

ORCHARD VALLEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOME FUTURE
ORCHARD VALLEY MIDDLE
SCHOOL 6TH GRADE
STUDENTS



MS. MARAKOWSKI 6TH GR. SCHOOL COUNSELOR

In the school counseling office, we work as a team. Here are other trusted adults you may see.

Mrs. Burr, School Counseling Secretary
Mr. Jedwabny, OVMS 7th grade counselor



GOALS FOR TODAY



Meet your OVMS counselor for 6th grade



Learn information about OVMS



Start thinking about your transition to middle school



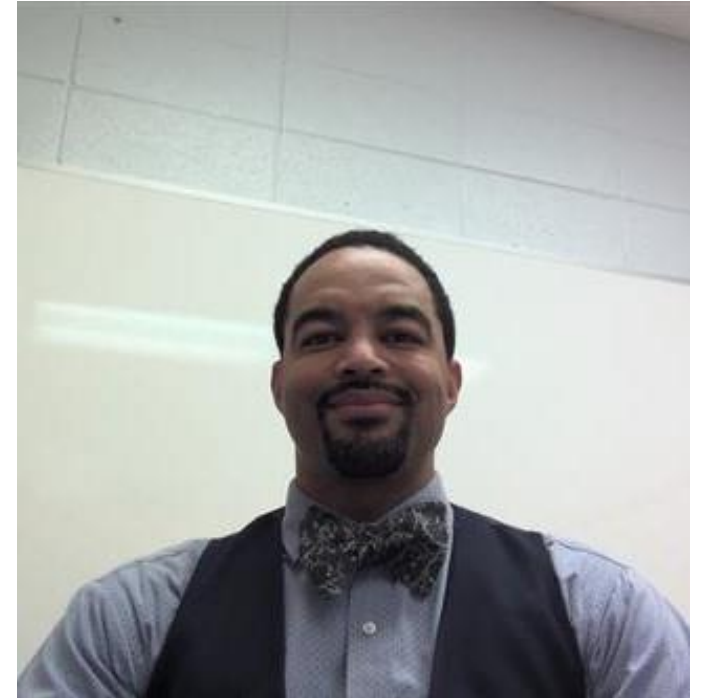
Opportunity to ask questions



OVMS ADMINISTRATION



Mrs. Cancila, Principal



Mr. Avery, Assistant Principal

6TH GRADE COMMUNITY LEADERS

Community Leader Teachers:
provide students with support,
monitor academic performance, and
address student behavior.

Community Leaders oversee
working lunch, which is an extended
study hall.

They also plan 6th grade Community
events, such as movie days and
games.

