Welcome to Parcells Middle School



5th and 6th Grade Parent Information Night 2020



Parcells Middle School Administrators



Mr. Hartley Principal



Mrs. Redlin Assistant Principal

Parcells Middle School Counselors



Mrs. Radant Counselor A - K



Mrs. Palffy Counselor L-Z

Parcells Middle School Mission And Values

We work to be our personal best by mastering curriculum, building character, and connecting with community.

Values:

- Reach ALL students Set High Standards -
- Continuous Improvement Parents as Partners Integrate Technology -

Agenda For Tonight

6:30-7:30

- Presentation
- Question/Answer

7:30 - 8:00

- Cookies/Coffee/Water in Lobby
- Explore Building With Map
- Teachers in Open Classrooms
- NJHS Students in Hall Directing Traffic
- More Questions/Answers If Needed

Overview of Middle School

- Great opportunity to meet new friends and take advantage of many wonderful opportunities in and out of the classroom.
- 5th Grade Transition One Homeroom Teacher w/ Teaming in Core
- 6th Grade Transition Team of 4 Teachers in Core Areas that share students
- 7th & 8th Grade Grade Level Teams with a "Junior High School" schedule
- Grades and GPA's are given in recognition of student achievement and behavior/conduct is monitored and taught through "ONE PARCELLS"
- Assistance is always available from counselors, teachers, support staff, and administration.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled generally in November and March. Progress can also be monitored through Schoology.

A Day in Middle School...

- 5th Grade Entry and Dismissal
 - 5th/6th grade designated entry/exit locations
 - Homeroom
 - Core Instruction (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)
 - Specials/'Choice' Elective/Support & Enrichment
 - Lunch Block with extended 'midday' recess block
 - Seeking Grant Funding for Equipment and Blacktop Space
- 6th Grade Entry and Dismissal
 - 5th/6th grade designated entry/exit locations
 - Advisory
 - Six Instructional Blocks
 - English, Math, Science, Social Studies Periods
 - Elective/'Choice' Elective
 - Lunch Block

ONE PARCELLS Positive Behavior Support Program

- System of rewards and interventions for recognizing and rewarding positive behavior.
- Positive reinforcements include: pep rallies, assemblies, before or after school snack rewards, cafeteria privileges, Panther Bucks, Raffles, Monthly Celebrations, End of Year Auction.
- Consequences for poor behavior: Options Room visits, after school detention, and Suspension. Students receive Conduct and Work Habits numerical assessments quarterly.

6th-8th Grade Advisory (Tuesday thru Friday)

A team of teachers and administrators will meet to develop the Advisory program to enhance and sustain social, emotional, and academic learning opportunities. Some examples may include:

- Meet the *Unique* Needs of Middle School Students
 - Adolescent Health Lessons
 - Social & Emotional Lessons
 - Team building, Relationships, Social Media, Diversity, Global Awareness etc.
- College/Career Readiness
 - Naviance Activities
 - Transitions Activities (from ES and to HS)
 - Assessments (PSAT/NWEA), College Board
- Essential Middle School Skills and Lessons
 - Application of Leader in Me Skills, Organization, Schoology, Study Skills, Soft Skills, etc.
- Enrichment/Reteaching/Extension
 - MiTech/Library Media, Passion projects, etc.

ONE PARCELLS Becoming A Community of ONE

- 5th & 6th Grade Visits to Middle School
 - Poupard: May 15, 9-11:15am
 - Mason: May 18, 9:30 11:45am
 - Ferry: May 19, 9-11:15am
 - Monteith: May 20, 9-11:15am
- Middle School Community Social May 28th:6:30-8pm
- 5th Grade Camp Bair Lake Camp: Sept. 29th Oct. 1st
- 6th Grade Teams 4 Core Teachers Share Same Students
- Advisory Class Team Building & School Expectations
- Pep Assemblies Panther Pride

How is lunch different?

