

**PATRIOT OAKS ACADEMY
6TH GRADE
TRANSITION NIGHT**



QUESTIONS?

NOTE CARDS



INTRODUCTIONS SUPPORT TEAM

Principal

Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal

School Counselor 6th – 8th

Guidance Secretary

Instructional Literacy Coach

Dean

Media

Ms. Emily Harrison

Mr. Jeffrey Stoddard

Ms. Ashley McCormick

Ms. Dianna Carlson-Bright

Ms. Sandi Watson

Ms. Baez

Ms. Kim Susice

Mr. Chris Wetjen

Mr. David Richards

TRANSITION GOALS

- **REDUCE ANXIETY (PARENTS/STUDENTS)**
- **SMOOTH AND POSITIVE TRANSITION**
- **EMPHASIZE POSITIVE STUDENT/TEACHER RELATIONSHIPS**
- **MAKE A POSITIVE FIRST IMPRESSION TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS**
- **OVERVIEW**

At Patriot Oaks Academy, what does a good learner do?

COMMUNICATES EFFECTIVELY

HAS HIGH EXPECTATIONS

ADAPTS AND PERSEVERES

REMAINS RESOURCEFUL

GENERATES GOALS

ENGAGES IN MEANINGFUL FEEDBACK

REFLECTS ON LEARNING

SEES ERRORS AS OPPORTUNITIES

CONNECTIONS... PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- **IMPORTANT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**
- **LOOKS DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE**
 - **STUDENTS: CLUBS, SPORTS, BAND**
 - **PARENTS: VOLUNTEER, PTO**
- **BE INVOLVED!**

HOW DO WE TRANSITION ?

- **PARENT NIGHT**
- **DAYTIME TRANSITION**
- **SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM**
- **ORIENTATION**
- **“OPEN HOUSE”**

SAFETY

- **STUDENTS WILL FEEL SAFE IN SCHOOL**
- **EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY SECURE**
 - **BULLYING**
 - **PEER COUNSELING**
- **FOCUS ON AND REWARD THE POSITIVE**
 - **CHARACTER COUNTS**
 - **LEADERSHIP**
 - **SET THE CULTURE**

TECHNOLOGY

- **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP**

- **COMPUTER ACCESS**

INFORMATION

- **HOW DO I....?**
- **WHERE DO I.....?**
- **WHAT IF.....?**
- **SCHOOL VISITS, ORIENTATIONS, OPEN HOUSE,
NEWSLETTERS, CHARGER CHAT, SCHOOL WEBSITE,
PTO WEBSITE, TWITTER, REMIND TEXTS**

COMMUNICATION AND CONFERENCING

- **EMAIL IS PREFERRED- DUE TO THE BUSY NATURE OF THE SCHOOL DAY, PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 48 HOURS FOR RESPONSE.**
- **TO LEAVE A PHONE MESSAGE, CALL THE FRONT DESK THE FRONT DESK WILL LEAVE THE TEACHER A NOTE.**
- **IF YOU WANT TO MEET WITH THE TEACHERS, PLEASE CONTACT MS. WATSON, THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR, TO SCHEDULE A TEAM MEETING.**

POA CHARGER TEACHER SUPPORT

4 Core Classes

Language Arts
Math

Social Studies
Science

3 Non-Core Classes

P.E. (required)

Information Communications Technology 1 (ICT- required)

Band

Chorus

Art

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **CURRICULUM FOCUS**
 - **FOUR THEMATIC UNITS**
 - **VOCABULARY SKILLS, PREFIXES/ROOTS/SUFFIXES**
 - **LITERATURE BALANCED BETWEEN FICTION/NONFICTION**
 - **ACADEMIC ESSAYS: WRITING FOCUS IS ON INFORMATIONAL AND ARGUMENTATIVE**
 - **GENRE BINGO**
- **HOMEWORK, ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNICATION**
 - **THERE IS AN ONLINE TEXTBOOK AND STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PERSONAL USERNAME AND LOGIN**
 - **HAC, EDMODO, AND EMAIL UPDATES**
 - **NIGHTLY READING- A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES**
 - **STUDY FOR VOCABULARY SKILL QUIZZES**
- **SUMMER READING/SUMMER MENU**
 - **YES- DETAILS POSTED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

