

# Petoskey Middle School



6th Grade Parent Orientation



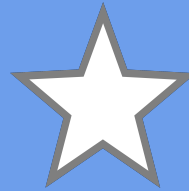
WELCOME!



If you didn't have a chance to SIGN IN please  
do so after this presentation.



THANK YOU!



# Meet the Middle School Staff



← Mr. Wilcox  
Principal

Mr. Golding  
Assistant Principal



# Main Office Secretaries



Mrs.  
Champagne

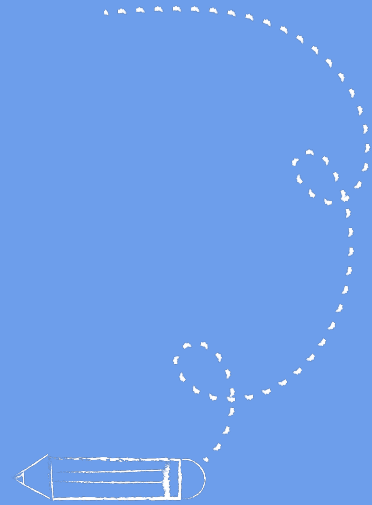


Mrs. Burris





# School Resource Officer

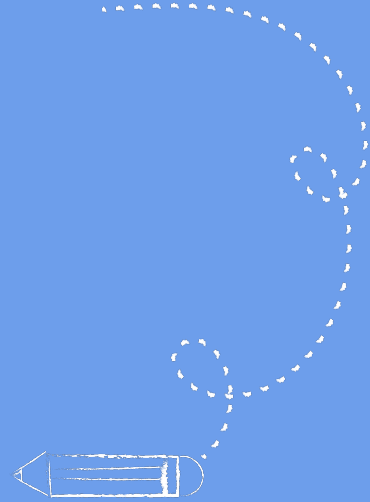


Officer Donovan

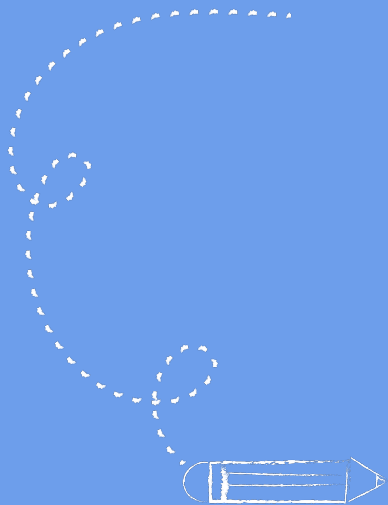
# Therapy Dog



Ace



# School Counselors: Our Role



TBD



Mrs. Kelley

