

# **5<sup>TH</sup> TO 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT NIGHT**



**Cosgrove Middle School**  
**Spring 2023**

# Cosgrove Middle School



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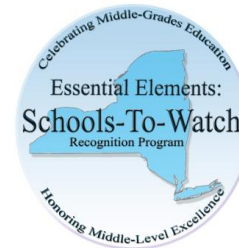
# What Works in Middle Level Schools and Programs

## Essential Elements

We know what works in middle level schools and programs: *The Essential Elements of Standards-Focused Middle Level Schools and Programs*. These *Essential Elements*, mandated by the New York State Department of Education in CR100.4, provide us with the charge to deliver research-based, proven programs for our early adolescents that address both academics and personal development. Read more at [www.nysmsa.org](http://www.nysmsa.org).

- 1 A **philosophy and mission** that reflect the intellectual and developmental needs and characteristics of young adolescents.
- 2 An **educational program** that is comprehensive, challenging, purposeful, integrated, relevant, and standards-based.
- 3 An **organization and structure** that support both academic excellence and personal development.
- 4 **Classroom instruction** appropriate to the needs and characteristics of young adolescents provided by skilled and knowledgeable teachers.
- 5 Strong educational **leadership** and a building administration that encourage, facilitate, and sustain involvement, participation, and leadership.
- 6 A network of academic and personal **support** available for all students.
- 7 **Professional learning** and staff development for all staff that are ongoing, planned, purposeful, and collaboratively developed.

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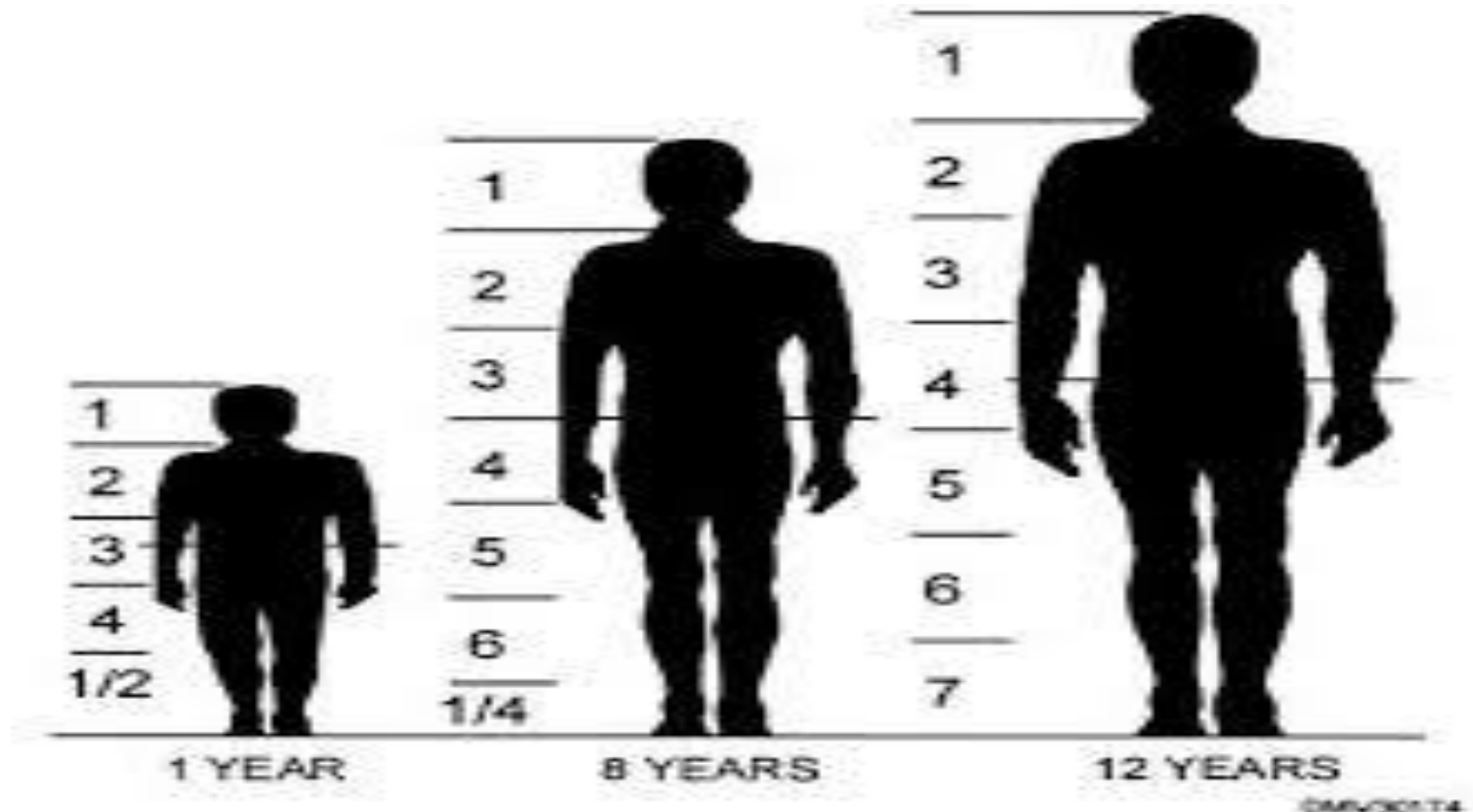
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NYS w/  
designation



