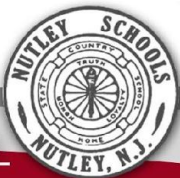


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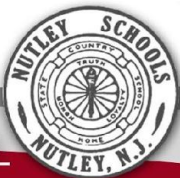
Sixth Grade Parent Orientation

2023



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



JHWMS Middle School

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



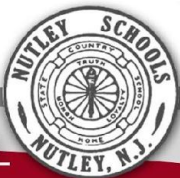
Advisory

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



Student Support/Assistance

- Student Assistance Coordinator – Mr. Cappello
- Anti-Bullying Specialist – Mrs. Gennace
- Counselors:
 - One per grade: Mrs. Gennace and Miss Meyler
- Child Study Team
 - Ms. Bergen, Mrs. Raia, and Mr. Caraccio
- Video created by students in S.T.A.N.D. club



Student Information

Student and Parent Portals

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

Schoology

- Homework
- Projects
- Tests



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
 - Cash in hand
- Buy snack or drink
- Dismissal



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...



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



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”



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



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

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

Students using the skills of scientists:

- Asking questions
- Defining problems
- Developing and using models
- Planning and carrying out investigations
- Analyzing and interpreting data
- Using mathematical and computational thinking
- Constructing explanations
- Designing solutions
- Engaging in argumentation from evidence
- Collaborating, communicating and creating

Students thinking critically:

- Patterns
- Cause & Effect: Mechanism and Explanation
- Scale, Proportion, Quantity
- Systems & Systems Models
- Energy & Matter (Flows, Cycles, Conservation)
- Structure & Function
- Stability & Change



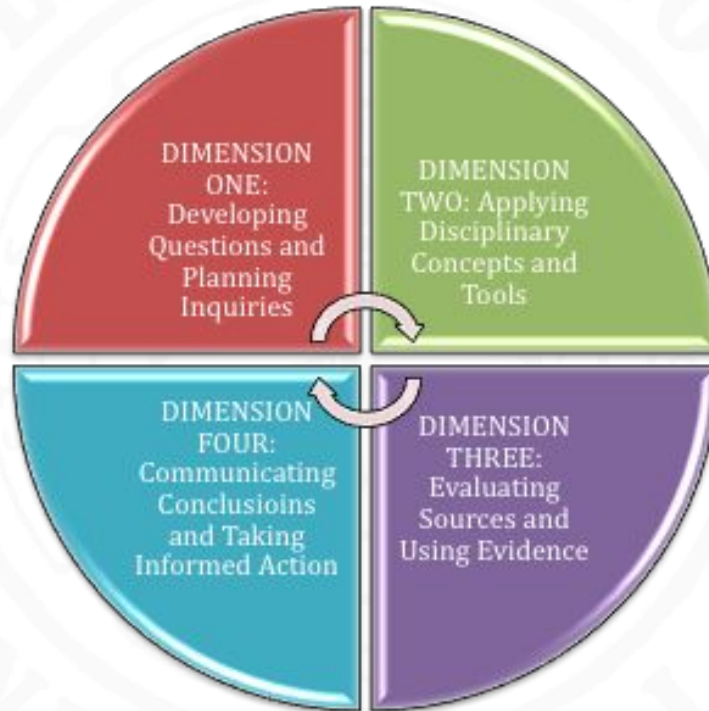
Science

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: Building upon understanding of American history from grade six, students use civics and social studies skills to trace major developments in American history.

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.

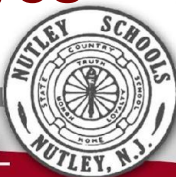


World Languages and ESL

- **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**



World Language



¡Bienvenidos!



Benvenuti!



Salve!



Course Description

All World language courses are designed to teach basic skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Students will learn how to communicate in different settings: including dining in a restaurant, talking with friends in a classroom, doing favorite activities, interacting with family at home, and doing other common daily activities.

Students will examine and develop level appropriate perspectives and opinions in thematic areas such as:

Hello
All about me in Middle School
Fun with friends
Lets eat

Students will also develop an appreciation for the target culture.



Fine, Practical & Performing Arts



Course Offerings

- Chorale
- Concert Choir
- Debonaires
- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Orchestra
- Fine Arts

Clubs

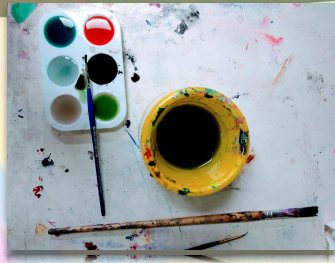
- Madrigals
- Jazz Band
- Art Club
- String Club
- Chamber Ensembles

Performances/Events

- Winter/Spring Concerts
- St. Mary's Benefit
- Tree Lighting
- Music Festivals
- Art Show



Fine Art



Goals:

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

Units:

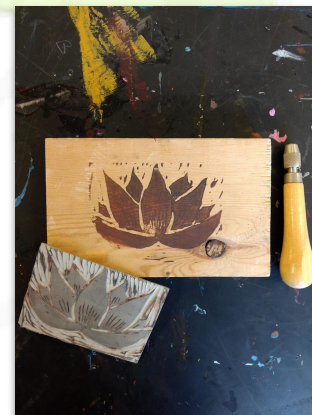
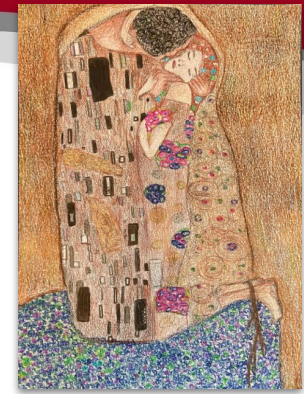
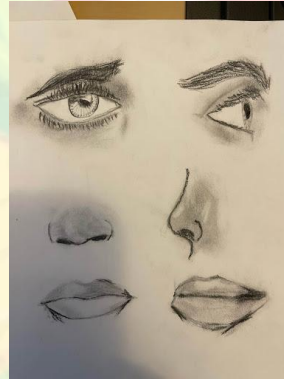
- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Mixed Media
- Printmaking

Art Club:

Middle School Art League

Art Opportunities:

Art Contests (Digital, Traditional, Sculpture, Mixed Media), Art Show



JHWMS Choirs

Ensembles:

- Concert Choir
- Debonaires
- Chorale
- Madrigals (club)

Performances

- Mayor's Tree Lighting
- Holiday Concerts
- St. Mary's Benefit Concert
- Spring Concerts
- Elementary Tours, Workshops, Festivals, Competitions, & annual trip!



JHWMS Instrumental Music

Ensembles:

- Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Jazz Ensemble (club)
- Chamber Ensemble (club)
- String Club (club)

Performances

- Mayor's Tree Lighting
- Holiday Concerts
- Café Night
- Spring Concerts
- Memorial Day Parade
- Elementary Tours, Workshops, Festivals, Competitions, & annual trip!



Zero Period - Music Only

Options:

- Choir & ZP Band
- Choir & ZP Orchestra
- Orchestra & ZP Band

Zero Period meets daily

Performances

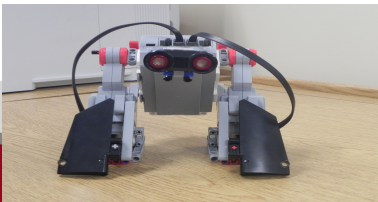
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Fine, Practical, & Performing Arts

Goals:

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

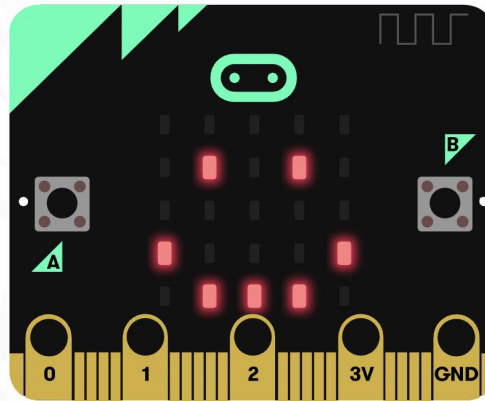


Grade 7 Courses:

- Computer Programming & Robotics
- Technology/Engineering

Grade 8 Courses:

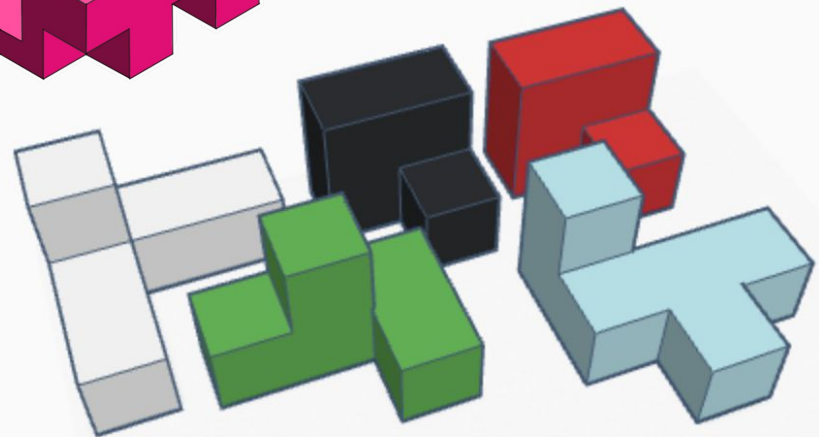
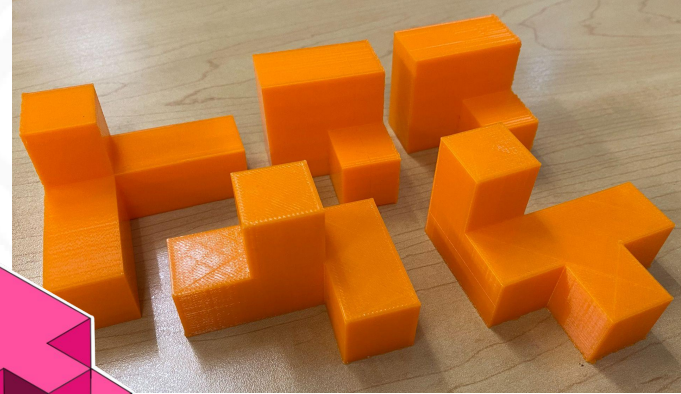
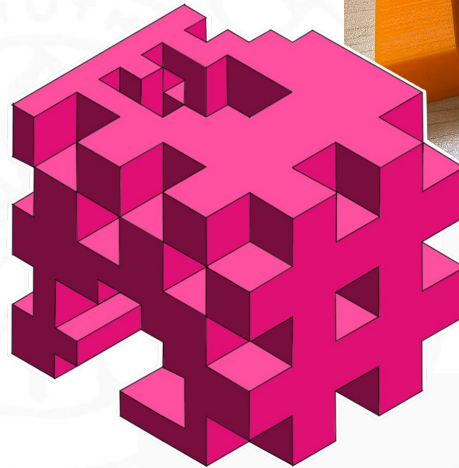
- Digital Production
- Technology/Engineering