MATH

- **CURRICULUM FOCUS**
 - **FSA STANDARDS**
 - **STD. / ADV.**
 - **STD. = 6TH GRADE STDS.**
 - **ADV. = ALL 6TH GR STDS. + (8) 7TH GRADE STDS.**
- **HOMEWORK, ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNICATION**
 - **HOMEWORK IS STARTED IN CLASS AND COMPLETED AT HOME, NIGHTLY**
 - **EDMODO, HAC, PLANNERS**

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH PROGRESSION

	Meeting the following criteria:			
A Student in:	grade in class	placement test	FSA	Recommended Placement:
Mathematics- Grade Five	A or B	n/a	4 or 5	Grade 6 Mathematics, Adv
Mathematics- Grade Five	A-D	n/a	3 or below	Grade 6 Mathematics, Std
Mathematics- Grade Five	A-D	n/a	1	Grade 6 Mathematics, Std + Intensive Math
Grade 6 Mathematics, Adv	A or B	n/a	3, 4, 5	Grade 7 Mathematics, Adv
Grade 6 Mathematics, Adv	A	Passing Grade	4 or 5	Algebra 1 Honors (HS Credit)
Grade 6 Mathematics, Std	A or B	n/a	4 or 5	Grade 7 Mathematics, Adv
Grade 6 Mathematics, Std	A-D	n/a	Any Score	Grade 7 Mathematics, Std
Grade 6 Mathematics, Std	A-D	n/a	1	Grade 7 Mathematics, Std + Intensive Math
Grade 7 Mathematics, Adv	A or B	n/a	4 or 5 (+/-HL3)	Algebra 1 Honors (HS Credit)
Algebra 1 Honors (HS Credit)	C or Higher	Pass EOC	n/a	Geometry Honors (HS Credit)
Grade 7 Mathematics, Adv	A-D	n/a	LL3 or below	Pre-Algebra
Grade 7 Mathematics, Std	A-D	n/a	any level	Pre-Algebra
Grade 7 Mathematics, Std + Intensive Math	A-D	n/a	any level	Pre-Algebra

This progression is updated according to district recommendations.

SCIENCE

- **CURRICULUM FOCUS**
 - **STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN INQUIRY-BASED SCIENCE AND LABS**
- **HOMEWORK, ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNICATION**
 - **STUDENTS WILL USE A WORK TEXT/TEXTBOOK AND HAVE ACCESS TO AN ONLINE TEXT**
 - **STUDENTS USE THEIR INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOKS FOR ALL UNITS OF STUDY**
- **SCIENCE FAIR**
- **LAB DONATION**

SOCIAL STUDIES- WORLD HISTORY

- **CURRICULUM FOCUS**

- **WORLD HISTORY- ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS TO SETTLEMENT OF THE AMERICAS**
 - **INTEGRATES ECONOMICS, GEOGRAPHY AND CIVIC STANDARDS**
- **WE USE DBQ'S (DOCUMENT BASED QUESTIONS) TO PRACTICE OUR CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS AND (CLOSE) READING SKILLS**
- **WE HAVE ONE DBQ PER QUARTER THAT IS A SUMMATIVE GRADE FOR THE ESSAY...
SUPPORTS LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION**

- **HOMEWORK, ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNICATION**

- **THERE IS AN ONLINE TEXTBOOK AND STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PERSONAL USERNAME AND LOGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

- **HISTORY FAIR**

- **ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION SKILLS**
- **FAIR IS OPTIONAL**

SCHEDULE

- **STUDENTS TAKE 7 COURSES ON AN ALTERNATING BLOCK SCHEDULE**
- **RED DAY –**
 - **1ST PERIOD**
 - **3 BLOCKS**
- **BLUE DAY –**
 - **1ST PERIOD (EVERYDAY SAME CLASS- 45 MINUTES)**
 - **3 DIFFERENT BLOCKED CLASSES (90 MINUTES)**
- **STUDENTS REPORT TO HOMEROOM/1ST PERIOD EACH DAY BY 8:30AM FOR IMPORTANT MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

