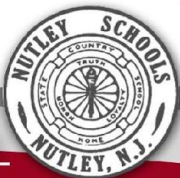


# Nutley Public Schools

## Parent Orientation

April 2022



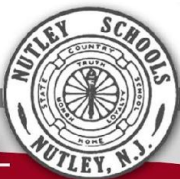
# WELCOME TO JHWMS

- What is middle level education?
- JHWMS – Things to know
- Questions and answers



# Middle Level Education

- Most critical time in a child's education
- Changes of Middle Level Children
- School must have proper system in place
- Bridge



# A Special Thanks for Creating Video

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# JHWMS Middle School

- Groups
  - 3 per grade
  - Placement on teams - Heterogeneously Grouped from the five elementary schools
  - Students on team share same Core Teachers:
    - English, math, science, social studies
- Curriculum planning
- Student contact with staff
- Communication:
  - Parents
  - Students



# Mathematics Program: Grade 7 Placement

Pre-Algebra Placement for Most Seventh Grade Students -  
This program is directly aligned to the grade 7 NJSL in  
Mathematics.

Accelerated Placement: Accelerated Pre-Algebra  
or Accelerated Algebra 1 (equivalent to high school Algebra 1)

\* Students who are placed in Pre-Algebra and Accelerated Pre-Algebra in Grade 7 will take the Grade 7 Math NJSLA in the spring of that year.

\*Students who are placed in Accelerated Algebra 1 in Grade 7 will take the Algebra 1 NJSLA in the spring of that school year.

How is an Accelerated Placement determined?

- NJSLA Math scores
- Grade 6 Benchmark and Summative Assessment Results
- Teacher Input
- IOWA Algebra Aptitude Assessment



# Chromebook 1:1

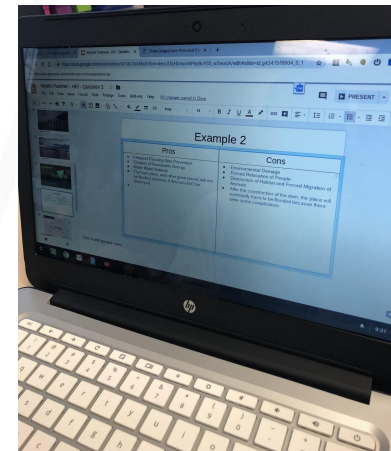
Chromebook procedures, rules, and regulations that ALL users must follow are detailed in:

## NPS Board of Education Policybook:

- 2361 Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources ([Regulation](#), [Policy](#))
- 5513 Care of School Property ([Policy](#))
- 7523 School District Provided Technology Devices to Students ([Policy](#))

## NPS 1:1 Chromebook Handbook for Students and Parents

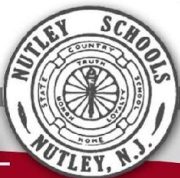
The student and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must sign a **Consent and Waiver agreement** on an annual basis before the student can utilize any of the school districts' computer networks/computers and the Internet - **Forms will be available via Realtime and MySchoolBucks - \$30 Insurance deductible fee is \$20.**



# SCHEDULES

## 8 Period day:

- 5 main courses = English, math, science, social studies, world language
- Phys. Ed. (3 MPs) / Health (1 MP)
- Elective
  - Technology, Writing/Literature, Art, Choir, Band, Strings
- Lunch



# Google Form for Selecting 2022-2023 Electives

## World Language

You must rank them in order of preference.

There will be three questions. You must choose a different language in each question.

## Electives

You must pick your top three choices.

There will be three questions. You must choose a different elective in each question.

Be sure to read all music options before selecting.



# John H. Walker Middle School

## 2022 – 2023 Grade 7 Course Selection Google Form

### ONLY YOUR CHILD CAN SUBMIT FORM

Mrs. Alisa Gennace, Grade 7 Counselor  
973-661-8874

#### World Language Selection

Italian \_\_\_\_\_

Latin \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish \_\_\_\_\_

Fundamental Spanish Language and Culture  
\_\_\_\_\_ approved

#### Elective Course Selection

\_\_\_\_\_ Fine Arts 7

\_\_\_\_\_ Language Arts Literature/Writing

\_\_\_\_\_ Technology/Engineering Design I and  
Computer Programming & Robotics EV3