< 3% Nationwide  
have rec'd this  
designation

# Changes in Middle Level Students

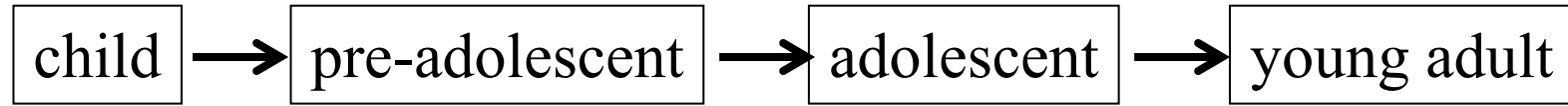
- ▶ Mrs. Jackquelyn Woodard  
School Counselor for 6<sup>th</sup> grade





# *A Bridge to Change*

## Middle School Years



- physical change
- social change
- cognitive change
- emotional change

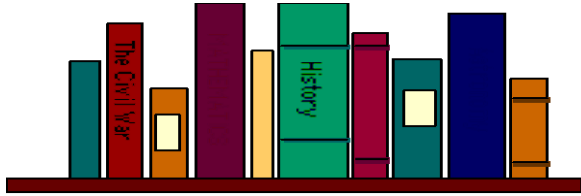
# Grade 6 Teachers

- ▶ Students are on one of three teams
- ▶ 100 students per team
- ▶ Average class size = 25
- ▶ Students change classes within the team of teachers
- ▶ Teacher 1-Social Studies
- ▶ Teacher 2-Math
- ▶ Teacher 3-Science
- ▶ Teacher 4-English Language Arts 6
- ▶ All-Literacy 6

# Student Placement on Teams

- ▶ A combination of Bernabi, Canal View, Munn, Taylor students on each team
- ▶ Grouping done randomly
- ▶ Accelerated math class on each team

# ***PROGRAMS***

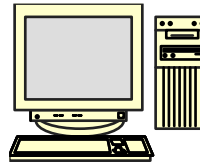


**Exploratory Courses:**  
Information Technology  
Digital Citizenship  
Library Skills  
Physical Education  
General Music  
Art



## **Core Courses:**

English  
Literacy  
Social Studies  
Math &  
Accelerated Math  
Science





# *Physical Education*

Physical Education meets two days a week

Intramurals parallel Physical Education instructional units.

- Softball
- Fitness Assessment
- Fitness Instruction
- Fitness Reassessment
- Fitness Center
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Dance
- Orienteering
- Snow Shoeing
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Yoga/Pilates

# *Music*

## General Music

~Will meet one day a week for a semester.

### Chorus

(Meets during advisement. Lessons will be held during the day.)

### Band

(Meets during advisement. Lessons will be held during the day.)

