

Welcome To Sleepy Hollow Middle School

WHERE THE LEGEND BEGINS



Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of Sleepy Hollow Middle School
- Questions and Answers
- Guided tours of the Middle School

The Students of Sleepy Hollow

- Sleepy Hollow Middle School is the home of three grades:
 - 6th Grade
 - 7th Grade
 - 8th Grade
- The school is equipped with several new classrooms, cafeteria, gym, and a state-of-the-art auditorium!

What is the Middle School Like?

- Dedicated faculty committed to the academic, social and personal growth of every child.
- Curriculum designed to engage, enrich and support all students.
- Safe and supportive learning community.
- Wide variety of extra curricular activities designed to appeal to a wide range of interests and talents.
- Students' schedules will include all of the core classes:
 - English/Language Arts
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Math
- Students' schedules will include a foreign language class. Students have the option of studying Spanish, French, or Italian.

Our School Building

- Middle School students share the same campus as the high school students.
- However, our school building is independent of the High School.
 - Entrance/Exit
 - Cafeteria
 - Playground
 - Gym
 - Lockers
 - Library

Daily Times

Start Time

- Period 1:
 - For students participating in band, chorus, orchestra and enrichment
 - 7:45 a.m. start time
- Period 2:
 - First academic period, all students
 - 8:30 a.m. start time

Dismissal

- All students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

Recess

- All grades have separate lunch and recess times.
- Lunch and recess are supervised by the faculty .
- Students are also supervised outside during recess (weather permitting).

Physical Education/Locker Rooms

- Gym is Co-ed, however there are separate boys and girls locker rooms.
- Physical Education teachers will assign each student their own small locker so that they may store their gym clothes/sneakers.
- Large lockers will be assigned by athletic coaches for those students participating in a sport.
- Locker rooms are supervised by school personnel.

School Bus Information

- Buses make two trips in the morning, early and late to accommodate students attending first period.
- Buses also make three trips in the afternoon
 - regular dismissal (3:00)
 - 2 late buses (4:30 & 5:45) to accommodate students staying after school for extra help and/or extra-curricular activities.
- For further information about the school buses (routes, times, etc.) please call our transportation supervisor, Mr. Cyril Hughes at (914) 631-3663



Daily Routines

- 6th grade core classes are located on the third floor of the middle school.
- 7th grade core classes are on the second floor.
- 8th grade core classes are on the first floor.
- Middle School cafeteria is located in the new addition of the middle school on the third floor.
- Hallways are routinely and consistently monitored by school personnel at all times.

Daily Routines (cont.)

- Students will leave middle school area for physical education, music, and some foreign language classes.
- Period 3 is “homeroom” – daily attendance is taken at this time.
- All middle school students are placed on one of two teams on each grade level. All students on the same team will have the same teachers.
- Students are encouraged to listen to the morning announcements for daily events and important information.

Sample Schedule 6th Grade 2010-2011

Period	1 st Semester (Sept. – Jan.)	2 nd Semester (Feb. – Jun.)
1	Enrichment Band, Chorus, Orchestra	Enrichment Band, Chorus, Orchestra
2	For. Lang./ PE	For. Lang./ PE
3	ELA	ELA
4	ELA	ELA
5E	Lunch	Lunch
5L	SS	SS
6	Art/Music	Art/Music
7	Math (Honors)	Math (Honors)
8	Science (Honors)	Science (Honors)

Honors Classes

- Middle school students have an opportunity to take honors level courses.
- Honors is offered in Math and Science.
- Criteria for placement in Honors:
 - Math/Science
 - Score of 4 on NYS Math exam (Math Honors)
 - Score of 3.5 to 4 on NYS ELA exam and a minimum of 3.5 on NYS Math exam (Science Honors)
 - Placement exam
 - Teacher recommendation

Enrichment

- All middle school students have the opportunity to take enrichment courses throughout the year.
- Different courses are offered each quarter.
- Enrichment courses are offered period one everyday.
- Courses for 6th grade enrichment include:
 - Adventures in Literature
 - Civic Responsibility
 - Mesopotamian Empire
 - Great Thinkers

Team Structure

- 2 teams per grade level with half the grade's students.
- Each Middle School team is comprised of 1 or 2 ELA teachers, 1 Math, 1 Science, and 1 Social Studies (Social Studies teachers are on 7th and 8th grade teams only)
- Students have classes with and participate in activities with fellow team members and team teachers.