\_\_\_\_\_ Study Skills \_\_\_\_\_ approved

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved Vocal Class

\_\_\_\_\_ Concert Band 7

\_\_\_\_\_ Strings

\_\_\_\_\_ Zero period band and approved vocal  
class

\_\_\_\_\_ Zero period band and strings

\_\_\_\_\_ Zero period strings and approved vocal  
class



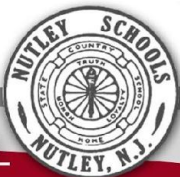
# FIRST DAY OF SEVENTH GRADE

- September 6, 2022 at 8:10am
- Use entrance by gymnasium
- Report directly to homeroom:
  - Flag salute/announcements
  - Schedules
  - Assigned locker and combination



# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- PTO
- Naviance
- Realtime - Parent portal
- Website
- Email teachers/groups
- Phone calls:  
Main office: 973-661-8871  
Guidance: 973-661-8879



# IN PREPARATION

Have your child sign into their Nutley School Google Account.

Rank 3 Electives and 3 World Language  
– rank 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd choices

Summer Orientation for students:  
**Tuesday, August 30th at 8:30 a.m.**



# IN PREPARATION

Submit Course Selection Google Form

Questions?

**Email:** [agennace@nutleyschools.org](mailto:agennace@nutleyschools.org) - counselor

[tegan@nutleyschools.org](mailto:tegan@nutleyschools.org) - principal

[djohnston@nutleyschools.org](mailto:djohnston@nutleyschools.org) - vice principal

[lmartin@nutleyschools.org](mailto:lmartin@nutleyschools.org) - math coordinator



# Administrators

Dr. Julie Glazer  
Superintendent

Mr. Kent Bania  
Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Janine Loconsolo  
Director of Curriculum

Mrs. Brooke Benavides -  
English Language Arts

Mr. Vincent Vicchiariello - Fine,  
Practical, & Performing Arts

Mrs. Meredith Gerckens - School  
Counseling

Dr. Jessica Shoja - Integrated  
Instructional Technology

Miss Leann Martin -  
Mathematics

Mrs. Carly Johnson - Science

Mr. Joseph Dwyer - Social  
Studies

Mrs. Helen Doyle-Marino and  
Mrs. April Vitiello  
Special Services

Mrs. Julie Mitschow  
World Languages and ELL



# Video and Slides

The follow slides are included in the video created by students.



# Advisory

- Each session driven by instruction to address:
  - Organizational skills
  - Social skills
  - Confidence building
  - Exploring learning styles
  - Student goal setting
  - Student identifying strengths and weaknesses
  - Self reliance



# Student Support/Assistance

- Student Assistance Coordinator – Mr. Cappello
- Anti-Bullying Specialist – Mrs. Gennace
- Counselors:
  - One per grade: Mrs. Gennace and Mrs. Divilio
- Child Study Team
  - Ms. Bergen, Mrs. Raia, and Mr. Caraccio



# Student Information

## Student and Parent Portal

- Grades – LIVE
- Report cards
- Schedules
- Emergency contact information – Please update.

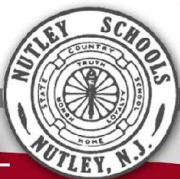
## Schoology

- Homework
- Projects
- Tests



# TYPICAL DAY

- Enter building, locker, first period by 8:16am
- Late students
- Periods 1-8
- Lockers between periods



# LOCKERS

- Every student gets a locker located close to his/her group.
- Lock the locker! Combination is for you and your child to know – do not share with friends



What  
your  
locker  
SHOULD  
look  
like...



# LOCKERS

- Size –
  - No room for decorations
  - No backpacks on wheels – must stay in locker
- Keep it neat
  - Locker Cleanout



What  
your  
locker  
should  
NOT  
look  
like...



# English Language Arts

- **Engaging in newly revised curriculum units**
  - 4 reading and 4 writing units per year
    - 2 book club units & 2 nonfiction units (reading)
    - 4 writing units: narrative, argument, informational, & literary essay
- **Participating in Readers' and Writers' Workshop**
  - Shared experiences with whole class texts in reading & writing
    - use of mentor texts to study writing & inspire our own
  - Explicit mini lessons to explain the HOW
  - Choice during independent practice
  - Feedback and coaching through small group instruction (strategy groups) & one-on-one feedback (conferring)
  - Students work collaboratively with partners and small groups to question, reflect upon, and revise their “thinking”

