

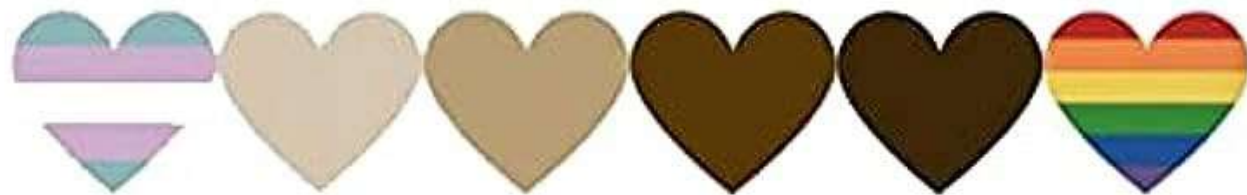


Voorhees Middle School
Welcome Vikings Class of 2027!

EVERYONE



is welcome here



WELCOME TO SIXTH GRADE!!

We're happy you're here!



- 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.

Meet the VMS Administration Team

**Ms. Kristine
Calabria**

Principal



**Mrs. Vicki
Biederman**

Asst. Principal Grade 6



Mrs. Alecia Inge

Asst. Principal Grade 7



Mr. Russ Winsett

Asst. Principal Grade 8





New Student Orientation

- August 19, 2024 Last Names A-M 8:30am-12:00pm
- August 20, 2024 Last Names N-Z 8:30am-12:00pm

You will receive more information in a letter and email over the summer.

Our School Day

- School begins at 8:13AM.
- Students go to their lockers and then to homeroom.
- Homeroom is from 8:13AM - 8:30AM.
- Rotating Schedule- classes are 47 minutes each
 - 5 academic classes
 - 1 Related Arts Class
 - 1 Gym/Health Class
- There are three different lunch times 11:03 AM, 12:43 PM and 11:53 AM.
- Our school day ends at 2:51. Early dismissal days end at 1:01pm.





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.**



6th Grade Teams

**Team
assignments
are available
in August.**

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
Ms. Palzer - Social Studies
Mrs. Dark - Math

White Team

Ms. Bagnell - Social Studies
Ms. Podwats - Language Arts
Ms. Nitzberg - Science
Ms. Zielinski - Reading
Ms. Swartz - Math

Special Education

Ms. Levine
Foley
Mr. Flynn
LaBella
Mrs. Dark

Viking Academy

Mrs.
Mrs.
Mr. Levine - Math
Ms. Flynn - Literacy



Camp Ockanickon



September 23rd - White Team
September 24th - Blue Team
September 25th - Red Team

Camp Ockanickon is an opportunity for our 6th grade students to meet new friends, create a shared experience and to engage in team building activities. It is a fun day for everyone!



Where to get information

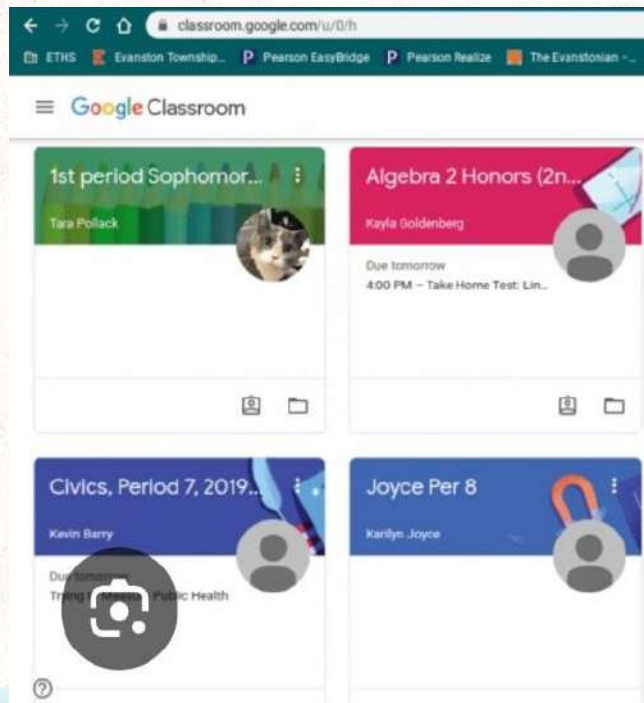
Weekly Newsletter (via Email)



School Website



Google Classroom



Notes From Our School Nurses

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Mrs. Marissa DelPalazzo

Last Names N - Z

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Click here:

[New Student Health
History Form](#)



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**

Click here:

[Physical Form](#)



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 7th**.

