

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION



**5th Grade Parent/Learner Meeting**

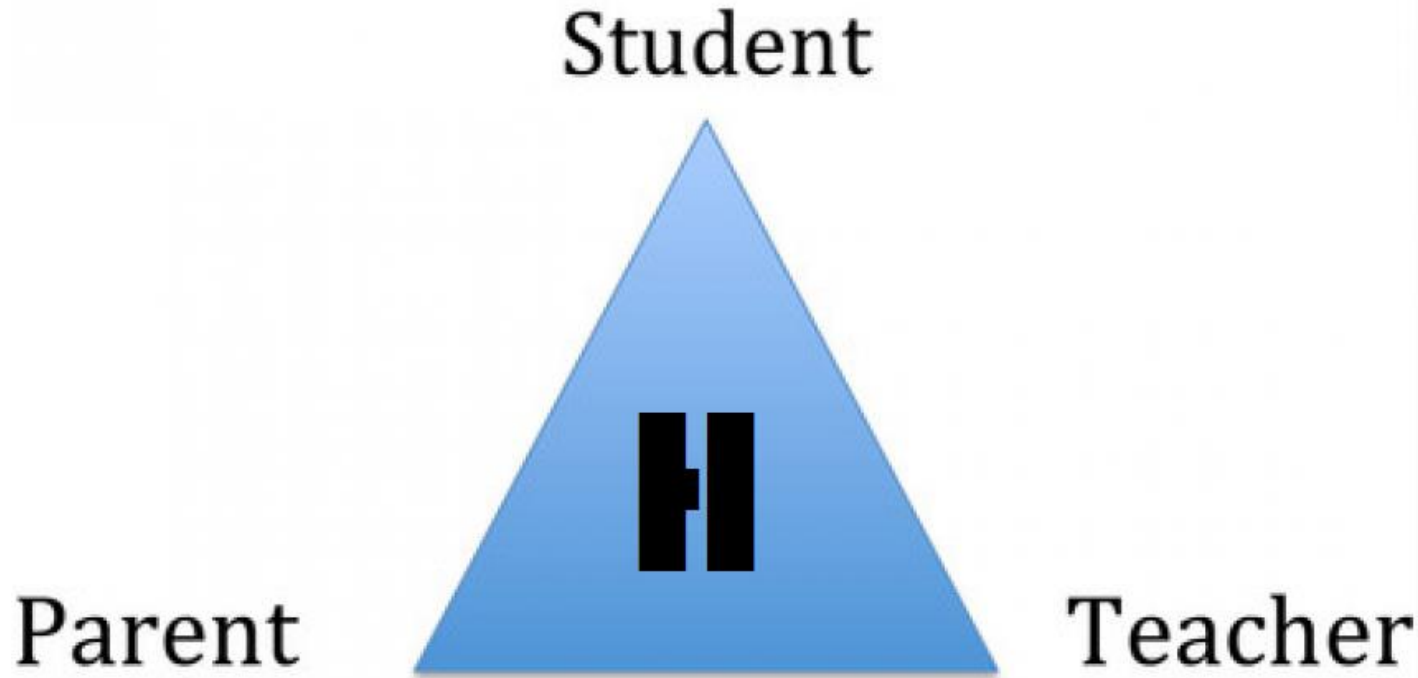
# AGENDA

- What to Expect!
  - Middle School Philosophy
  - Overview of 6th Grade
    - Courses
    - Technology
    - Activities
  - Middle School Development





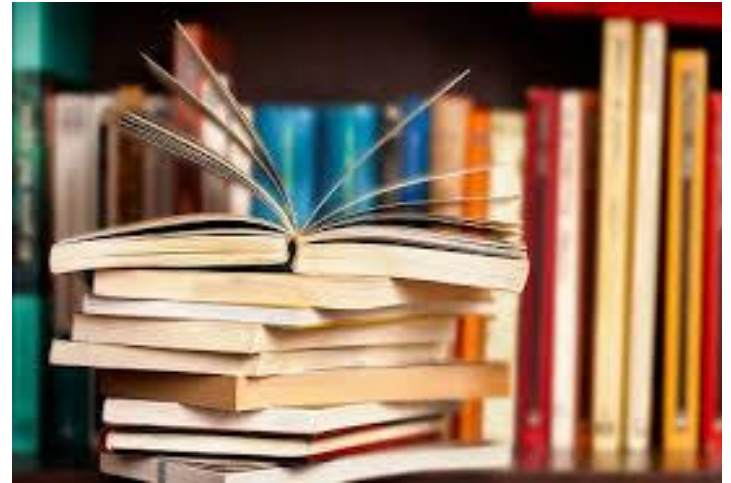
# COMMUNICATION CHANNELS



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A  
MIDDLE SCHOOLER...

# THE BASICS

- School Day
  - 8:10-3:10
  - Late-Start Wednesday's
- Advisory/Hawk Homeroom
- 6 period day
- 52 minute class periods
- Core Classes
  - Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies
- Encore Classes
  - PE/Health
  - Music class
  - Encore (Art, Foundations of Technology, Health, Foreign Language - Read180 may replace)
- 1:1 - Each student is issued an WFPS I-Pad



# SCHOOLGY – WHAT IS THIS?

- Digital classroom
- Homework



# Schoology Platform

## Why

**Purpose:**

To ensure the student knows WHAT will be learned.  
To help students understand why learning this is relevant in their current or future lives.  
To build curiosity and student driven questions.



