

PETERS TOWNSHIP PARENTS  
OF THE CLASS OF 2030



Welcome to the  
Middle School!

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Principal



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



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# MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL

- **TEAMING MODEL**
- **ONE BELL SCHEDULE**
- **ROBUST ELECTIVE PROGRAM**



PETERS  
TOWNSHIP  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

# SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms are located on the main floor of the school. (Closer to Administration and Counseling Offices.)**



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**MRS. HICKS**  
7th Grade Counselor

**MRS. KENNY-MASSARO**  
★  
6th Grade Counselor

**MRS. WAWRZENIAK**  
8th 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



Math



Reading



Writing



Science



Social Studies

### 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
- 🎵 Chorus
- 🎵 Strings Instrumental
- 🎵 Band 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**




CHORAL  
ENSEMBLE

BAND

OR

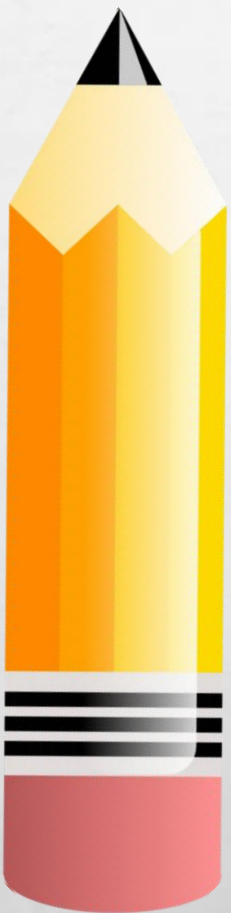
ORCHESTRA

## STUDY LAB

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



Option 1 STUDY LAB EVERYDAY



Option 2 STUDY LAB + 1  
performance music

COMBO 1  
STUDY LAB & CHORAL ENSEMBLE

COMBO 2  
STUDY LAB & BAND

COMBO 3  
STUDY LAB & ORCHESTRA

# CONFUSED



yet?

Option 3 NO STUDY LAB  
2 performance music  
classes

COMBO 1  
CHORAL ENSEMBLE & BAND

COMBO 2  
CHORAL ENSEMBLE &  
ORCHESTRA

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

Period	Term	Course Name	Enroll	Leave
P1	23-24	Reading 6	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
P2	23-24	Math 6	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
HR	23-24	Homeroom 6	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
P3	T1	Instrumental Music 6	08/28/2023	11/28/2023
P3	T2	Art 6	11/29/2023	03/05/2024
P3	T3	Physical Education 6	03/06/2024	06/07/2024
P4	23-24	Lunch 6	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
P5/6	23-24	Writing 6	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
P7/8	23-24	Science 6	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
P9	23-24	Social Studies 6	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
P10	X1	French 6	08/28/2023	10/09/2023
P10	X2	German 6	10/10/2023	11/28/2023
P10	X3	AIM	11/29/2023	01/18/2024
P10	X4	Computer Apps 6	01/19/2024	03/05/2024
P10	X5	Intro To Innovation	03/06/2024	04/25/2024
P10	X6	Spanish 6	04/26/2024	06/07/2024
P11	23-24	Study Lab (days 1, 2, 3)	08/28/2023	06/07/2024
P11	23-24	Band 6 (days 4, 5, 6)	08/28/2023	06/07/2024

# 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

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  
Teachers post a “Week at a Glance” in Canvas that explains the assignments for the week.

● Grades reported in PowerSchool



# Other Information

## Absences

- It is your student's responsibility to speak with each teacher and ask about make-up work.
- If your child is out for 3 or more days...
  - Notify the Main Office, nurse and/or your child's counselor
  - Check the Week-at-a-glance for assignments
  - Students can access some 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

- 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
- Under garments cannot be seen at any point

### ● MISC

- No hats, but yes to flip flops

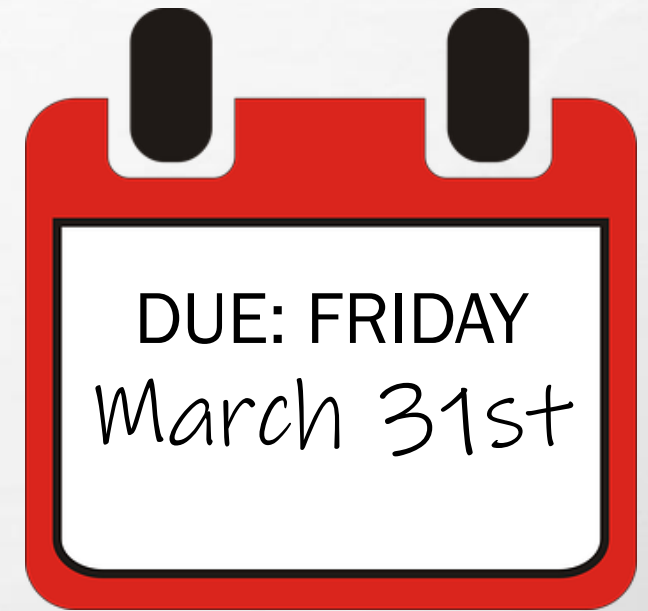
## Cell Phones

- ☎ 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*

**Parents/Guardians 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 for students who play a band instrument. Students selecting this option will also take the Band performance music class.
3. *Strings Instrumental* – This class is for students who play an orchestra instrument. Students selecting this option will also take the Orchestra performance music class.
4. *Chorus* – For students who love to sing. There will be an evening performance at the end of the trimester as part of this class. Students who take Chorus also have the option of taking the Choral Ensemble performance music class.



# 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!

# Clubs/Activities at the Middle School

**Bits of Lit**

**Newspaper**

**Forensics Team**

**Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science  
(PJAS)**

**Best Buddies Program**

**Science Olympiad**

**The Green Team**

**Spelling Bee**

**Math Counts**

**Student Council**

**Musical**

**Yearbook Staff**

**National History Day**




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



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# COMMUNICATION

- **RELATIONSHIPS**
- **TRANSITION**
- **TEAM MEETINGS**
- **WHO TO CONTACT**
- **EMAILS**
- **POWER SCHOOL**
- **CANVAS**



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THANK YOU FOR  
COMING!

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

