



*Voorhees Middle School*

*Welcome Class of 2026!*



*VMS 6th Grade  
Parent Orientation*



WE'RE ALL  
IN THIS  
TOGETHER

# *Welcome to Voorhees Middle School!*

- It is perfectly normal to be  anxious about your child coming to middle school!
- These are major transition years for your child. Students will go through many changes in the three years they are here.
- Our goal here at VMS is to transition students from elementary learners into independent, secondary learners who are ready to face our ever-changing global society.

# *Administration*

**Mrs. Kristine Calabria**

*Principal*

**Mrs. Caitlin Holloway**

*Asst. Principal Grade 6*

**Mrs. Alecia Inge**

*Asst. Principal Grade 7*

**Mr. Russ Winsett**

*Asst. Principal Grade 8*

# Contact Information

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## VMS School Counselors

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## *Car Line Drop off and Pick Up*

- All drop offs and pickups should take place near the 8th Grade entrance.
- Please do not pick up or drop off your child in the bus loop in front of the main entrance.
- Please do not park on Holly Oak drive and ask your child to walk out to you. This is for the safety of our students.
- **Please do not park in Virtua Parking Lot next to the 8th Grade Entrance. This is not our property and you can be towed or ticketed for this.**

# *Our School Day*

- School begins at 8:13AM.
- Students go to their lockers and then to homeroom.
- Homeroom is from 8:13AM - 8:27AM.
- Rotating Schedule - classes are 47 minutes each
  - 5 academic classes
  - 1 Related Arts Class
  - 1 Gym/Health Class
- There are three different lunch times 11:13 AM, 12:47 PM and 12:00 PM.
- Our school day ends at 2:51.

# 6th Grade Teams

## *Red Team*

Mrs. Johnson - Reading  
Mr. Schwindt - Science  
Mr. Magpiong - Social Studies  
Ms. Farquhar - Math  
Ms. Lewis - Language Arts

## *Blue Team*

Ms. Keith - Reading  
Mr. Brotz - Language Arts  
Mrs. Carlin - Science  
Mr. Hopely - Social Studies  
Mrs. Dark - Math

## *White Team*

Mrs. Bagnell - Social Studies  
Ms. D'Amelio - Language Arts  
Ms. Nitzberg - Science  
Mrs. Zielinski - Reading  
Mrs. Swartz - Math

## *Special Education*

Ms. Levine  
Mr. Flynn  
Mrs. Dark

Mrs. Foley  
Mrs. LaBella

## *Basic Skills*

Mr. Levine - Math  
Mrs. Flynn - Literacy

# Related Arts Teachers

## RELATED ARTS

<u>Shannon Hood</u>	Digital Art
<u>Lisa Bailey</u>	Spanish
<u>Christine Blizzard-Wrobel</u>	S.T.E.M.
<u>Anna Chervinsky</u>	Coding
<u>Ashley Gumtow</u>	Gaming and Design
<u>Amanda Hill</u>	Music
<u>Melissa Magill</u>	Mixed Media Art
<u>Michael Miracola</u>	Contemporary
	Visual Art
<u>Robert Rossi</u>	Computer Digital
<u>Matt Totoro</u>	Instrumental Music

## PHYS ED / HEALTH

<u>Michelle Carrafiello</u>	<u>Frank Concepcion</u>
<u>Lamont Day</u>	<u>Danielle Magazzu</u>
<u>Alex Morales</u>	<u>Rachel White</u>

## MEDIA CENTER—LIBRARY

Stacey Fulton

## SCHOOL NURSE

Stefany Emerson  
Marissa DelPalazzo

# *School Activities/Athletics*

Adopt-a-Grandparent

Artists and Writers Club

Band

Baseball

Basketball (Girls/Boys)

Cheerleading

Chess Club

Chorus

Drama

Environmental Science

ESports Club

Field Hockey

Free to Be Club

Homework Club

Interact Club

Intramurals

Jazz Band

Math Club

Multicultural Club

Norseman Band

Odyssey of the Mind

Running Club

School Store

Science Olympiad

String Orchestra

Stage/Tech Crew

Student Council

Soccer

Softball

SPORT

Technology Ed Club

Trailblazers Club

Track

Viking Band

Viking Press

Wrestling

Yearbook

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# School Nurses

Mrs. Stefany Emerson

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Mrs. Marissa DelPalazzo

Last Names N - Z

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Paperwork for sports Physicals can be located on VMS' website by clicking on **Athletics** and then on **Sports Physicals**.

- If your child is interested in participating in any sports, (IE: interscholastic, intramurals, or running club) our complete sports packet is required
- Once a complete sports packet is on file, a health history update questionnaire is required every 90 days for the student to continue to participate in additional sports.

Other medical paperwork can be located on VMS' website by clicking on **Programs** and then on **Nurse's Office**, forms include:

- Medication permission forms \*students are not permitted to self carry medications with the exception of inhalers and epi-pens\*
- Asthma treatment plans
- Food allergy action plans
- Seizure plans



# *Required 6th Grade Immunizations*

In compliance with the updated law effective 9/01/08 of Chapter 14 N.J.A.C. 8:57-4, New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services, we will need medical proof with dates that your child has received the following immunizations:

- ▶ Tdap
- ▶ Meningococcal

Please submit documentation of these immunizations by **August 3rd**.

\*\*These vaccines are required after your child's 11th birthday. If your child does not turn 11 until after the start of the school year, please email one of the nurses with the scheduled appointment date.

# *School Forms*

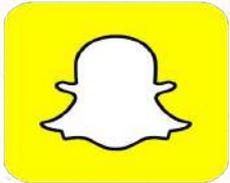
- Once the parent portal opens in August, please log in and complete the required forms for your child.
- **Be sure to complete the Technology Forms.**
- Two Additional forms will be mailed home - Emergency Contact and Camp Ockanickon Permission Forms.

# *iPad Safety and Security*

- iPad use at home - Where should it stay?
- How can you help???
  - Speak to your child about being safe and responsible
  - Make sure that your child's iPad stays in its case at all times
  - Keep a copy of your child's login and password in a safe place
- Infractions will be addressed through the Student Code of Conduct
  - iPad must stay at school
  - Restrictions being placed on iPad
  - Losing iPad for a period of time
  - Refer to iPad Policy Procedure and Use Handbook

# Online Safety and Security

- Social Media - What age should my child be?
- Popular Apps - How old should my child be to have them?
- Texting - Kidding vs Hurtful texting - Think before you press send



# *Parent Resources*

## **Common Sense Media**

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

## **Smart Social**

<https://safesmart social.com>

## **Internet Matter**

[www.internet matters.org](http://www.internet matters.org)

# *6th Grade Orientation*

6th Grade Orientation Dates:



- August 21st
- August 22nd

You will receive more information in a letter over the summer regarding times.

# Camp Ockanickon



October 3rd - Red Team  
October 4th - White Team  
October 5th - Blue Team



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