## Learn

**Purpose:**

To give resources and options for students to learn new information.  
To Provide students with a way to quickly "check" to see if they are truly proficient.



## Show

**Purpose:**

Allows students to incorporate emotion, past experience, and creativity while demonstrating their proficiency.



### Due Dates

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### Nature's Interactions

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### Why (Due September 6th)

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### Learn (Due September 13th)

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### Show (Due September 26)

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# 21ST CENTURY LEARNING AT HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## What is Personalized Learning?

- Voice and Choice
- Flexible Pace
- Goal Setting and Reflection



# Sample Learner Schedule

Advisory	Pd 1	Pd 2	Pd 3	Lunch/ Recess	Hawk Time	Pd 4	Pd 5	Pd 6
SEL Curriculum	Science	ELA	A Days: PE  B Days: Music			Heath Art FL  Found. of Tech Read180	Math	Social Studies

Learners receiving special education or MTSS services may be enrolled in specialized coursework to support their needs.

# 6TH GRADE TEAMS

TEAM HONEYCOMB

TEAM MEADOWLARK

NEW HALF-TEAM

# ENCORE CLASSES



- P.E.
  - Every-other day
  - Bring tennis shoes
- Music
  - Every-other day -opposite of P.E. class
  - Instrument storage at HMS
  - Hawk-Time Choir opportunity for band and orchestra students
- Health
- Foreign Language
  - Survey Course - Spanish/German/French
- Foundations of Technology
  - Includes keyboarding
- Art
- Each of these encore classes (Art, FL, Found. of Tech, and Health) meet every day for a quarter.

# 1:1 - WHAT IS THAT?

- Every learner is issued a WFPS I-Pad.
- User Fee & Acceptable Use Policy at Registration.
- Accidental Breakage fee for breakage during the year.
- Digital Literacy lessons in school - but we encourage parents to continue conversations at home!



# 1:1 - DEVICES

We are 1:1, but you are still the parents and we support you!

- Grounded from electronics at home? No problem. They can stay after school or come before school to get their work done. #teamwork
- Communication = support
- We supply a filter that will work at school. Parents are the filter at home!

# DINING

- Breakfast – grab & go option for learners before school – eat in Hawk Homeroom
- Lunch
  - Second servings available for additional cost
  - Purchaed Items @ HMS: Water, juice and Switch carbonated juice
- Food deliveries are not accepted
- You use your ID number when you go through the line.
- MySchoolBucks – on-line payment system
  - <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>

# SUPPLIES & LOCKERS

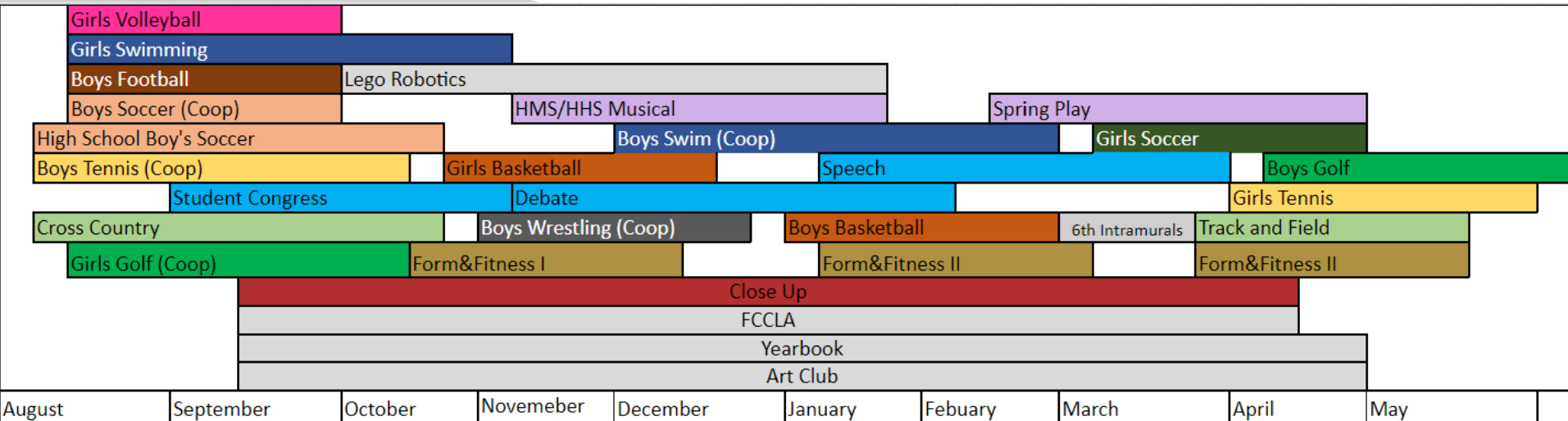
- Learners at HMS carry their class supplies in their backpacks throughout the day.
- We have coat racks/storage spaces available in all team centers for coats, winter gear, etc.
- Lockers are available upon parent/guardian request for special circumstances. Each locker assigned will have a combination lock.
- The locker is your personal space, but it is *school property*.
- Lockers are assigned to only one person. Learners are not allowed to share lockers.
- For safety, learners *should not share their locker combination*.