******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. Genesis is the same username and password from elementary school.
- **Be sure to complete the Technology Forms.**
- Two Additional forms will be mailed home - Emergency Contact and Camp Ockanickon Permission Forms.
 - Students will not be able to attend the trip to Camp Ockanickon if they do not have these forms completed.



IPad Usage

- ▶ All students will be issued a school owned ipad.
- ▶ Ipad is meant to be **tools for learning**. They are for educational purposes only.
- ▶ Misuse of an ipad will result in a consequence in accordance with the school discipline policy.
- ▶ Students bring ipads home each night and will be responsible for bringing a charged ipad to school the next day.
- ▶ Please read the technology forms to become familiar with expectations in regard to ipad usage and potential breakage.

Keeping Kids Safe in a Digital World

Common Sense Media

www.common sense media.org

Smart Social

<https://safesmart social.com>

Internet Matters

www.internet matters.org



This is how we simplify rules and expectations for 6th grade

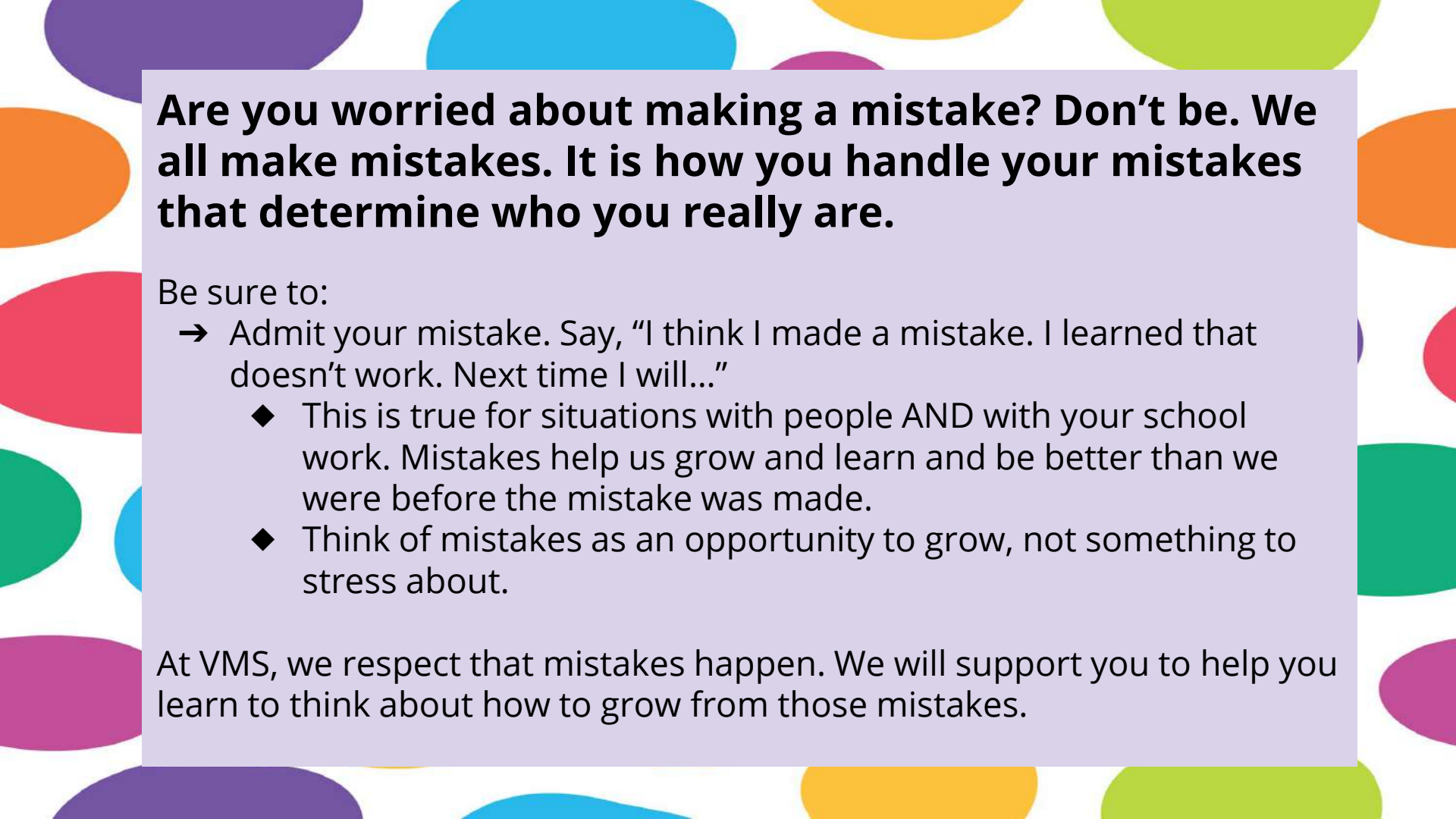
RESPECT
yourself

RESPECT
others.

Respect the setting.



ALWAYS
TRY
YOUR
BEST!

The background of the slide is white with several large, overlapping, colorful abstract shapes in shades of purple, blue, orange, green, and pink. These shapes are scattered across the entire page, creating a vibrant and playful atmosphere.

Are you worried about making a mistake? Don't be. We all make mistakes. It is how you handle your mistakes that determine who you really are.

Be sure to:

- Admit your mistake. Say, "I think I made a mistake. I learned that doesn't work. Next time I will..."
 - ◆ This is true for situations with people AND with your school work. Mistakes help us grow and learn and be better than we were before the mistake was made.