# Wellness Program Staff Roles



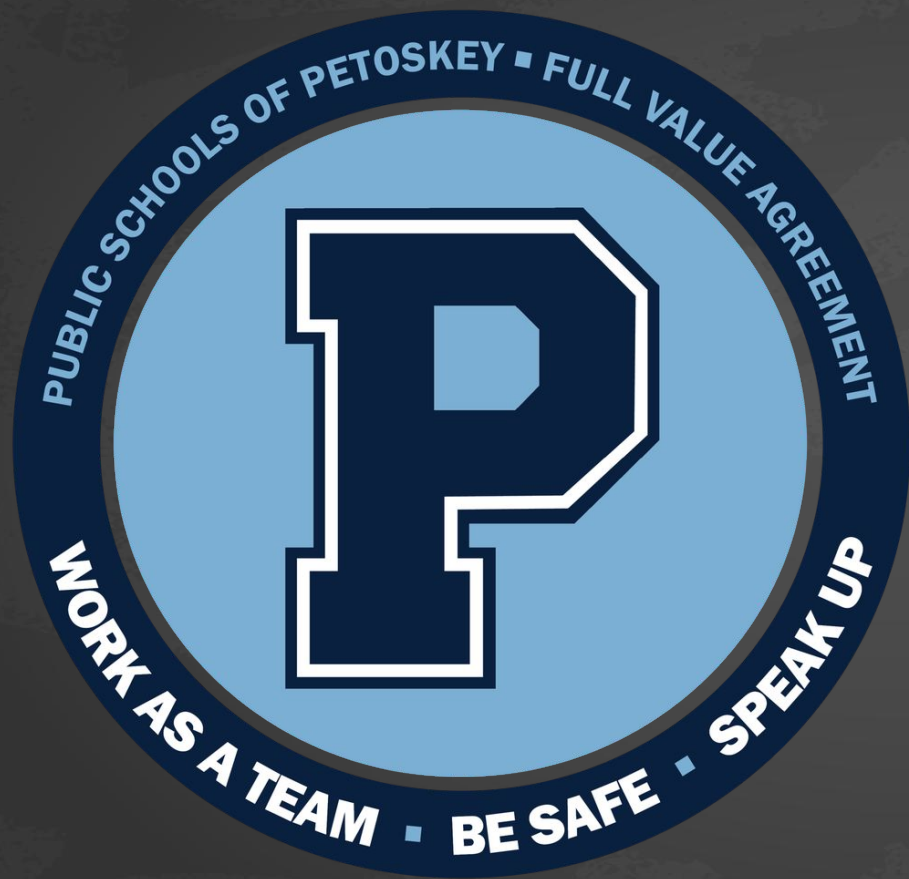
Mrs. Streelman



Mrs. Millstead



Mrs. Sickmiller



Petoskey Middle School  
We Have

**NORTHMEN DRIVE!**

DETERMINATION  
RESPECT  
INTEGRITY  
VOICE  
EMPATHY

Learning and Growing Together





# Drop Off & Pick Up

Petoskey Middle School is the Main Hub for Busses





Single lane Student Drop off/Pickup!

No Parking or Standing!

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# Students Arrive!



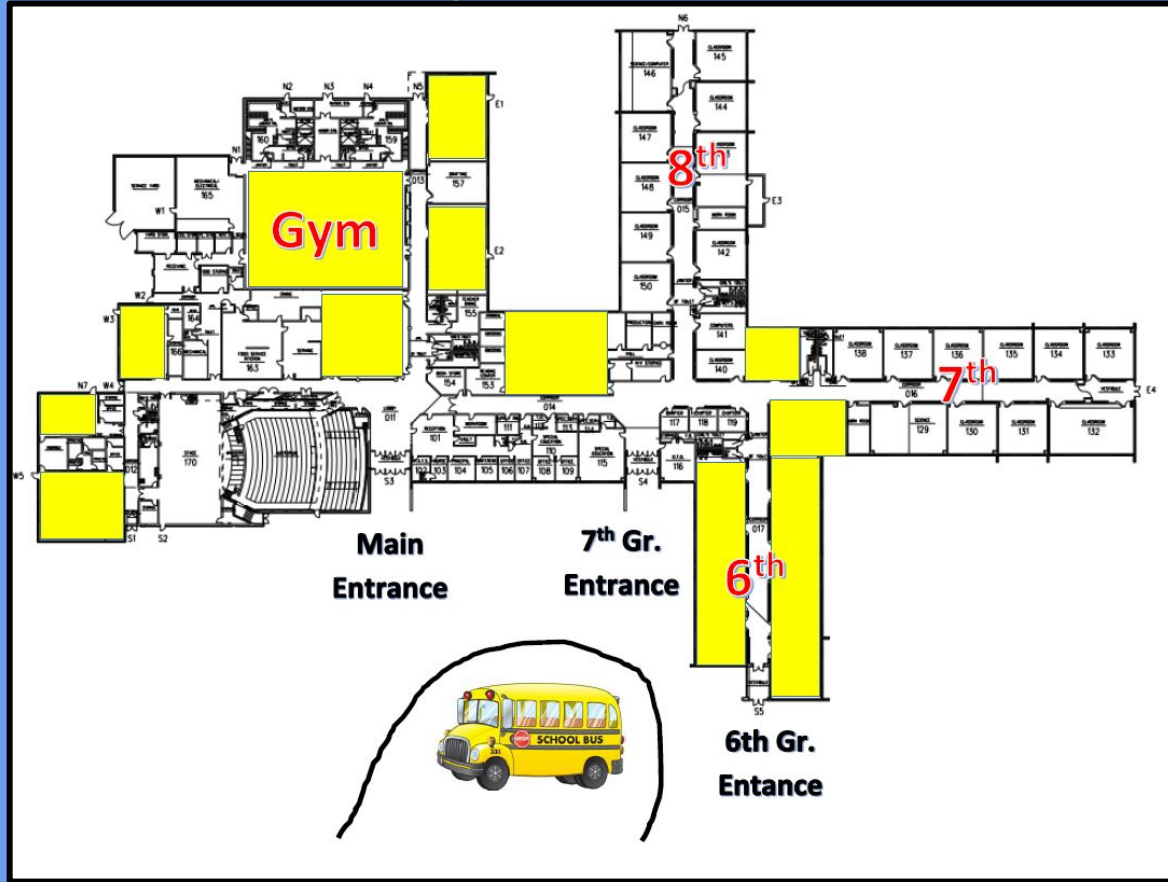
6th Grade Students wait outside of the 6th grade entrance.  
(Check the map on the next slide!)



Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grade students wait in three separate locations until the doors open.



# School Floor Plan



# Doors Open at 7:55am



Students go to their lockers  
and then begin their day in  
homeroom.





# LOCKERS

## Important Locker Info!

- Every 6th grader stresses about opening their locker, but we assure them that teachers will help them open their locker until it becomes second nature.
- Students may decorate the inside of their lockers, but everything must be removable and school appropriate.
- Please remind your child to not share his/her locker combination with anyone in order to keep belongings safe.
- Cell phones are to remain in lockers until the end of the day.





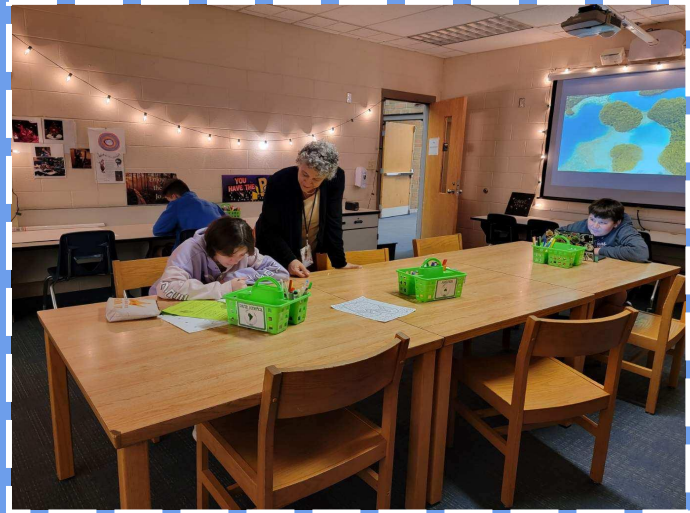


# Options Before Homeroom Begins...



## Media Center

Work on homework,  
check out books, read...



## DRIVE Hive

Academic help before  
*and* during school

# More Options Before Homeroom...



## Breakfast

Brain food! Grab breakfast before school in the cafeteria.



## AMIM

Fall and Spring: Morning Intramural (Basketball, Volleyball, Floor Hockey, Red Dot Challenge...)

# 8:15 - Homeroom Begins!

Students in seats and ready to go!



- ★ Pledge
- ★ Attendance
- ★ Planners
- ★ News Program
- ★ Work on Northmen DRIVE and the Full Value Agreement





# Sixth Grade Schedule

Homeroom	8:15 - 8:35
1st Hour	8:35 - 9:35
2nd Hour	9:40 - 10:35
3rd Hour (A)	10:40 - 11:00
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>11:00 - 11:30</b>
3rd Hour (B)	11:30 - 12:10
4th Hour	12:15 - 1:10
5th Hour	1:15 - 2:10 (Exploratory)
6th Hour	2:15 - 3:10 (Exploratory)


**NOTICE! 5 minutes between classes!**

Students participate in 4  
core academic classes  
(math, science, language  
arts and social studies)  
between 8:35 - 1:10





# Explanation of PODS


## Two Total PODS



Mr. Honaker  
Mrs. Wagner  
Mrs. Warner  
Mrs. Werden



Mrs. Brey  
Mr. Hallstedt  
Ms. Snedden  
Mrs. Yurek



Same Subjects  
Same Curriculum  
Same Expectations  
Same Grading Policy

# HW POD Teachers



Mr. Honaker

MATH



Mrs. Werden

SOCIAL  
STUDIES



Mrs. Warner

SCIENCE



Mrs. Wagner

LANGUAGE  
ARTS

# SHYB Pod Teachers



Mrs. Brey

MATH



Mrs. Yurek

SCIENCE



Mr. Hallstedt

SOCIAL  
STUDIES



Ms. Sneddon

ELA

# Dear Families: We have resources ready for teachers



Ms. Fifer



Mr. Weston



Ms. Strieby



Mrs. Bernard



Mr. Schwartz





# Best support staff ever!!



Mr. Hofbauer



Mrs. Forbrig



Mrs. Norton



Mrs. Downey



Ms. Phillips



Mrs. Butler



Mrs. Boyer



Ms. Alger



Mrs. Bacon



Mrs. Delis



# Time for Lunch!

11:00 - 11:30



# Exploratory Classes!

- ★ Physical Education
- ★ Band
- ★ Industrial Arts
- ★ Career Exploration
- ★ Art
- ★ Academic Lab
- ★ Choir (1st MP only)
- ★ Full Value Seminar
- ★ Digital Citizenship/Computers
- ★ STEM

