

Welcome to O.W. Best Middle School!!!
Achievement, Responsibility, Success in Life

Principal: Mr. Mollett

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Portscheller

Counselors: Ms. Herd (A-J) & Mrs. Stubbs (K-Z)

School Hours: 8:00-2:50

What courses will I have next year????

Year Long Courses:

Math
English Language Arts
Science
Social Studies
Multi-Purpose Period (MP²)

Quarter Long Courses:

Band
Art
Gym
Computers
Real Life Math
Lean On Me
Scientific Inquiry
Mini Society

*****Check out the Course Descriptions on the O.W. Best homepage under the "Academics" tab*****

Websites to Check Out:

<http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/school/middleschool/>

<http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/succeeding-in-middle-school/>

<http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/middle-school.html>

SAVE THE DATE:

6TH GRADE PARENT AND STUDENT ORIENTATION
Wednesday, August 29th at 6:00 in the O.W. Best
Cafeteria

What School Supplies do I need for Middle School???

The key to being successful in Middle School is being **ORGANIZED**. We recommend a folder and notebook for each class. You will receive a planner as well during your first week of school. Below is a list of supplies that the teachers recommend for next year.

Supply List

- Pencils
- Pens
- Red Pens
- 7 folders or binders (one for each hour)
- 2 three prong, two pocket folder (S.S.)
- Paper
- 3 single-subject spiral notebooks (math, ELA, Sci In.)
- 3 composition notebook without wire (S.S., ELA, Sci)
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Headphones or earbuds
- 1 large box of tissue (give to MP2 teacher)
- 1 large hand sanitizer (give to MP2 teacher)
- Silent Reading book of choice (required for MP2)

Programs to help your grades:

ZAP, E20-20, Homework Helpers, MP2, Student Connect, HW Website, PBIS, Check-In Check Out (CICO), Weekly Pulse Reports, Peer Mentors

Programs to encourage positive behavior:

Student of the Month, Student Responsibility Center (SRC), Community Service, PBIS programs such as Signature Card, Quarterly Rewards, Caught Being Good, CICO, Honor Roll Rewards

Extracurricular Activities:

Sports: Football, Cross Country, Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball, Cheerleading

Clubs and other Activities: Tech Club, Robotics, School Store, Peer Mediators, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), and other clubs dependent on student interest (For example, past clubs include Bible Club, Pokemon Club, Anime Club, Book Club

LOCKERS:

You will be assigned a locker the first week of school. The combination lock is attached to the locker so you do not need to bring a lock. Your locker is your own, so you do not share lockers. The lockers are fairly new and easy to open as long as you know how to use a combination lock. Your teachers will allow for time to practice opening your locker, but **it is highly recommended that you learn how to use a combination lock over the summer.**

BULLYING:

We have a Zero Tolerance policy for bullying. We have numerous ways to report bullying such as our bully box, our bullying email address, and signing up to see a counselor. We have bullying awareness activities, such as Pink Shirt days and do lessons on anti-bullying in the classroom.

LOCATING CLASSES:

O.W. Best is pretty easy to navigate. There are signs in the hallway to tell you which direction to go to find the Cafeteria, Gym, and other rooms. The classes are all pretty close together so the 5 minutes in-between classes is plenty of time to class and to go to your locker/use the restroom. Your teachers too will give you more time during the first couple of weeks of school as they know you are still figuring things out.

TEACHERS:

O.W. Best teachers are just like your elementary school teachers—helpful, caring, and kind! Our teachers can't wait to meet you and build great relationships with you next year! The teachers make their rules and classroom expectations very clear and are willing to go above and beyond to help you be successful in their class.

HOMEWORK:

Teachers typically give class time to start working on assignments. Math is the only class that you can expect to have 10-15 minutes of HW every night. In Language Arts and Social Studies, you may have HW 1-2 times a week for 20 minutes or less. In Science and your Elective classes, assignments are done in class and you rarely have HW. So as long as you use your time wisely, you shouldn't have too much work every night. When there are tests you would have to spend time studying and occasionally there may be a project which too would take more time but teachers give you plenty of notice for tests and projects.

Middle School Fun

- *Dances (Halloween, Winterfest, St. Patty's Day)
- *Electronic Days
- *Spirit Days
- *Assemblies
- *Field Trips
- *Science Labs
- *New Friends

Bell Schedule

1st hour 8:00-8:54

2nd hour 8:59-9:53

3rd hour 9:58-10:23 MP2

4th hour 10:28-11:22

5th hour 11:27-11:52 Lunch 11:52-12:22 5th hour 12:22-12:52

6th hour 12:57-1:51

7th hour 1:56-2:50

*This is the 17-18 bell schedule. There could be slight changes for the 18-19 school year, but this gives you a general idea. :)

First Day of School

Report to the Cafeteria. All the 6th grade teachers will be in the Cafeteria, along with the Principal and Counselors. We will have you line up with your 1st hour teacher by calling out student names. Your teacher will then walk you to your 1st hour and give you a copy of your schedule. They will give you a tour of the school, and talk about O.W. Best school rules, programs, etc.



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