

# 6th Grade Parent Orientation

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# Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome to Middle School
- Parents' Top Ten List
- Words of Wisdom from our 6th Graders!



# What is Middle School All About?

District 96's Vision: Ensure that every child achieves his or her maximum potential.

**The same is true at Twin Groves and  
Woodlawn!**



# What is Your Child Experiencing?

- Movement Towards Independence
- Future Interests and Cognitive Changes
- Physical and Emotional Changes
- Morals, Values, and Self-Direction



# Middle School At-A-Glance

- Teams of students and teachers
- Schedule to meet needs of program...and students
- Curriculum and teaching techniques geared to this age student
- Extracurricular opportunities
- Supportive school staff who understand the unique needs of middle school students!



## Parents' Top Ten List

10. Can kids really make it to class in a 3 minute passing period?

**YEP!**



# Parents' Top Ten List

9. What does a 6th grade schedule look like?



# DAILY SCHEDULE

## A Day

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**Music- 41 min**

Math-60 min

Language Arts-60 min

Flex-40 min

PE- 41 min

Lunch- 25 min

Science- 60 min

Social Studies- 60 min

## B Day

**Spanish- 41 min**

Math-60 min

Language Arts-60 min

Flex-40 min

PE- 41 min

Lunch- 25 min

Science- 60 min

Social Studies- 60 min



## A Word From Our Experts

**What is it like having different teachers  
for different subjects?**

## A Word From Our Experts


**Socially, how was the transition to TG/WL with an entire group of new students?**

## Parents' Top Ten List

8. You mentioned “teams”. How do teams work?



# Grade Level Teams

- Group of teachers responsible for a small group of students (75-150)
  - Meet regularly to discuss programs, curriculum, students, cooperative plans
  - Communication with parents; newsletters, phone calls, conferences, e-mail
  - Students identify with smaller group; sense of community.
  - Teachers know students well
  - Class schedules are mixed; all 6th grade students have lunch,
  - Exploratory, Spanish, and PE at the same time
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# Parents' Top Ten List

7. How will students know what's going on?

- TeacherEase
- Schoology
- Daily Announcements
- Twin Groves/Woodlawn Websites
- Email



# Parents' Top Ten List

## 6. How will parents know what's going on?

- Teacher Ease
- Weekly Principal's Blog
- Schoology
- PTO Blog
- E-News
- Email, Phone, Notes
- Daily Announcements
- If you have a question, please just ask!
- Twin Groves/Woodlawn Websites



## A Word From Our Experts

**What advice do you have for the parents  
of next year's 6th grade class?**

# Parents' Top Ten List

5. What happens if my child needs extra help?

- You can always...
- Talk to the teachers
- Talk to our Student Services staff
- Talk to the office





# Extra Help....

We can always...

- PIT (Problem Intervention Team) crew
- Math and Literacy interventions
- Study Hall
- Guided Study Hall
- Call and talk to our staff! We are here to help!



# Parents' Top Ten List

4. What happens at the beginning of the year?

- Placements sent out early-June (this drives summer reading book selection)

- IN ORDER TO GET YOUR SCHEDULE...Health forms must be turned in

- Schedules will be sent out early August

- Locker set up week of August 14th (details TBD)

- First day of school for students on Wednesday, August 15th



# Parents' Top Ten List

## 3. What am I hearing about iPads?

-All 6th graders will get their own school-issued iPad for the 2018-2019 school year in order to provide 1-to-1 access to technology!

-Students will participate in direct instruction on use and expectations before being given the iPad.



## A Word From Our Experts

**How has using the iPad changed the way you study and learn?**

# Parents' Top Ten List

## 2. What extracurricular activities are available for 6th graders?

- Clubs! Clubs! Clubs!
- Events--Musical, Play, Variety Show
- Band, Orchestra, Chorus
- Sports--Cross Country, Soccer, Wrestling, Track
- Study Hall/Activity Period
- Check the schools' websites!



## A Word From Our Experts

**What After-School Activities have you been involved in at your school?**

## A Word From Our Experts

**What did you worry about BEFORE starting MS?**

**What would you tell parents and incoming 6th graders NOT to worry about?**

## A Word From Our Experts

**Is there anything you WISH you had known before starting 6th grade?**



## Parents' Top Ten List

1. Will “I” be able to keep up with the 6th grade homework load?



NO! It is your student's work!  
You already finished MS!