# Art

**Will meet one day a week for a semester.**

- ~ Portfolio Project
- ~ One Point Perspective - Roman Architecture
- ~ Hieroglyphics Clay Tablet
- ~ Cave Art Project (if time allows)

# *Library Skills*

Will meet two days a week for a semester

- Destiny Quest
- Citing Sources
- Noodle Tools
- Publishing Effective Digital Print and Video Book Reviews
- Website evaluation
- Using Data bases

# *Information Technology*

Will meet two days a week  
for a semester

- Internet Safety
- Breakout EDU lessons
- Video editing
- Copyright laws
- Digital Footprint

# *Digital Citizenship*

Will meet one day a week for the entire school year

- Digital Etiquette
- Digital Citizenship
- Digital Footprint



# Cosgrove is a 1:1 School

- Attended multiple trainings and workshops to learn best practices.
- Distribution and implementation process will continue to be done during the first week of school.
- Students will meet their teachers first.

# Plan and process to distribute computers

- Computer use agreements must be processed by parent or guardian in the summer.
- Student will receive their laptop in their Library Skills or Information Technology Course during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> contact of these classes.

# Student Expectations

- Charge the laptop every night and make sure it is ready for the next day.
- Students are expected to use the carry sleeve.
- Report any problems, damage or other issues to the computer staff immediately.
- Follow the computer use agreement for students at home and at school. The filter is always on.
- Content should be appropriate for classes and coursework that will enhance the learning.

# Supporting your child:

- Connect to the home wifi.
- Monitor your child's use of the computer and remind them to charge their device each night.
- Consider checking the history of any of the search engines: Google, Internet Explorer, etc...
- Students should walk you through Schoology courses that they may be enrolled in throughout the year. Assignments will be dated and in the calendar portion of this application.



# Supporting our Staff:

- Training has been conducted every year using various applications.
- Schoology-Learning Management System will be used throughout the year and additional training has been provided throughout the summer.
- Release days and faculty meeting trainings will be done throughout the year.

# What is Advisement?

- ▶ One period 5 out of 5 days
- ▶ Students are with one of their team teachers
- ▶ Time that students may receive intervention support
- ▶ Students may visit the library, work on special enrichment projects, receive extra help from their teacher or meet with the Counselor.

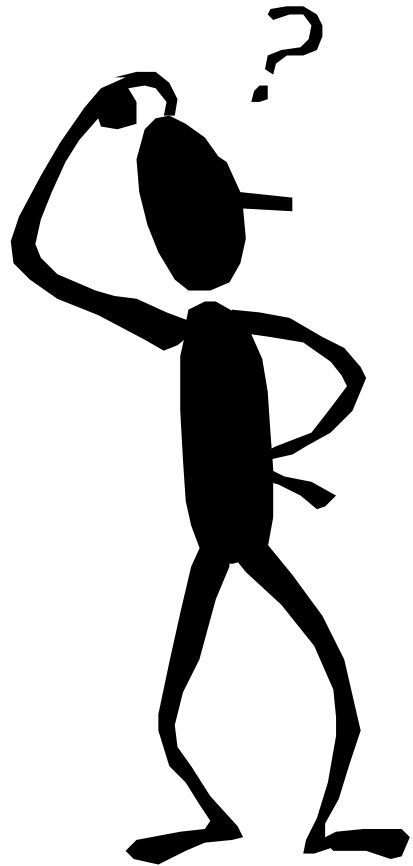


# Lunch!

## Sixth Graders Eat Together!

- ▶ Main Meal
- ▶ Pasta
- ▶ Salad
- ▶ Nachos
- ▶ Pizza
- ▶ Sandwiches

# Location of Grade 6?



- ▶ 100 and 200 Hallways
- ▶ Students will travel to:  
Art, Music, Physical Education,  
Information Technology,  
Digital Citizenship and Lunch
- ▶ Books, supplies - in lockers
- ▶ Lockers have combinations

# Grading and Report Cards

## Posted in the Infinite Campus Back Pack

- ▶ Every 10 weeks - Report Cards and IEP progress reports
- ▶ Report cards are no longer mailed home

## Posted through Infinite Campus

- ▶ Every 5 weeks
- ▶ AIS progress grade on report card is Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory
- ▶ Band grade is on report card

- **\*High Honor Roll = 90-100%**
- **\*Honor Roll = 85-90%**
- **NJHS-93% and above**