Teaming Benefits for Students

- Teachers create interdisciplinary projects & activities that coordinate units of study across disciplines.
- Team field trips and activities.
- Flexible use of team time – periods can meet in any order and be rearranged to accommodate student needs.

Teaming Benefits for Parents

- Teachers know every aspect of our students' academic and social growth.
- Teachers know their cohort students well.
- Parent conferences are conducted with all academic teachers present (Math, Science, English, and Social Studies).

Guidance and Support Services

- Students are assigned a counselor.
- Counselors support the academic and social growth of all students.
- Counselors work on many adolescent issues such as improving student attendance, bullying prevention, and character education.
- Support services also include reading lab, math lab, after school homework help, and ESL Center.

6th Grade Transition

- Guidance Counselors and 8th grade students will visit all 5th grade classes in June, 2010.
- All 5th grade classes will visit the middle school in June, 2010, meet with teams of teachers and support staff and participate in tours led by 7th grade students.
- Principal's coffee for incoming parents in late August and September to discuss social and emotional concerns related to transitions.
- Counselors will be available prior to the start of the school year to answer any questions or concerns.
- 8th grade peer leaders will assist with the 6th grade orientation process on the first days of school.
- Opening Day will include: a barbeque, school tour, locker assignments, and various team activities.

Middle School Music Department

- Performing Ensembles (period one – 7:45 a.m.)
- Chorus
- Orchestra
 - Concert Orchestra for grades 7 and 8
 - Intermediate Orchestra for grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Junior Orchestra is for 6th grade only – meets after school one day per week
 - Chamber Ensembles – After school one day per week

Middle School Music Department

- Band
 - Concert Band for grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Wind Ensembles for grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Stage Band for grades 6, 7, and 8
- 7th Grade General Music
- 6th Grade General Music

Useful Information

- Agenda Book and Planner
 - On the first day of school each student will receive an agenda book/planner. In the front of the agenda book is a student handbook with all of the school rules and other useful information.
 - The agenda book is the best way to keep track of homework assignments and school responsibilities.

Useful Information (cont)

- Important information regarding SHMS is posted online at www.tufsd.org. Some information you will find is:
 - Team homework calendars
 - Lunch menus
 - Official school calendars
 - Sleepy Hollow Athletic News
 - All Sleepy Hollow Middle School News
 - Our weather station – Great for predicting snow days!

Recognizing Excellence

- All middle school students are recognized quarterly for:
 - High Honor Roll (90+ average)
 - Honor Roll (85-89 average)
 - Student of the Month
 - Citizenship
 - Improvement
 - Perfect Attendance

Honor Roll

- All students are eligible to qualify for honor roll.
- Honor Roll and High Honor Roll are based on the student's Grade Point Average each quarter.
- Honor Roll is achieved with an average of 85-89.
- High Honor Roll is achieved with an average of 90 and above.

Report Cards

- Students in middle school receive a numeric grade based on a 100% scale.
- Report cards are mailed home quarterly.
- Progress reports are mailed home mid-quarter with a Pass/Fail grade and a comment from the teacher.
- Parents may contact the team leader at any time throughout the year to request a team meeting to discuss the progress of their child.

6th Grade Athletics

- As per NYS Athletic Department regulations, 6th grade students are not eligible to participate on modified sports teams.
- Intramural sports program is available to all 6th grade students.
- Intramural sports program will be offered two times a week for 45 minutes on the Sleepy Hollow campus.

Middle School Clubs and Activities

- All middle school students are encouraged to participate in all extra- and co-curricular activities offered at Sleepy Hollow Middle School.
- Some clubs that were offered this year were:
 - Drama
 - Cinemania
 - Strategy Games
 - Mathcounts
 - Literary Magazine
 - Student Council
 - African-American Heritage Club
 - After School Homework Center
 - Hollow Herald
 - Intramurals
 - Yearbook
 - String Chamber Ensembles
 - Stage Band

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's transition to the middle school, please feel free to contact me at (914) 332-6275 or via email at elopez@tufsd.org.