- Student Lunch \$3.50
- A la carte purchase individual items/Snack Line
- "Brown Bag"
- Recess time for 6th Grade
- 5th Grade Extended Recess before/after lunch period
- 5th Graders will sit by homeroom, 6th graders will choose seats

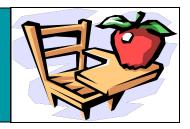
Extra-Curricular Activities for 5th - 8th graders

- Intramural Basketball
- Cross Country Club
- Swimming Club
- Student Council
- Chess Club
- Diversity Club
- Art Club
- Yearbook Club
- Social Studies Olympiad
- Geography Bee

- All School Play/Musical
- 5th Grade Choir
- Robotics Team (The Blown Fuses)
- Green Team
- Strong Girls
- Strong Boys
- Spelling Bee
- Other clubs and activities depending on student interest.

*Club fee required

Honor Roll Recognition (Grade Point Average)



- Academic Hall of Fame, 4.0 to 4.33
- Merit Honors, 3.5 to 3.99
- Academic Achievement, 3.0 to 3.49
- Counselor's Award, all 1's and 2's in conduct, and work habits
- Conduct Honor Roll, all 1's and 2's in conduct

Committee of teachers and administrators currently working on what the 5th Grade Report Card will look like.

Parent/Student Online Resources

- Middle School Program of Studies
 - Course Descriptions
- Student Handbook
 - General Info & Important dates
 - Code of Conduct
 - ONE Parcells/Behavior
- Parent Portal Tab
 - Parent Portal:
 - -Report Card Grades -Cafeteria payments -Attendance



Schoology

- Parent and Student Log-In
- Track courses, assignments, status of assignments, assessments, grades and view teacher comments
- Individualized Calendar for each student, generated by their courses and updated by their teachers
- Check Schoology at least once each week to monitor student progress
- SCHOOLOGY IS YOUR FRIEND, download the app!



Bring Your Own Device

Our district recommends a device with:

- A 10" or larger screen size
- A keyboard
- Wireless access



When you hear **"BYOD,"** it's NOT referring to an e-reader, phone, or tablet (without a keyboard attached to it). We are recommending a Chromebook because of the low cost and great functionality, but any laptop will do. All students 6-8 will be expected to have this device charged and at school each day

(5th on next slide).

5th Grade BYOD

- Beginning in 2020-2021, all 5th Grade students are encouraged to participate in the District's BYOD Program
- The focus of this initiative is for students to have the ability to create, collaborate, receive instructional materials, and turn in their work digitally
- Students will have access to Schoology and Google Drive
- The District is recommending a Chromebook device, as opposed to a tablet or laptop.

For more information, please go to

<u>bit.ly/gpbyod5</u>

Off and Out of Sight

- Phones are not considered BYOD
- "Bell to Bell"
 - Morning Bell 10 minutes before Class
 - End of Day Bell
- Consequences Include
 - Turn in Phone to Options Room
 - Loss of Phone Privileges
 - Parent Pickup of Device



Course Selection Process:

- Complete course selection worksheet at home and hand in to your teacher:
 - Due date on bottom of worksheet: March 5th
- 6th Grade: Read the AVID application and give to parents
- Program of Studies on our webpage.
- Registration Presentation dates and times:
 - Ferry Tuesday, Feb. 25, 9am
 - Poupard Tuesday, Feb. 25, 12:30
 - Mason Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9am
 - Monteith Thursday, Feb. 27, 9am

5th Grade Specials PLUS additional 'Choice' Elective

5th Graders will be enrolled in:

- Art, General Music, Innovation and Design and World Language (ABCD rotation Year)
- 5th Graders will ALSO have the opportunity to 'choose' one of the following:
- Brass/Woodwinds/Strings (Every Other Day Year)
- Physical Education (Every Other Day Year)
 - Please note that this PE is in addition to the Physical Education course below

5th Graders will ALSO be enrolled in:

 Physical Education, Support & Enrichment (Every Other Day -Semester)

6th Grade Electives PLUS additional 'Choice' Elective

All 6th Graders will be enrolled in:

- Art, Communications, Family Consumer Science w/ Health* and Innovation & Design (One per Quarter rotation)
- 6th Graders will ALSO have the opportunity to 'choose' two of the following
- (Every Other Day rotation All Year, PE Can Be Selected Twice):

Exploring Art I	Choir-6	Physical Education-6	Spanish Intro-6
Band-6	Orchestra-6	French Intro-6	