# CELL PHONE POLICY

- Cell phones are expected to be turned off or silenced and put away in learners' backpacks or locker during the school day.
- If a learner needs to contact home, they will come down to the office.
- If a parent/guardian needs to get an immediate message to their child, they should call the office so we can relay the message to the student.
- Please don't expect them to text you in the middle of class.
- Learners can check messages before/after school, between classes, and before/after lunch and recess.

# ACTIVITIES



\*March Intramurals include Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer. Other intramurals will be throughout the year when space is available.

\* All items marked in light grade are open to 6th graders

# WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS – LEARNER DEVELOPMENT

# THE RULES

SOAR like a HAWK  
Guidelines for Success



**H** Help others - ALL learners are welcome!

**A** Act responsibly with thoughtfulness and compassion.

**W** Work/Win with resilience.

**K** Keep a safe and positive mindset.

**S** Show respect for yourself and others.

Be Safe

Be Respectful

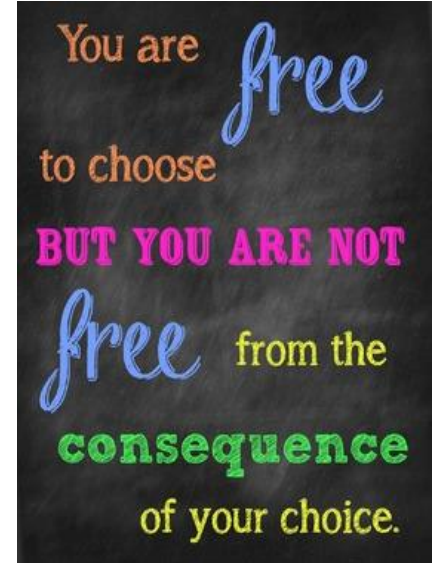
Be Responsible

CHAMPS Expectations -  
Schoolwide

Middle School Behavior  
Matrix aligned to behavior  
consequences.

# STUDENTS AS ADVOCATES

- Responsibility is learned. If you do it for them, they won't learn it. :)
- Learners should:
  - Check their grades.
  - Ask for missing work...don't wait for the teacher.
  - Clean their own backpack.
  - Be honest.
  - Accept responsibility even when they are wrong. Especially when wrong.
  - Be proactive.
  - Experience failure. They grow from the process of learning from their own mistakes.
  - Ask for help. We are here to help!



**Success consists of going from failure to failure  
without loss of enthusiasm.**

~ Winston Churchill

***Everything is Possible***

# TIME MANAGEMENT

- Plenty of class time for homework is provided.
- Lots of homework = not using class time wisely
- Students can come in before or after school for help!



# WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

IT'S AWKWARD

#puberty #youremember #embraceDIFFERENT #ownIt



EXPECT CHANGES

#mood #Organized2HotMess #friends #findingTHEIRtribe  
#SleepIsImportant #eatLunch #NoEnergyDrinks

# PERCEPTION VS. REALITY

#talkOFTEN #expectPOSITIVE #assumePOSITIVE #encourage  
#providepositivefeedback #WEhaveGOODkidsHERE #justJokingHurts  
#LETusKNOW

FRIENDS

#theyChange #hardestPart #getINVOLVED #joinACTIVITIES

# SOCIAL MEDIA - MONITOR!

#WeSupportYou #NOsnapchat #checkTheirTech #YouOwnThePhone

#BeNosy #TakeItAway #knowALLtheirpasswords

#TalkwithYourChildAboutOnlineSafety

#ItCanDoMoreHarmThanGood

# CHARACTER COUNTS

#Responsible #Collaborative #Resilient #Reflective

#Communicator #Compassionate #CriticalThinker #Creative

# HYGIENE COUNTS

#SHOWER #DEODORANT #TOOTHBRUSH #TOOTHPASTE #CHANGEyourCLOTHES

# ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Call the main office** when your child is absent, late, sick, or leaving early for an appointment.
- Yes, our students carry their school supplies in their backpack, and bring their backpack to each class.
- Yes, you must pay for second servings.
- Yes, you have to make up homework you missed while absent.
- 10 days per semester for absences allowed. Bring in a medical note for any medical appointments (counseling, orthodontist, dentist, physical therapy, etc.)
- FAQ Guide will be sent out to parents in the upcoming weeks!

# WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

<https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/heritage>

Heritage Middle School Website

-About Us and then click on School News



# IMPORTANT DATES...



- **Hawk Camp**
  - Tuesday, August 9th - Heritage Middle School; 1:00pm - 3:30pm
- **6th Grade Registration**
  - On-line format same as last year
- **Back to School Night**
  - August 22nd - HMS Back to School event @ Heritage Middle School  
more information to follow!