Two exploratory classes  
each quarter:  
5th and 6th hours from 1:15 - 3:10



# Meet the Band Instructors



Mr. Willson



Mr. Harder



Mr. Huitema



# Meet the Exploratory Teachers



Mr. Brey  
Industrial Arts



Mrs. Saunders  
Choir/Digital  
Citizenship



Ms. Donn  
Career Exploration



Mrs. Racignol  
Art



# Physical Education



Mrs. Carlson



Mr. Racignol



3:10 - The bell  
rings and school is  
over for the day!

However...we offer many after school activities!



# Extra-Curricular "Patch/Pin"

## Opportunities

Middle School is a great time to try new things!

Here is a sampling of opportunities for students to be INVOLVED:

- ★ AMIM
- ★ Arts Club
- ★ Book Club
- ★ Builder's Club
- ★ Cross Country\*
- ★ Dance Team
- ★ Fall Show
- ★ Kindness Crew
- ★ Outdoor Club
- ★ Ping Pong Club
- ★ Photo Club
- ★ PHYSH Club
- ★ Robotics
- ★ Ski and Snowboard Club
- ★ Ski Team\*
- ★ Strength and Conditioning Club
- ★ Student Council
- ★ Theatre Apprenticeship Program
- ★ Track and Field\*
- ★ IM Volleyball
- ★ Wrestling\*
- ★ Yearbook
- ★ Youth in Government

*\* Requires Academic Eligibility*



Staffed by teachers

Use as often as  
needed!

# After School Study Lab

A quiet place  
to work or  
receive  
homework  
help!

Helpful for  
ALL students

Monday - Thursday  
3:15 - 4:15

Located in the Library



# Transition to Middle School

Changes from Elementary



# Marking Periods and Semesters

- **Four Marking Periods (Quarters)**

- Each is approximately 9-10 weeks (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Exploratories (other than band and PE) change each MP
- Report Cards are sent home at the end of each marking period
- Classroom progress reports are available throughout the year

- **Two Semesters**

- Two marking periods per semester
- (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)
- PE is a semester-long class

# Tiered Supports: Social/Emotional

- ★ DRIVE Tickets (daily)
- ★ DRIVE Awards (monthly)
- ★ School Counselors
- ★ Alcona Counselors
- ★ Outside Therapist Referrals
- ★ Northmen Den Pantry
- ★ Peer to Peer
- ★ Restorative Justice Response and Intervention
- ★ Conflict Resolutions
- ★ Character-Building Assemblies
- ★ Homeroom DRIVE Initiatives
- ★ School Nurse
- ★ School Resource Officer (SRO)
- ★ Extracurricular Opportunities



# Tiered Supports: Academic

- ★ Consistent Curriculum and Grading
- ★ 1:1 Technology (iPads)
- ★ Enrichment Opportunities
- ★ Aide Support
- ★ DRIVE Hive
- ★ After-School Study Lab
- ★ Academic Lab
- ★ Tier 2 Staff (available every hour)
- ★ Classroom Interventions (retakes and other supports)
- ★ Academic Learning Camp (August)
- ★ 504 Plans
- ★ IEP's
- ★ Special Populations Coordinator (Title VI and EL)

# Important Tools: PowerSchool & Schoology



**PowerSchool** - Student Information System (SIS), the school's official record-keeping and administrative system.

- Viewing **official grades** and report cards
- Checking **attendance records**
- Managing **student schedules (Each Marking Period it updates/changes!)**
- Accessing **transcripts** and standardized test scores
- **Parent Contact Information**
- **Enrollment** and **emergency contact** updates
- **App & Login Available** for parents/guardians and students (Parents can attach multiple student profiles to their account, so children from other PPS buildings can be accessed from the app)



**Schoology** - Learning Management System (LMS), the classroom's digital hub for learning and communication.

- Viewing **daily assignments, classwork, and homework**
- Based on teacher use, seeing **teacher feedback** and assignment **scores**
- Accessing **class materials**, resources, and **agendas**
- Participating in **discussions or submitting assignments online**
- Parents can gain access, but they will not have the same access as their child