COURSE VERIFICATION AND ELECTIVE FORMS

- **COURSE VERIFICATIONS AND ELECTIVE CHOICE FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME ON MARCH 3RD.**
- **THEY ARE DUE BACK ON MARCH 10TH**
- **TEACHERS HAVE PROVIDED INPUT AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS**
- **PE AND ICT1 ARE STANDARD ELECTIVES**
- **CHOICE ELECTIVES NEED TO BE RANKED**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS TAKE A FULL YEAR OF P.E.**
- **PE UNIFORM (ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE SUMMER) / APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR**
- **STUDENTS CHANGE IN THE LOCKER ROOM- LOCK FEE \$5**

ICT ESSENTIALS

- **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) IS A TECHNOLOGY SERIES DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR TEACHERS TO INFUSE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES INTO THE CLASSROOM AND TO EMPOWER STUDENTS WITH THE TECHNOLOGY SKILLS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS IN THEIR ACADEMIC AND CAREER ENDEAVORS**
- **ICT1 (6TH GRADE) CURRICULUM**
 - **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP (ICT 1/2/3)**
 - **CYBER SECURITY**
 - **MULTIMEDIA**
 - **WORD PROCESSING**
 - **COMPUTING**

ICT ESSENTIALS CONTINUED

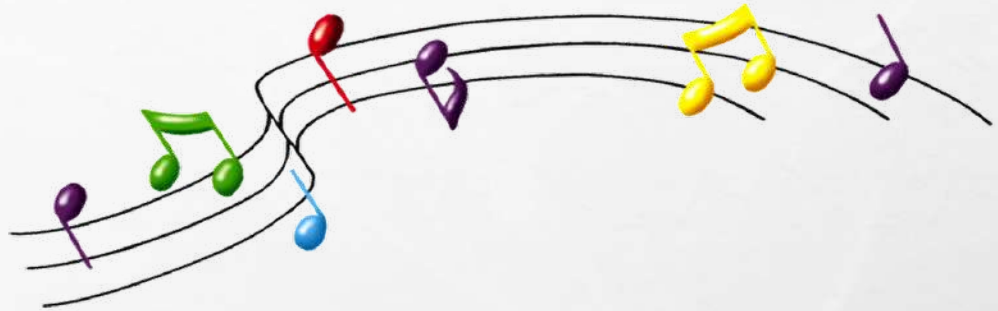
- **ICT 2 (7TH GRADE) CURRICULUM**
 - **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP (ICT 1/2/3)**
 - **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - **DATABASE**
 - **SPREADSHEETS**
- **ICT 3 (8TH GRADE) CURRICULUM**
 - **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP (ICT 1/2/3)**
 - **PROGRAMMING & LOGIC**
 - **GAMING**
 - **WEB DESIGN**

BEGINNING BAND

BAND IS A WONDERFUL OPTION FOR STUDENTS WHO ENJOY MUSIC!

- **STUDENTS INTERESTED IN BAND SHOULD SELECT BAND ON THEIR ELECTIVE FORM.**
- **TO BE ENROLLED IN ADVANCED (7TH GRADE BAND), PARENTS MUST CONTACT MR. RAUH.**
- **WE WILL HOST AN INSTRUMENT AND INFORMATION NIGHT DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL SO STUDENTS CAN TRY OUT ALL INSTRUMENT CHOICES.**
- **INSTRUMENT PURCHASE/RENTAL – *INFORMATION REGARDING PURCHASE AND RENTAL WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SUMMER MEETING.***
- **FAIR SHARE \$135.00**

CHORUS



- **STUDENTS WILL LEARN BASIC SOLFEGE SINGING AND SYMBOLS**
- **STUDENTS WILL LEARN TO READ MUSIC ON THE TREBLE CLEF STAFF**
- **WE WILL HAVE MANY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES...VETERAN'S DAY, CAROLING THROUGH THE SCHOOL, AND A MUSICAL SHOW IN THE SPRING!**

ART

- **6TH GRADE – 2 DIMENSIONAL ART 1**
- **7TH GRADE – 2 DIMENSIONAL ART 2**
- **8TH GRADE – 2 DIMENSIONAL ART 3**
- **ART COURSES DO NOT HAVE TO BE TAKEN CONSECUTIVELY**

How do I stay informed?