 - ◆ Think of mistakes as an opportunity to grow, not something to stress about.

At VMS, we respect that mistakes happen. We will support you to help you learn to think about how to grow from those mistakes.

Related Arts Teachers

RELATED ARTS

Shannon Hood

Digital Art

Lisa Bailey

Spanish

Christine Blizzard-Wrobel

S.T.E.M.

Maddie Askin

Coding

Adam Fincke

Gaming and Design

Katie Bove

Music

Melissa Magill

Mixed Media Art

PHYS ED / HEALTH

Michelle Carrafiello

Frank

Concepcion

Lamont Day

Danielle Morales

Alex Morales

Rachel White

MEDIA CENTER—LIBRARY

Stacey Fulton

SCHOOL NURSES

Stefany Emerson

School Activities/Athletics

Adopt-a-Grandparent

Artists and Writers Club

Band

Baseball

Basketball (Girls/Boys)

Cheerleading

Chess Club

Chorus

Drama

EmpowerMENT Alliance

Environmental Science

ESports Club

Field Hockey

Homework Club

Interact Club

Intramurals

Math Club

Multicultural Club

Norseman Band

Odyssey of the Mind

Running Club

School Store

Science Olympiad

String Orchestra

D & D

Stage/Tech Crew

Student Council

Soccer

Softball

SPORT

Technology Ed Club

Trailblazers Club

Track

Viking Press

Wrestling

Yearbook

School Counseling

Meet Your Counselor: Mrs. Stephanie Wick



school
COUNSELOR

- ❖ Next year will be my 9th year at VMS!
- ❖ I will be your child's School Counselor for their 3 years of middle school.
- ❖ My office is located in the Counseling Center with Mr. Boianelli and Mrs. Conner!
- ❖ Throughout the year I will be teaching a variety of guidance classroom lessons centered around our new Social Emotional Learning Program, Character Strong.
- ❖ Individual and group sessions are provided, as needed.





Contact Information

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- **Mrs. Jackelyn Conner - 8th Grade**
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