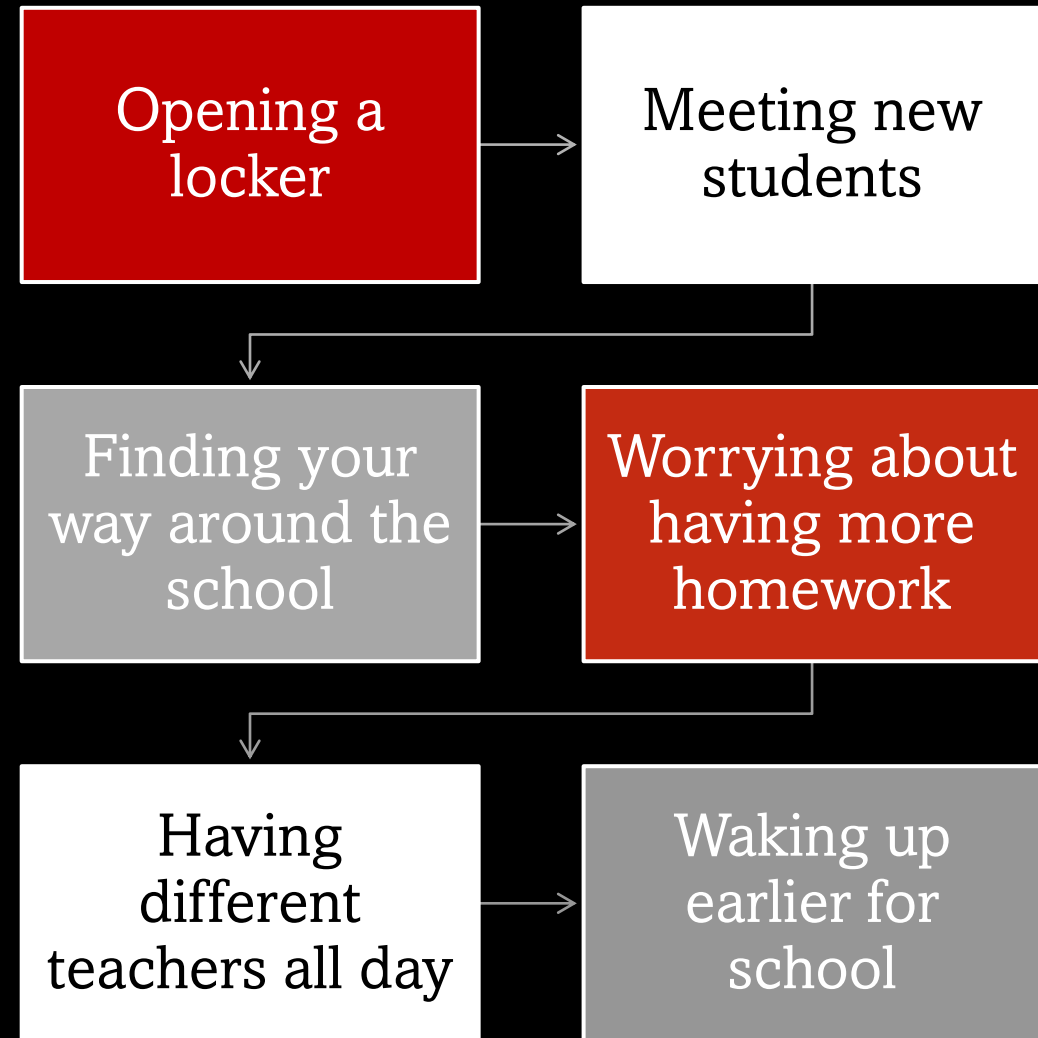


Mrs. Smierciak, Math Teacher

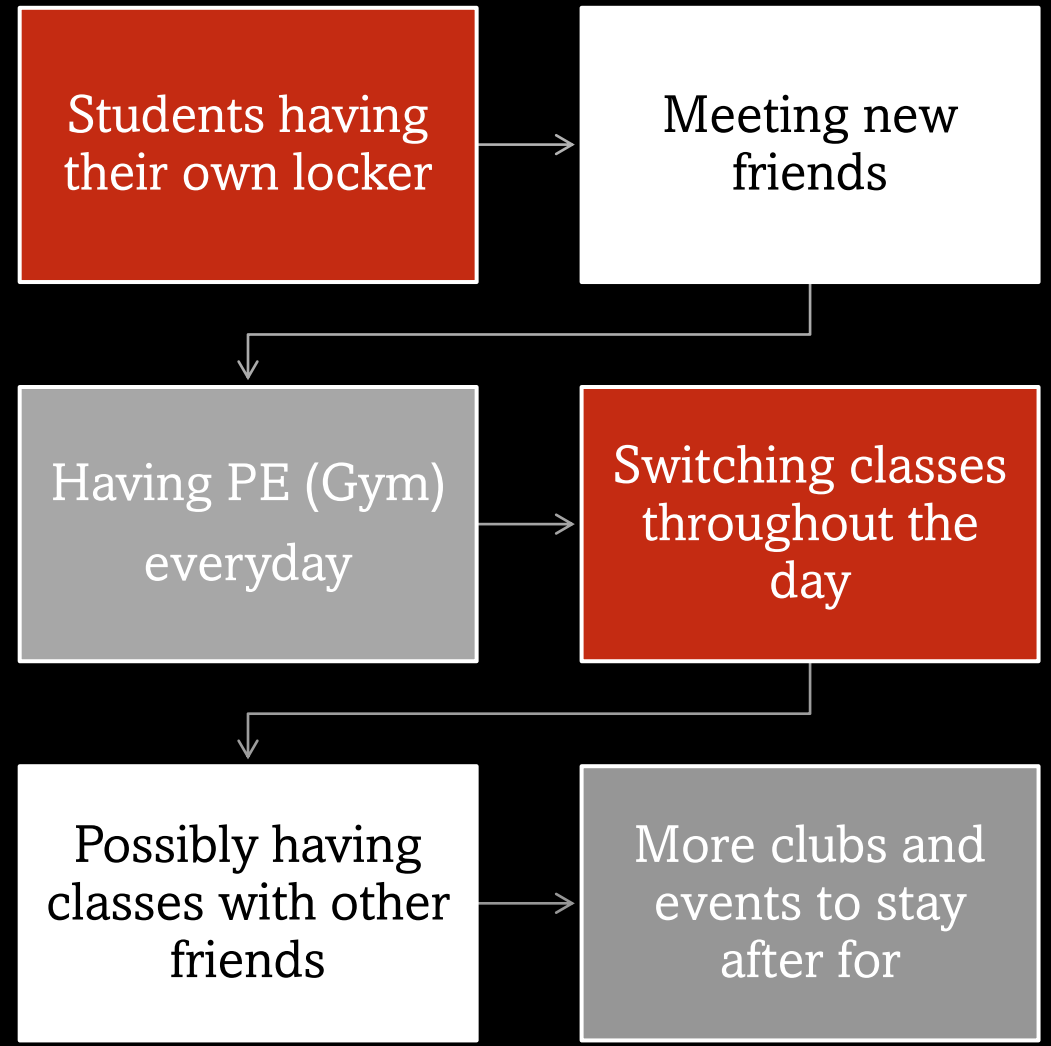


Mrs. Eichinger, Science Teacher

COMMON 5TH GRADE STUDENT CONCERNS ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL

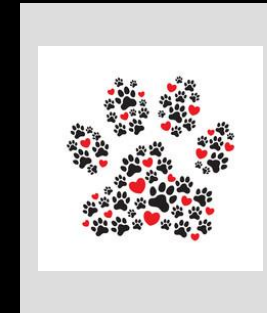


WHAT IS EXCITING ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL?



MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS:

- ❑ Welcome Back to School Panther Party
- ❑ Volleyball Staff vs. Students Tournament
- ❑ Jingle Bell Run
- ❑ Middle School Idol Competition



GET INVOLVED AFTER SCHOOL!

CLUBS:

- Art Club
- Social Justice Club
- Love and Gender Expression Club
- Drama Club
- Stage Crew
- Engineering Club
- Future Acts Club
- Student Council
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Pop Culture/Anime Club
- Homework Help Clubs (Digits and Prep Club)
- Newspaper Club
- Morning Announcements Club
- Yearbook Club

Sports at OVMS:

- Field Hockey
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Running Club



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION

- ❑ There is a club for everyone! You can join as many as you'd like.
- ❑ All students take the late bus home or are picked up by a parent/ guardian at 4:00 PM.
- ❑ If you're a "walker" to school and you stay after, you cannot walk or ride your bike home. You must take the late bus home or be picked up by a parent/ guardian.
- ❑ Students need a permission slip to stay after school.
- ❑ Students need an approved medical physical form on file with the school nurse to participate in sports.