Technology/ Engineering

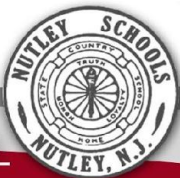
What You'll Do:

- Discover how to work as an engineer
- Draw technical drawings
- Create 3D models and use the 3D printer
- Construct prototypes



BE INVOLVED!

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



Chromebook 1:1

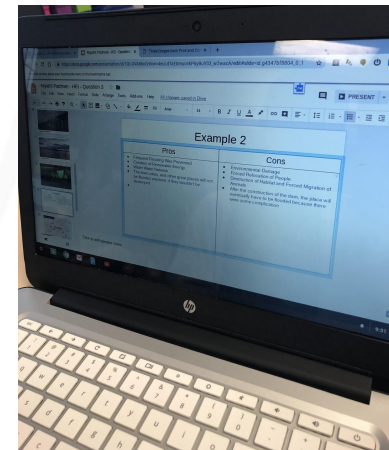
Chromebook procedures, rules, and regulations that ALL users must follow are detailed in:

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 annual. Insurance deductible fee is \$20.**



Typical Day

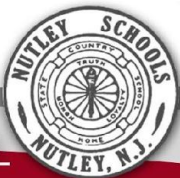
- Enter building, locker, first period by 8:16am
- Late students
- Periods 1-8
- Lockers between periods
- Absences



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, Orchestra
- Lunch



Google Form for Selecting 2023-2024 Electives

World Language

Rank them in order of preference.

There will be three questions. Choose a different language in each question.

Electives

Pick your top three choices.

There will be three questions. Choose a different elective in each question.

Be sure to read all music options before selecting.



John H. Walker Middle School

2023 – 2024 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 &
Computer Programming & Robotics EV3

_____ Study Skills _____ approved

_____ Approved Vocal Class

_____ Approved Band

_____ Orchestra

_____ Zero period band & approved vocal class

_____ Zero period band & orchestra

_____ Zero period orchestra & approved vocal class



FIRST DAY OF SEVENTH GRADE

- September 5, 2023 at 8:10am
- Use entrance by gymnasium
- Report directly to homeroom:
Flag salute/announcements
Schedules
Assigned locker and
combination



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

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



IN PREPARATION

Students will come to MS on April 25.

April 26, have your child sign into their Nutley School Google Account.

Rank 3 Electives and 3 World Language
– rank 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices

Summer Orientation for students:

Wednesday, August 30th at 8:30 a.m.

IN PREPARATION

Submit Course Selection Google Form

Questions?

Email: agennace@nutleyschools.org - counselor

tegan@nutleyschools.org - principal

djohnston@nutleyschools.org - vice principal

lmartin@nutleyschools.org - math coordinator



Administrators

Mr. Kent Bania -
Superintendent

Mr. David Dipisa -
Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Janine Loconsolo -
Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Michael Gurrieri -
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. Jackie Devore - Physical
Education, Health, and
Wellness

Mrs. Jenna Rubino - Science

Mr. Joseph Dwyer - Social
Studies

Mrs. Helen Doyle-Marino and
Miss Amy Giaccio -
Special Services

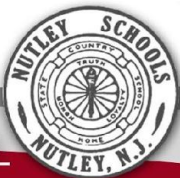
Mrs. April Vitiello - Early
Childhood

Mrs. Julie Mitschow -
World Languages and ELL



A Special Thanks

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for your contributions to this presentation



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