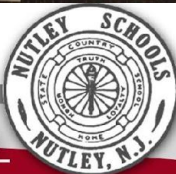
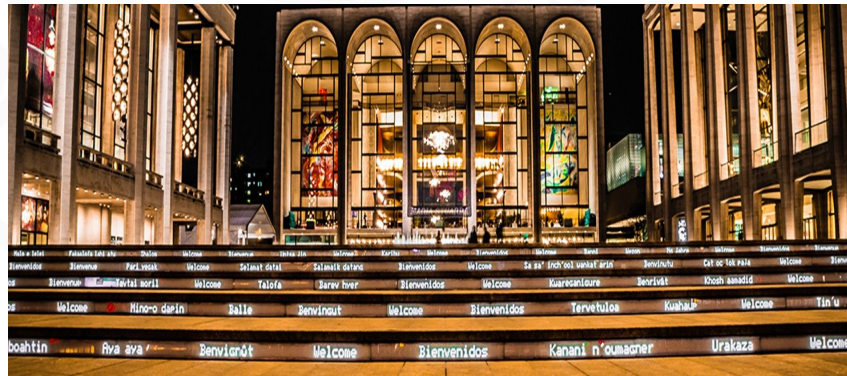


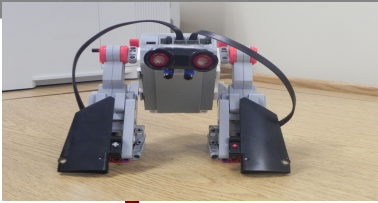
# Fine, Practical, and Performing Arts

- Concert Choir
  - Debonaires
  - Chorale
  - Concert Band
  - String Ensemble
  - Art
- Performances
    - Winter/Spring Concerts
    - St. Mary's Benefit
    - Tree Lighting
    - Festivals (Dorney/Great Adventure)
    - Lincoln Center
    - Madrigal Feast

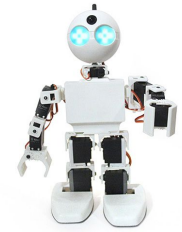
## Clubs

- Madrigals
- Jazz Band





# Fine, Practical, and Performing Arts



## Goals:

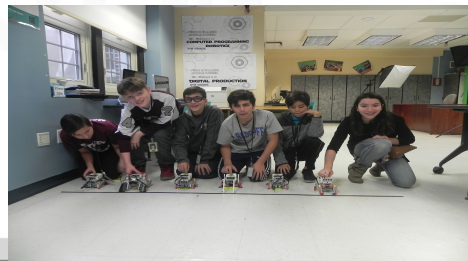
- Practical Application of Critical Thinking Skills
- Hands-On Project-Based Learning
- Focus on Collaboration, Communication, & Creativity
- STEM

## Grade 7 Courses:

- Introduction Computer Programming & Robotics
- Technology/Engineering & Design

## Grade 8 Courses:

- Digital Production
- Technology/Engineering Design & Robotics



## ***Nutley Secondary Mathematics Program***

Accelerated Algebra 1	Accelerated Geometry	Accelerated Algebra 2 (Honors)	Accelerated Pre-Calculus (Honors)	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC
Accelerated Pre-Algebra 7	Accelerated Algebra 1	Accelerated Geometry (Honors)	Accelerated Algebra 2 (Honors)	Accelerated Pre-Calculus (Honors)	AP Calculus AB
Pre-Algebra 7	Foundations of Algebra 8	Advanced Algebra 1	<u>Double Up Option</u> Advanced Geometry Advanced Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus	Calculus
			Advanced Geometry	Advanced Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus
		Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry
				Integrated Algebra	College Algebra
		Algebra 1 Part 1	Algebra 1 Part 2	Geometry	Algebra 2
					Integrated Algebra

- AP Statistics is also available as a second math option after completion of a minimum of Accelerated Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus.
- Seniors may take AP Statistics alone.
- Other courses to be considered: Introduction to Computer Programming, and AP Computer Science Principles

# Physical Education and Health

The goal of physical education is to develop physically literate individuals who have knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of healthful physical activity.