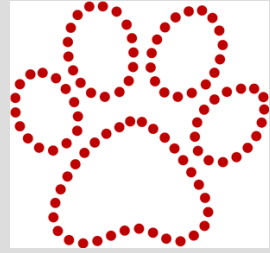


Newspaper  Club





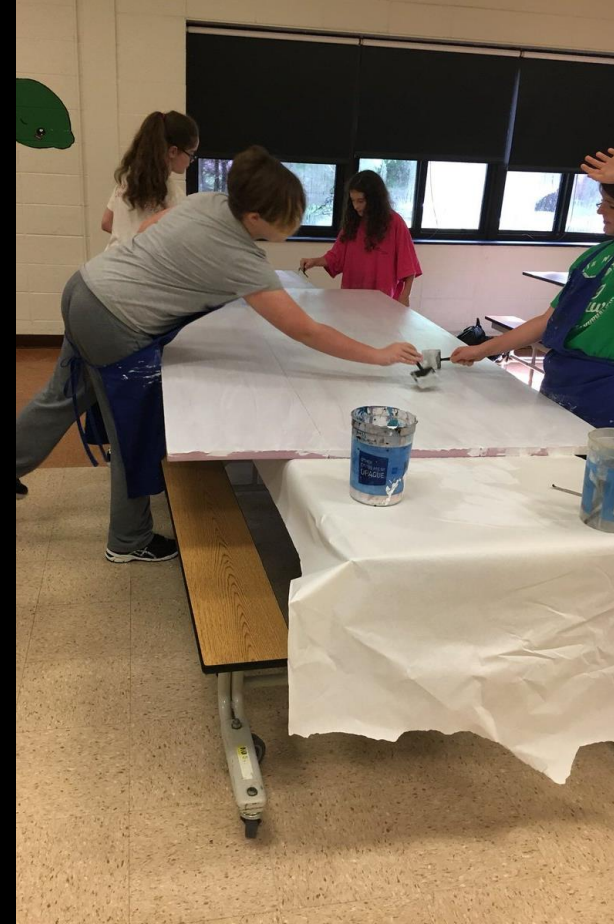
FUTURE ACTS



Community service projects
through out the school year:

- Halloween Candy Give Back Drive
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Wrap Fest- Wrapping Holiday Gifts for Donations
- Hoagie Sale
- Panther Pantry





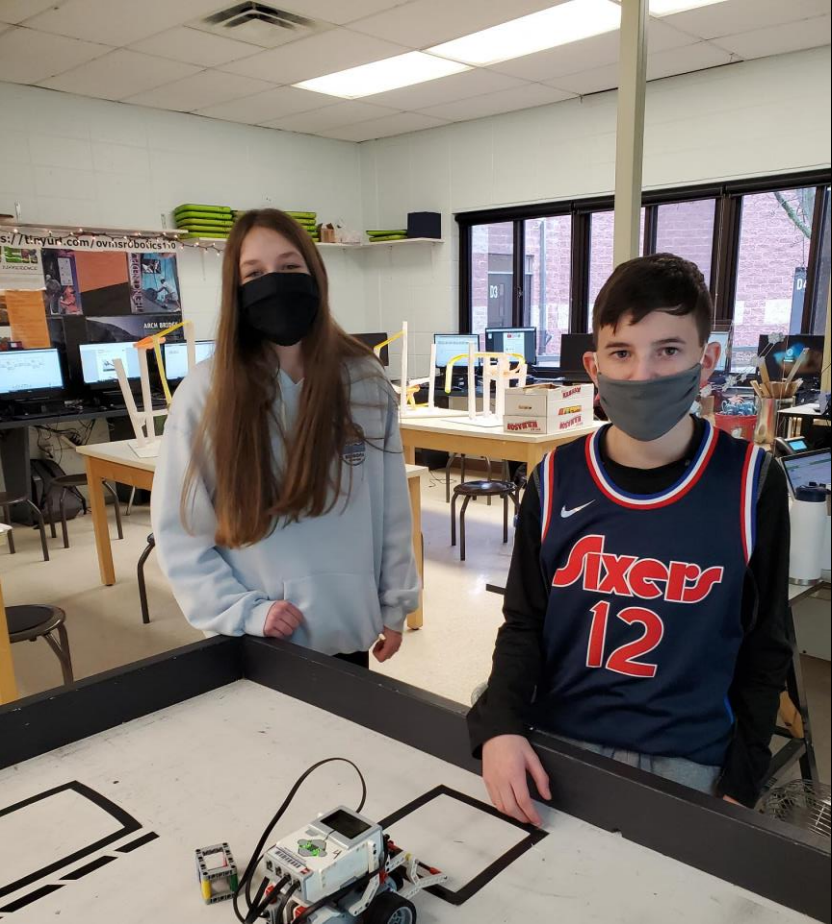
DRAMA & STAGE CREW

Behind the scene pictures preparing for the fall & spring productions!