- **General information is provided on the school website.**
- **Online textbooks are available for all core classes. Teachers provide usernames and passwords at the beginning of the year.**
- **Teachers use Edmodo and HAC in lieu of a class website.**
 - **Students will use Edmodo to view upcoming activities, tests, and important class information.**
 - **Home Access Center (HAC) allows parents and students to view grades online. If you need your username / password, please contact Ms. Weaver.**

PLANNERS/EDMODO

- **ORGANIZATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!**
- **PLANNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH THE PTO. AVAILABILITY WILL BE ADVERTISED DURING THE SUMMER.**
- **STUDENTS ACCESS ASSIGNMENTS THROUGH EDMODO OR THE PLANNER. STUDENTS RECORD CLASS NOTES IN “ONENOTE”. “ONENOTE” CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE LAPTOP OR YOUR HOME COMPUTER. STUDENTS WILL RECORD ALL HOMEWORK / ASSIGNMENTS IN THE STUDENT PLANNER.**
- **PARENTS MAY ASSIST STUDENTS WITH ORGANIZATION BY CHECKING THE PLANNER AND EDMODO ON A DAILY BASIS**
- **STUDENTS MAY MARK THEIR PLANNERS WITH A RED AND BLUE MARKER SO THEY KNOW WHAT DAYS THEY HAVE THEIR CLASSES... THE CALENDAR IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Mar-15						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

CHARGER SUCCESS

- **WRITE ASSIGNMENTS IN PLANNER OR WITHIN “ONENOTE” ELECTRONIC BINDER**
- **CHECK EDMODO SITES DAILY**
- **PUT HOMEWORK IN THE CORRECT CLASS FOLDER/NOTEBOOK AND KEEP THE CASE-IT CLEAN**
- **STUDY BUDDY, HAVE OTHER STUDENT’S PHONE NUMBERS TO CALL FOR HELP OR QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMEWORK OR ASSIGNMENTS.**
- **DO HOMEWORK FOR TODAY’S CLASSES THAT NIGHT.**
- **POST A SCHEDULE ON INSIDE OF LOCKER – “RED” & “BLUE” DAY CLASSES**
- **HAVE A “STUDY AREA” AT HOME WITH LIMITED DISTRACTIONS – TV, CELL PHONE, VIDEO GAMES, ETC.**
- **PLENTY OF SLEEP AND A GOOD BREAKFAST**
- **A GREAT ATTITUDE**

HOMework

- **HOMework IS DESIGNED TO BE PRESCRIPTIVE, MAY FRONT LOAD LESSONS (FLIPPED ASSIGNMENTS), AND/OR MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PRACTICE**
- **THE HOMework POLICY IS PROVIDED ON THE WEBSITE**
- **HOMework EXPECTATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSES WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO PARENTS AT OPEN HOUSE**
- **HOMework EXPECTATIONS INCREASE WITH EACH GRADE LEVEL**
- **EACH NIGHT, STUDENTS WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY SIXTY MINUTES OF HOMework, IN ADDITION TO INDEPENDENT READING**

SUPPLIES

- **THE 6TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST WILL BE POSTED ON THE SCHOOL AND PTO WEBSITES AT THE END OF THE YEAR.**
- **PREPACKAGED SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR PTO FOR DELIVERY TO THE SCHOOL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.**
 - **HEADSETS**
 - **LAB DONATION**
 - **ART DONATION**
- **SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Starting with the 2017-18 school year, all rising 6th and 9th graders will be required to verify/update their residency by providing:

1. Mortgage Statement/Property Deed or Lease/Rental Agreement with expiration date and student names listed,
2. Current utility bill,
3. One other bill or statement and
4. (if applicable) Homeowner's Acknowledgment and Residency Affidavit

****Students will not receive their schedules in August until their residency is updated.**

CHARGERS TOP 10

TIPS FOR SUCCESS!



