All students take one 12 week music class.**

1. *Comprehensive Music* – General music class, most like what students had at McMurray.
2. *Band Instrumental Music* – This class is a companion class for Band. Only students who play a band instrument can take this class.
3. *Strings Instrumental* – This class is a companion class for Orchestra. Only students who play an orchestra instrument can take this class.
4. *Vocal Music* – For students also participating in chorus OR even if not participating in chorus, but they just like to sing.



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation



This event is for students and will  
be held in

*August*

Students will get a chance to...

- See their schedule
- Find their classes
- Open their locker
- Meet new students

*Check our website for updated  
information this summer!*





THANK YOU FOR  
COMING!

*We hope you enjoy the rest of your evening!*