**PHOTOS FROM
FALL PLAY &
SPRING MUSICAL
AT OVMS**





PHOTOS OF ENGINEERING CLUB



WHAT YOUR DAY IN 6TH GRADE LOOKS LIKE:



THERE ARE 8 PERIODS A DAY

STUDENTS WILL START YOUR DAY IN HOMEROOM
(10 MINS- WATCH THE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR UPDATES ON CLUB MEETING TIMES & DATES)

STUDENTS CAN STOP AT THEIR LOCKER DURING
HOMEROOM, LUNCH, AND AT THE END OF THE DAY

CURRENTLY, STUDENTS USE A BOOK BAG TO CARRY
THEIR BOOKS AND LAPTOP

3 MINUTES TO SWITCH TO YOUR NEXT CLASS
YOU WILL FIND THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO
GET YOUR NEXT CLASS

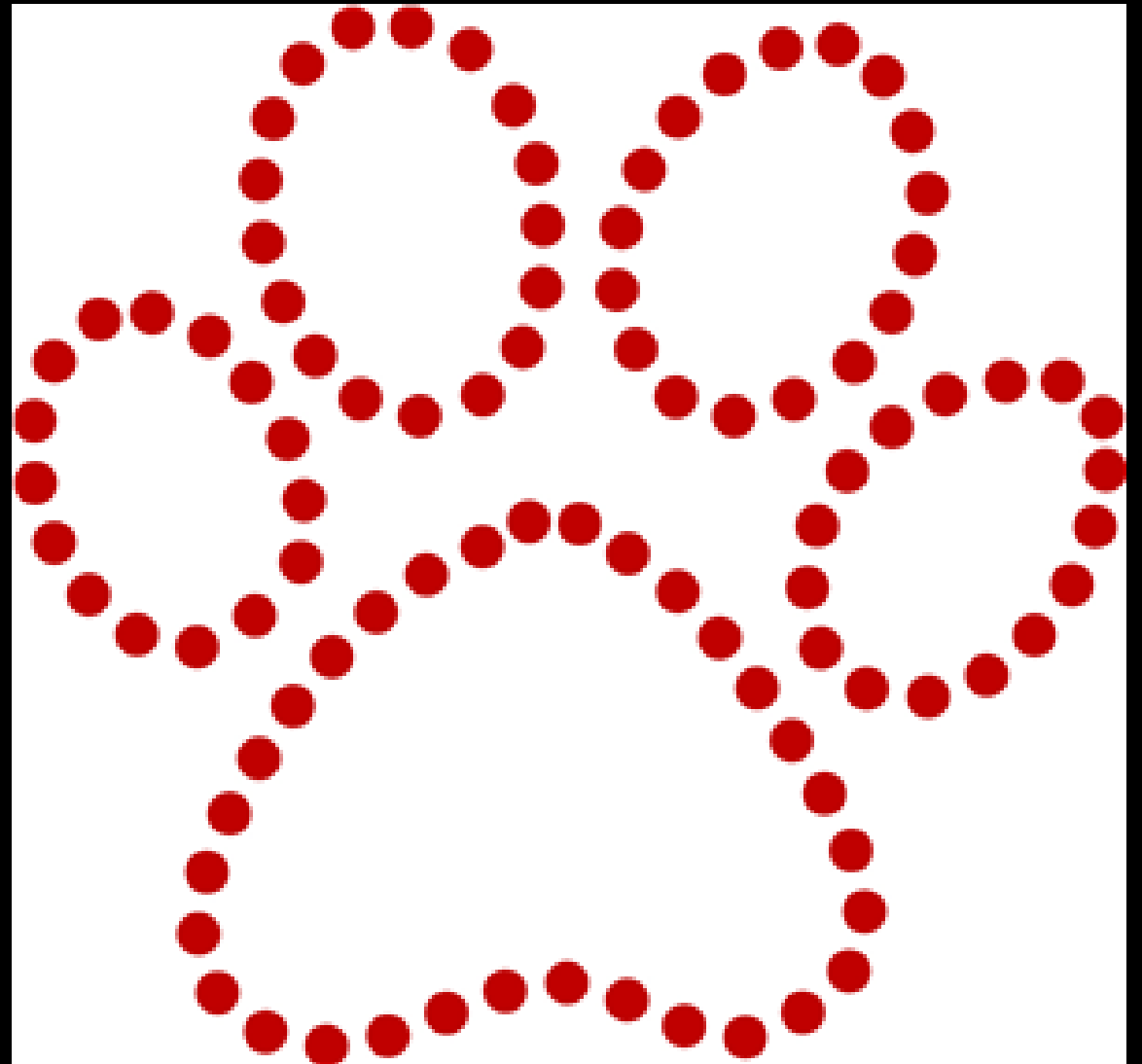
- **English Language Arts**
- **Social Studies**
- **Science**
- **Math**
- **Physical Education & Health**
- **Lunch & Study Hall**
- **1/2 year of World Language**
- **1/2 year of Financial Literacy**
- **Exploratory Arts or a Music Program**