- Marking periods
  - 3 Physical Education
  - 1 Health
- Clothing requirements
- Lockers



# Middle School Science Focus Areas

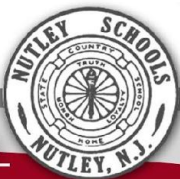
Science is integrated at the middle school just as it is in elementary school, which means that you will study multiple areas of science in the same year. The seventh and eighth grade areas of science study are listed below:

Grade 7:

Plate Tectonics  
Forces and Motion  
Biodiversity

Grade 8:

Waves  
Matter and its Interactions  
Biological Evolution and Heredity



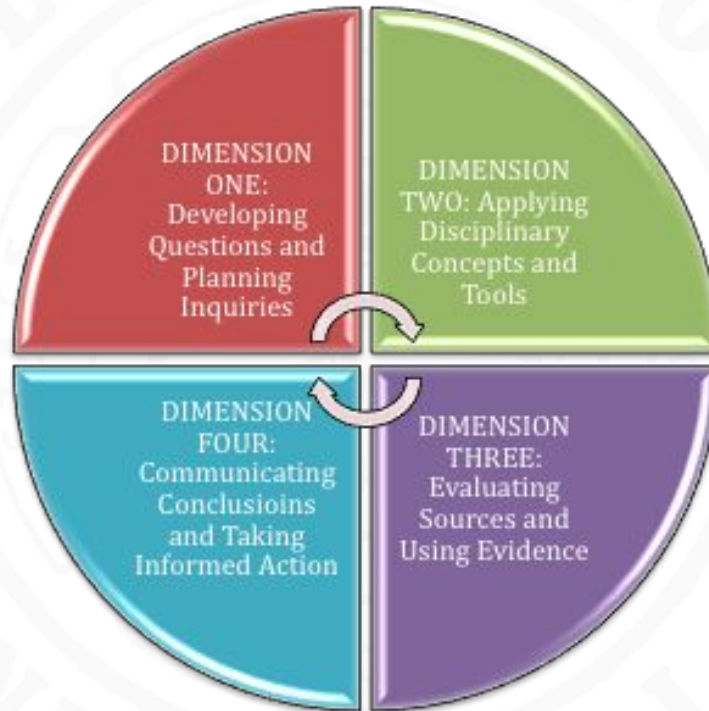
# Science

shows some of the things we do in science  
kills you will use each day in science

The Wordle art below shows some of the things we do in middle school science. These are the skills you will use each day in science class.



# Social Studies Inquiry Arc



Students will be introduced to the inquiry model of instruction and the use of primary source documents

# Social Studies

**Goal:** To assist students to become active and informed citizens of the school, the community, and eventually the nation.

**Grade Seven:** The creation of the American republic, from the founding to the changes forged in the crucible of Civil War and Reconstruction.

**Grade Eight:** World history, from early human societies to approximately 1500 C.E. This is the first part of a two year sequence that will segue into the high school.

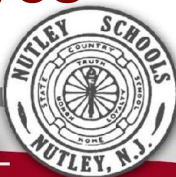


# World Languages and ESL

- **Grade 7 - Beginner Italian, Latin, Spanish**
- **Grade 8 - Intermediate Italian, Latin, Spanish**
- **\*Heritage Spanish - Entering/Emerging**

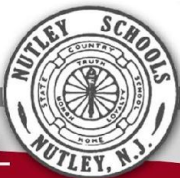
**Students will be able to use a language in addition to English in order to:**

- **Engage in meaningful conversation**
- **Understand and interpret spoken and written language**
- **Present information, concepts, and ideas, while also gaining an understanding of the perspectives of other cultures**



# GUIDELINES

- Movement around the building
- Restrooms
- Dress code
- No Smartphones, Smartwatches, or Electronic Games
- ID cards
- Media Center
- Lunch



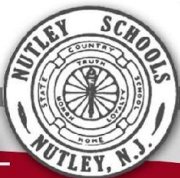
# LUNCH

- Periods
- Auditorium and cafeteria
- Bring lunch
- Buy lunch
  - Hot lunch, pizza, sandwiches
  - Full meal
  - Money on account at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)
  - Cash in hand
- Buy snack or drink
- Dismissal



# BE INVOLVED!

- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Concert Choir & Madrigals
- Art Club
- Drama Club
- S.T.A.N.D. Club
- Math Club
- Latin Club
- Biology Club
- Trivia Team Club
- Cooking Club
- Trout in the Classroom
- History Club
- New Inventors & Innovators
- Ping Pong Club
- Strings Club
- Percussion Ensemble
- Jazz Band
- Patriot Club
- Fitness Club
- Study Buddies



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