

Welcome to  
**Walter C. Polson Middle School**  
2022-23

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Kathryn Hart - Principal  
Martha Curran - Assistant Principal

# Introductions

## Administration

- Kathryn Hart - Principal
- Martha Curran - Assistant Principal
- Kristin Skelly - Special Ed Coordinator

## School Counselors

- Rachel Kilian - Grade 6 Counselor
- TBD - Grade 7 Counselor
- Charlene Doane - Grade 8 Counselor

# Introductions

## Teachers joining us tonight

- Jenny Coniff
- Mary Rao
- Deb Thomas

## Student Tour Guides

- James Alvarado
- Cole Brinn
- Julian Catalfo
- Josh Glazer
- Taylor Kee
- Maeve Pearson
- Elle Vradenburgh

# *Polson Pride: Our Core Values*

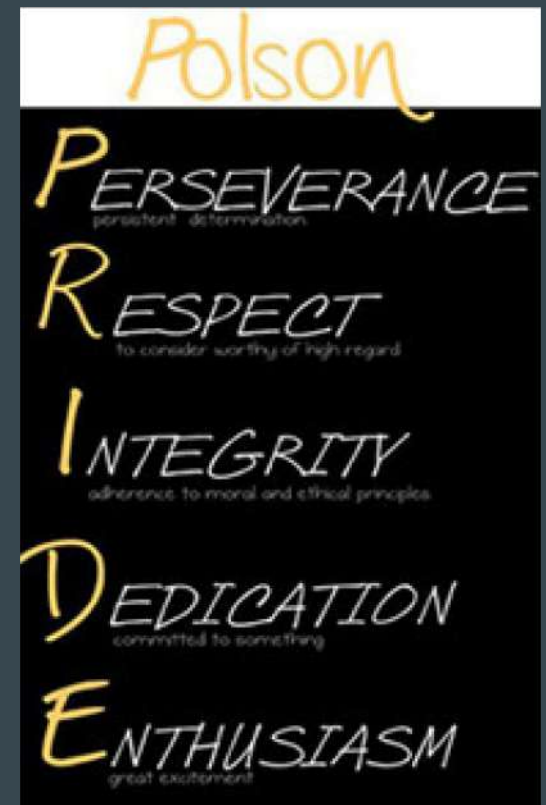
Perseverance

Respect

Integrity

Dedication

Enthusiasm



# Polson 2022-2023

Projected Enrollment: 522

- Grade 6: 170
- Grade 7: 168
- Grade 8: 184

## Bell Times

- 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Bells start and end the day)


## Teaming Model

- 5 teams in grade 6
- 2 teams in grade 7
- 2 teams in grade 8

# The Teaming Model

There are 5 teams in sixth grade.

Two core teachers on each team.



One teaches  
Math and  
Science

One teaches LA  
and Social  
Studies

Special Education teacher assigned to each team

# Keeping You Informed

- The website: [www.polsonmiddleschool.org](http://www.polsonmiddleschool.org)
- The Polson and MPS E-Notify
- Individual teacher websites on Google Classroom
- Follow us on Twitter, Instagram @PolsonPride, and Facebook at Polson Middle School:



# Transition Plan

- Elective Course Selections
- Team meetings with grade 5 teachers
- Visit Polson - meet staff and tour (May 26)
- Team Placement Letter - August 2022
- Back to School Orientation - August 2022



# Policies and Procedures

- Grade Level Counselors
- Team Leaders
- Arrival and Dismissal
- Lockers
- Student Planners
- Late Arrivals and Early Dismissals...  
notes please!

# BYOD Policy - a.k.a. Cell Phones!

- Phones are not permitted in class unless approved by the teacher for educational purposes only. The LMC, PRIDE, and homeroom are considered academic environments that need adult permission for cell phone use.
- Students should not use phones:
  - in hallways or in the cafeteria during school hours
  - in the locker rooms or bathrooms
  - to text at any point during the school day.