SELECTING CLASSES FOR OVMS

You will select the follow classes for OVMS via an online form your parent/ guardian will receive:

Classes you Select:

- **World Language**
- **Music Program **or** Exploratory Arts**
- **You cannot select both music program and exploratory arts.**





World Language Choices:

- 1. Spanish**
- 2. German**
- 3. French**

Reminders:

- The world language class you will pick in 6th grade, will continue until 8th grade.**
- Students will not be allowed to switch.**

EXPLORATORY ARTS OR MUSIC PROGRAM

SELECT 1 ONLY



Exploratory Arts Classes

Art

Drama

Intro to Technology and Engineering

Digital Literacy

* One of the above classes each marking period

Music Program

(select one music option below)

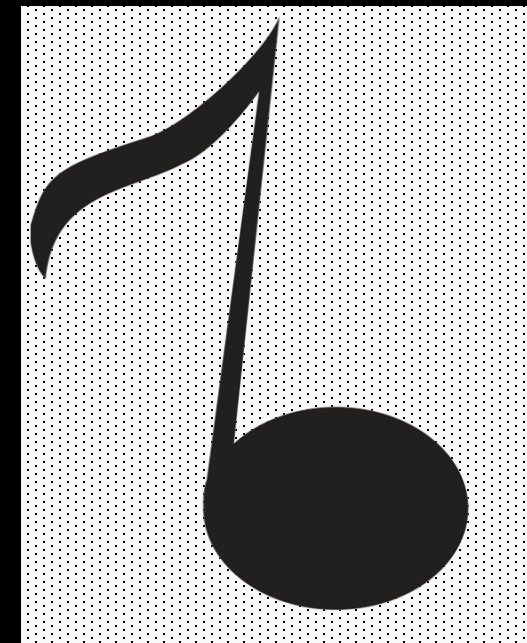
Band

Orchestra

Chorus

* 3 marking periods of their music choice- 1 marking period of Digital Literacy

PICTURES FROM OVMS CHORUS



PICTURES FROM OVMS ORCHESTRA



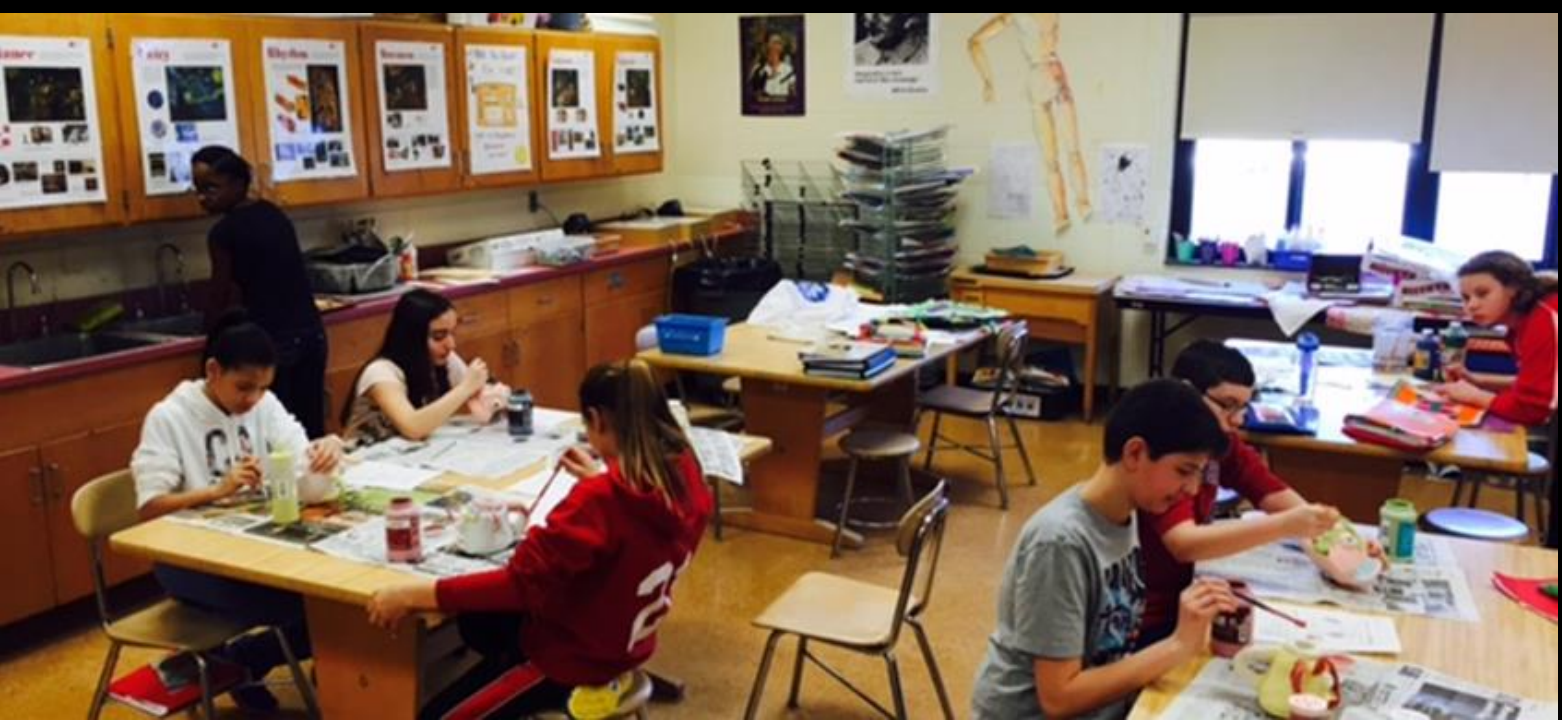


PICTURES FROM BAND





**EXPLORATORY ARTS PROGRAM:
INTRO TO ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
CLASS**



EXPLORATORY ARTS PROGRAM: ART CLASS



OVMS celebrates students who show positive character traits!

Opportunities to be selected for:

- **Student of the Month**
- **Super Student**

- **Student of the Month/
Super Student breakfast at the end of every month!**

PANTHER PRIDE

MONTH	MONTHLY TRAITS AND SKILLS
October	Organization, Problem Solving
November	Integrity, Common Sense
December	Effort, Pride
January	Compassion, Friendship
February	Courage, Loyalty
March	Responsibly, Curiosity
April	Cooperation, Forgiveness
May	Perseverance, Patience

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Do students have to wear uniforms for gym?

Middle School does not have specific uniforms, but students will be required to change into any different clothes and sneakers for PE class.

2. Can students join more than one after school club?

Yes!

3. Do students have the same locker all 3 years of middle school?

No, you will receive a new locker each school year.

4. Can students sit anywhere they would like to in the cafeteria for lunch?

No, students will sit with their lunch/ study hall classroom.

5. What is lunch/ study hall?

Lunch/ study hall is a class period that is split into half. Half of the period you will be eating lunch in the cafeteria with your class & the other half will be in a classroom working on finishing classwork, reading a book, etc. It's a time to be productive with schoolwork!

6. How many minutes are between classes?

Three minutes passing time. I promise, it is plenty of time! ☺

7. What happens if you are late to a class?

You will receive a warning and a possible lunch or after school detention if your lateness is not corrected.



PREPARING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Course Selection Form:

A course selection form for your world language and exploratory arts / music program course will be emailed to your parents on **February 25th**.

The forms will be due back by **Friday, March 25th**.



PREPARING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summer Transition Program: August 16th and 17th 2022

What is the summer transition program?

- Two half-days in August
- Tour the school
- Practice opening lockers
- Walk through a 6th grade schedule
- Games and activities to prepare for middle school
- Meet new classmates from Bells Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Transportation (school bus) is provided to your neighborhood



YOUR OVMS SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEXT YEAR:



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