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Innovation & Design-5			World Language-5	
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5th Grade: Instrument or PE Selection

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COURSE SELECTION SHEET- GRADE 6

2020-2021 School Year

DUE DATE: Please return to your 5th grade teacher

View the GPPSS Middle School Program of Studies online

LAST NAME (Please print)

FIRST NAME (Please print)

 Students will be enrolled in the following Core courses

 English Language Arts*
 Science

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 Social Studies

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 Social Studies

 Students will be enrolled in the following 8th Grade Electives (One per Quarter)

 Art-8
 FCS/Health-8

 Communications-8
 Innovation & Design-8

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6th Grade: 2 Choice Electives, Instrument

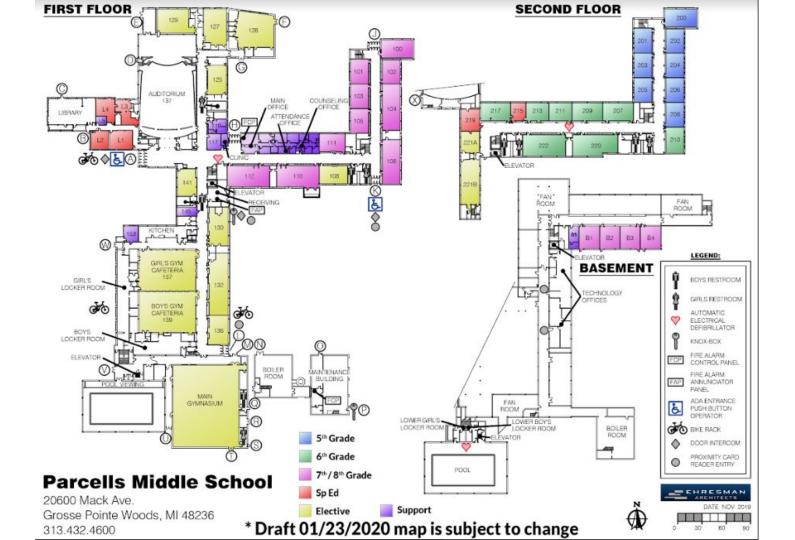
AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination)

- AVID is a 6th Grade Elective for students who demonstrate that they are capable of completing a rigorous curriculum of Honors level courses but are currently falling short of their potential.
- AVID is a 6th Grade elective class that is focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading to help students strengthen skills that are needed in high school and college. It is a one hour year-long daily elective that would replace one of their elective hours.
- AVID requires an application process by <u>any interested 5th grade student</u>. This application is available on Parcells website and must be completed/signed and turned into Parcells main office by April 30th for consideration into the AVID elective.
- 5th Grade students will learn AVID strategies as part of their Core Curriculum work.

Course Selection Sheet Reminders:

- Be sure a parent/guardian signs at the bottom of the registration sheet
- Return completed sheet to your 4th OR 5th grade teacher by **March 5th**



Entry/Exit Locations

- 5th 6th Grade Only Entry/Exit
 - Door K (By room 106)
- 7th 8th Grade Entry/Exit
 - Door L (Sunningdale Lot By Main Gym)
- 5th 8th Grade Entry/Exit
 - Door A (Mack Avenue Entrance)
- Morning Breakfast Locations
 - 5th/6th: Girls' Gym
 - 7th/8th: Boys' Gym
- "Mid-Club" Before/After School Care Will Be Available (Door W)

Construction Update

- New Secure Vestibule Area at Door H
 - Additional Daytime Parking Lot Being Built off of Library Lot (Sunningdale)
- Updated Classrooms Doors, Flooring, Lighting, Ceiling, Paint
- Updated Restrooms Tile, Sinks, Toilets, Urinals, Partitions
- Hallway Flooring, Additional Cameras, Paint
- New Classrooms on 2nd Floor (6th Grade Wing)
- Renovated Life Skills Room, Renovated and Relocated Art Room
- Due to Summer Construction projects -
 - Building will not be available until week of August 31st
 - Registration will probably be off site Week of August 24th
 - Designate Days/Times: Week of Aug. 31st so that students can walk schedule, open locker

We are excited to have you as future Parcells Panthers!



Questions?