#10

BE ON TIME

- **HR IS BUILT INTO 1ST PERIOD, THE SKINNY BLOCK (45 MINUTES). IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME.**
- **REPORT CARDS, SCHOOL INFORMATION**
- **EXCELLENT PLACE TO GET INFORMATION/ASK QUESTIONS**

#9

STORE THE BACKPACK

- **TO AND FROM SCHOOL**
- **DRAWSTRING PACKS AND “CASE IT” BINDER**
- **HALLWAY / CLASSROOM CONGESTION**
- **TOO MUCH “STUFF” / TOO HEAVY**
- **ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS**
- **TEXTBOOKS ONLINE**
- **LOCKER BREAKS BUILT IN SCHEDULE**

#8

SECURE PERSONAL ITEMS

- **WE RECOMMEND YOU LEAVE EXPENSIVE ITEMS AT HOME**
- **LOCK YOUR LOCKER**

#7

STAY ORGANIZED

- **PLANNERS, EDMODO AND HAC ARE UTILIZED DAILY**
- **PLANNERS ARE A GOOD COMMUNICATION TOOL W/ TEACHERS**
- **AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PTO (SUMMER/ORIENTATION)**

#6

BE IN CLASS

- **KEEP ABSENCES TO A MINIMUM**
- **MISSING CLASS PUTS A STUDENT BEHIND**
- **YOU CAN GET MAKEUP WORK.....BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKEUP CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION**
- **PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY**

#5

STAY INFORMED

- **STUDENT...TEACHER...PARENT**
- **IT IS A PARTNERSHIP**
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL WEBSITE/HAC- ONLINE GRADES**
- **SCHOOL - WEBSITE, PATRIOT PRESS / CHARGER CHAT, ALERT NOW PHONE MESSAGES, REMIND TEXT MESSAGES, TWITTER**
- **VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL !**

#4

PARENT CONFERENCES

- **CONTACT TEACHERS FIRST**
 - **THIS USUALLY SOLVES PROBLEMS**
- **CHECK ONLINE GRADES, WEBSITE, PLANNER/EDMODO**
- **SHOULD BE AN ACADEMIC NEED**
- **CONFERENCES ARE SCHEDULED BY THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

#3

LUNCH / P.E.

- **LUNCH**
 - **STUDENTS MAY SIT WHERE THEY WANT**
 - **30 MINUTES**
- **P.E.**
 - **LOCK RENTAL FEE**
 - **PE UNIFORM**

#2

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **START / END TIMES- SAME AS ELEMENTARY 8:30-2:50 (1:50)**
- **SCHOOL OPENS AT 8:00 AM**
- **PARENT DROP OFF**
 - **ABOUT 15 MINUTES- ALLOW TIME FOR YOUR STUDENT TO WALK TO THEIR LOCKER AND CLASS... YOU SHOULD BE IN THE LINE BETWEEN 8:00-8:10**
- **DRESS CODE- FOLLOWS THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**
- **FORGOTTEN ITEMS**
 - **AN EMAIL IS SENT TO THE TEACHERS**

#1

I AM IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.....

- **GET INVOLVED!**
- **POSITIVE STUDENT-TEACHER RELATIONSHIP**
- **INCREASE FREEDOMINCREASED RESPONSIBILITY**
- **STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY**
 - **BE A CHARGER LEARNER!**
 - **BE ON TIME AND TRY YOUR BEST**
 - **ADHERE TO SCHOOL/CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

SUMMER TRANSITION

**REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND
ADVERTISED IN MAY**

- **OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO BECOME ORIENTED
TO MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- **MEET TEACHERS**
- **MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT!

**PLEASE LEAVE QUESTION CARDS SO WE CAN ANSWER ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE**

**WE ARE CONFIDENT YOUR CHILDREN WILL HAVE A SUCCESSFUL
TRANSITION TO THE 6TH GRADE.**

**OUR EXPERIENCED TEAM IS READY TO HELP YOUR CHILD TO
BECOME A SUCCESSFUL AND INDEPENDENT VISIBLE LEARNER!**

100%
INVOLVEMENT

**OUR GOAL IS THAT EACH AND EVERY MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENT WILL BE INVOLVED IN ONE
OR MORE SCHOOL-RELATED CLUB OR SPORT**