## Grading System

- ▶ A+ 95-100%
- ▶ A 90-94%
- ▶ B+ 85-89%
- ▶ B 80-84%
- ▶ C+ 75-79%
- ▶ C 70-74%
- ▶ D 65-69%

Be  
Respectful

Be  
Responsible

Be There  
And  
Be Ready

# CMS High Five

Follow  
Directions

Keep Hands  
and Feet  
to Self

# *School Wide Rules*



## **CELL PHONES**

- **Traffic light system**
  - **Classrooms are red light zones**
  - **Cell phones may be used in the hallway, cafeteria, before, and after school**

# *School Wide Rules*



**Bullying/Cyberbullying**

**Vs.**

**Conflict**



# *Clubs*

- Academic Challenge- Ms. Leone
  - Ally Club-Mrs. Woodard
  - Band Council-Mr. Barclay
- CAVE Drama (after school November to March)-Mr. Van Vleck
  - Chess Club - Ms. Leone
  - FACS- Mrs. Chevalier
  - Girl Up Club- Mrs. Woodard
- Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Lab Band- Mr. Barclay and Mr. Confer
  - P.R.I.D.E.-Mr. Gray
- Service Club-Mrs. K. Welch/Mrs. Kazmierski
  - Ski Club-Mr. Swanson
- Student Council- Mrs. Woodard
- Technology Club-Mr. Swanson and Mr. English
  - Yearbook Club- Mr. Sartin

# Time Schedule

- ▶ Buses arrive from 7:40-7:50 a.m.
- ▶ Students may be dropped off at 7:45 a.m.
- ▶ First bell rings at 7:55 a.m.

Reminder bell at 7:59 a.m.

First period bell at 8:00 a.m.

## ▶ Instructional Day

- ▶ Homeroom & Period 1 begin at 8:00 a.m.
- ▶ Classes end at 2:50 p.m.
- ▶ Buses depart at 3:00 p.m.

Activity Period Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 2:50- 3:25

# Health Office -

Elizabeth Prokopienko - RN  
Jaclyn Barker - LPN  
Marlene Williamson  
349-5351

Requirements for  
Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

# Immunizations

## T-dap booster - on or before 11<sup>th</sup> birthday

- ▶ Please check with your doctor and make sure that your child has these immunizations before the start of the new school year.
- ▶ If MD waiting for 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, schedule vaccine with MD and bring proof of that appointment before or on first day of school.
- ▶ Please send the completed immunization record to the current school Health office.



Don't  
Wait...  
Vaccinate

# Consequences of Delinquent Vaccines

- ▶ Increased risk of disease (T-dap prevents whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria)
- ▶ Students have been sent home and not allowed back until vaccinated.
- ▶ Audits - school is fined
- ▶ **Spencerport website for more info**



# Medications in School

## (Includes over the counter medications)

- ▶ Health Office needs written prescription from physician and written permission from parent on file for any medication to be taken at school
- ▶ Medication supply must be brought in by a parent or designated adult. Do not send meds in with children
- ▶ Must be in original labeled container (no baggies please)
- ▶ Prescriptions can be faxed to Health Office  
fax - 349-5386





# Student Orientation

- ▶ Orientation will be August 29, 2023. Students will be able to open lockers, get ID and schedule, tour school and bring in supplies.
- ▶ Cosgrove is open until 8:00 p.m. to practice opening locker, bringing in supplies, etc.

# Communication at Cosgrove

- ▶ Email update is sent every Friday
- ▶ Homework Webpages will be done in Schoology
- ▶ Homework requests done through student to teacher in Schoology
- ▶ Our website is [www.spencerportschools.org](http://www.spencerportschools.org)
- ▶ Contact teachers via Email or Schoology
- ▶ Contact Mrs. Woodard at 349-5343
- ▶ Email or call: Mr. Centola (349-5302), Mr. Burger (349-5321), or Mrs. Hill-Dougherty (349-5311)

# Main Office/ Attendance Office

Mrs. Lehman (349-5050) - attendance, messages for picking up and dropping off students

Mrs. Lamirande (349-5309)- Building Secretary

## Principal's Office

Mrs. DiGuardi (349-5301)- secretary for Mr. Centola, Principal

Mrs. Ballard (349-5320)- secretary for Assistant Principals

## Infinite Campus

Mr. Koyoumijan (349-5324)- passwords and access for parents and students

## Counseling Office

Mrs. Woodard (349-5343) 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor

Mrs. Fowler (349-5340)- Registrar



What questions do you have?