

PETERS TOWNSHIP PARENTS
OF THE CLASS OF 2028



the 6-8 Middle School!

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

MR. SIKORSKI
Principal



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



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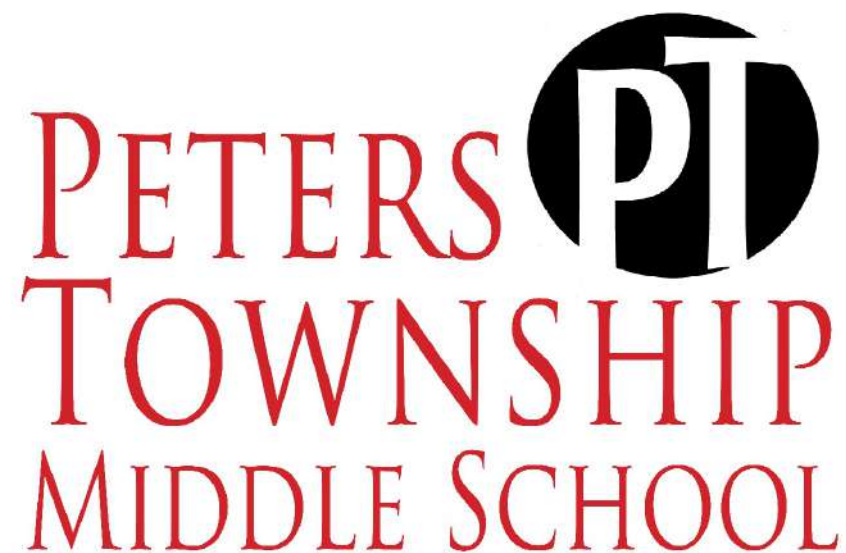
Middle School Construction

- ☐ 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**



WHAT DOES 6TH GRADE GAIN?



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

WHAT DOES 6TH GRADE GAIN?



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

WHAT DOES 6TH 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.**
- **6TH GRADE CLASSROOMS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE MAIN FLOOR OF THE SCHOOL. (CLOSER TO ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELING OFFICES.)**



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MS. TREVITHICK
8th Grade Counselor

MRS. KENNY-MASSARO
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7th Grade Counselor

MRS. WAWRZENIAK
6th Grade Counselor

6TH 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 6th 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 6th 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!)

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#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 6th Grade Orientation held in August to walk their schedule and practice their locker combo
- ☐ Remind them that staff members will be there to help

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#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 6th 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.

6th 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!