# Safety and Supervision

## *In School, Out of School, and Online*

- Safety Drills  
(Fire Drills, Lockdowns, Security Personnel)
- Social and Emotional Needs
- Technology  
(social media, texting, cell phones)

*Supervision is Critical!*

**Any questions related to our  
Policies and Procedures?**



# ACADEMIC PROGRAM



# Academic Program Goals

Provide students an education that will prepare them for the world after high school:

*critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, self-direction, global awareness*

- Provide equal access to programs for all students, across all teams
- Appropriately place students
- Balance class sizes
- Variety of offerings to foster the diverse set of talents



# 6th Grade CORE Classes

One 70-minute  
period of each

Language Arts

Math

Science / Social  
Studies



# Mathematics



## 6th Grade

- Grade level curriculum
- Pre-test analysis for extension
- Continuation from grade 5

## 7th Grade

- Math 7 or Pre-algebra

## 8th Grade

- Pre-algebra or Algebra



# Readers and Writers Workshop



- ✓ To increase volume of reading
- ✓ To help transfer reading skills
- ✓ To handle increasing text complexity
- ✓ To increase vocabulary - authentically
- ✓ To give children what we all want . . .  
**Choice!**

# Social Studies

- Read nonfiction sources from the past and present
- Understand the reasoning behind others' points of view
- Form an opinion and support it with evidence
- Navigate information from a variety of digital and print sources
- Appreciation the world - historically, culturally, and geographically

# Science

- Support claims with evidence and scientific reasoning.
- Create and analyze graphs as a way to share and understand data.
- Develop students' ability to think critically while learning about current events in science.
- Explore a variety of topics to help better understand the science behind our everyday lives.

## Special Education:

Special education teachers are assigned to teams.

## Academic Intervention:

Reading specialists and a math specialist that provide academic interventions.

Interventions include:

- Reading
- Math
- Counseling



# Related Arts Periods

## World Language

### Grade 6

Spanish (3/6)

### Grade 7 and 8

Spanish or French  
(6/6)

## PE and Related Arts

### Grades 68

PE (3/6)

*and*

One Trimester of::

- Art (3/6)
- Computers (3/6)
- Health (3/6)

## Electives- Student CHOICE!

### Grades 78



# All Students Take:

Art  
Health  
Computers  
PE  
Spanish



# And 1 Performing Art Elective:

Band  
Orchestra  
Chorus  
Theater



# Grade 6

## Homeroom

1. Math or LA
2. Related Arts (Ex. PE, computers/art/health)
3. Math or LA
4. Lunch
5. Related Arts (Ex. theater, music, or Spanish)
6. Social studies or Science
7. Pride - 20 minutes

GRADE 6	
HR/Announcements 8:00-8:08	
<u>Period 1</u> CORE 8:10-9:20	<u>Period 5</u> R.A. 12:00-12:53
<u>Period 2</u> R.A. 9:23-10:16	<u>Period 6</u> CORE 12:55-2:05
<u>Period 3</u> CORE 10:19-11:29	<u>Period 7 - PRIDE</u> 2:07-2:30
<u>Period 4 - LUNCH</u> 11:32-11:57	<u>Dismissal</u> 2:30

# PRIDE Period

~20 minutes  
every day

## What is it?

- See other teachers
- Go to LMC
- Visit with counselors
- School/Grade Events
- Down time, socialize



**Any questions related to our  
Academics?**



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



# Get Involved!

- Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics
- Academic Intramural Program (*French Club, Debate, Cooking, Robotics, Artistic Expressions and more...*)
- Student Council, Excel Club, Peer Helpers, Diversity Club
- Community Service Initiatives and Fundraising



# Intramurals/Interscholastic Sports and Programs

- Offerings, forms, dates, and costs are posted on the Polson and athletic department websites
  - Academic Intramurals
  - Athletic Intramurals
  - Interscholastic Sports: *Must have had a physical within the last 13 months.*  
*No physical, No tryout!*

**Let's Show You Around**

**Building tours from our  
grade 6 students**

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**We're happy to meet you back  
here for questions after the tour.**

Questions?  
Comments?  
Concerns?



*Looking forward to a great year! Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need anything.*