# Tiered Supports: Behavioral

- ★ Student Handbook
- ★ School Resource Officer
- ★ *Bark!* and *Securely* Tech Safety Monitoring
- ★ OK2Say
- ★ Digital Media/Tech Safety Presentations
- ★ Apple Classroom
- ★ Student Support Network (SSN)
- ★ PBIS Initiatives (DRIVE Program)
- ★ Restorative Practices
- ★ Lunch Detention/ISS/OSS
- ★ CharEm ISD Team Collaboration
- ★ Behavior Support Plans
- ★ Principal/Assistant Principal Involvement

# Parent-Teacher Conferences

## First Semester: Two Nights

- Mid-October
- Monday (13th) 5:30 - 7:30
- Wednesday (15th) 5:30 - 7:30

## Second Semester: One Night

- Mid March
- Tuesday (10th) 5:30 - 7:30



Teachers are available in their classrooms to meet with parents between these times, but also available via phone or email *anytime throughout the school year.*



# Whom Do I Contact?

Depends on the *nature* of the issue or concern, but overall best practices is to *address it closest to its source*.

## Academic:

Classroom Teacher

Assignments   Grades  
Curriculum  
Classroom Incident or  
Conflict

## Attendance:

Secretary

348-2293

## Social/Emotional:

School Counselor

Achievement Concerns  
Academic Supports  
Social/Emotional  
Concerns  
Scheduling Issues  
Standardized Testing  
504 Plans  
Peer Conflict  
Family Support

## Conduct:

Administration

Discipline, Behavior, &  
Other Concerns  
unresolved at the  
source

## Housekeeping:

Homeroom Teacher

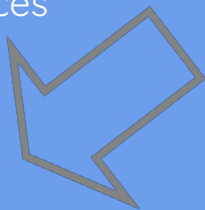
Locker Issues  
Forms   Field Trip Info  
Report Cards  
Daily Schedules

# Communication

## Middle School webpage

- ★ 5th to 6th Transition Info
- ★ Daily Announcements
- ★ Daily Schedule
- ★ Staff Directory
- ★ Athletic Information
- ★ Food Service Forms
- ★ Newsletters
- ★ PowerSchool Login Link
- ★ Schoology Login Link
- ★ Class Descriptions
- ★ School Calendar
- ★ Technology Help
- ★ Mental Health Resources
- ★ Alcona Therapist Info

Emails and Phone calls



## Teacher/class LMS

- ★ Daily/Weekly Agendas
- ★ Lesson Plans/Assignments Posted
- ★ Online textbooks
- ★ Learning Links
- ★ Schoology

## Other

- ★ Monthly Newsletter
- ★ School Family-Wide Emails
- ★ Facebook and Twitter
- ★ Remind - **now Parent Square**
- ★ PowerSchool App
- ★ Be-Alert School Closings
- ★ “Hot Topic” Offerings
- ★ Parent Alliance Meetings

# Back to School forms will be electronic!

## **PowerSchool Needed! Must have log in**

Fill out form on District Website or call Elementary Office

- **Student Verification Form**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT** names and numbers (Co-parenting information)
  - Most communication home is via email and Remind (soon Parent Square)
- **Medical Information**, such as allergies, asthma, medications...
- **Opt-out forms**
- **Acceptable Use Policy**
- **Student Schedules will be made available through PowerSchool**

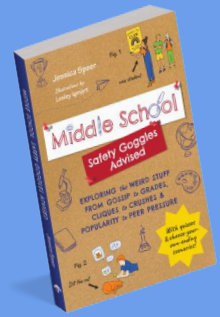
# Middle School Website

<https://www.petoskeyschools.org/schools/middle-school/>

# What's Next?

## Late August

- Schedules with locker number and combination made available - PowerSchool
- Welcome letter from 6th grade teachers on website
- **Complete Online forms**



## August 25th: Self-Guided Tour - Tentative

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Students and parents are invited to explore the middle school building, find classrooms, and open lockers. Teachers are not in the building that day, but it is a chance to check out the facilities and ease those first day jitters!

## August 26th: Middle School Open House

**4:30-6:00 PM**

## September 2nd: First Day of School!



Classroom Supplies will be provided by the school district!



You will want a backpack. If you have P.E. dry/clean shoes are a good idea. While we have headphones available at school, if you have your own that you prefer you are welcome to bring those in as well! Homerooms will always happily take donations of tissues and Clorox wipes. Grade level supplies are funded through the Enhancement Millage.

# Parent Panel

Q & A

(And please remember to sign in)