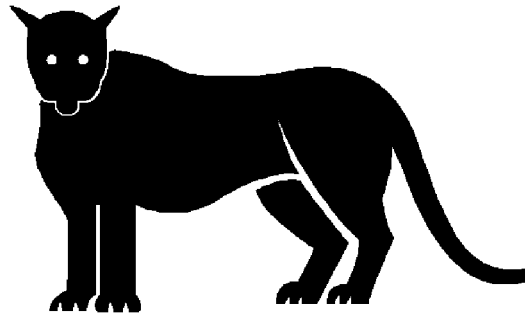

Just for Parents

Middle School!!!

It's an exciting time that marks the beginning of an important new phase in your child's education and personal development. It can also be a perplexing time as your child undergoes changes that are a normal part of growing up.

Parent involvement in the middle grades is **just as important** as it was in elementary school. Studies show that students whose parents stay involved during these years do better in school. Here are some tips for playing a role in your child's education.

1. Go to school when you are invited.
2. Join the parent organization.
3. Learn who can help.
4. Read the school's website and teacher web pages.
5. Check Parent Portal often.
6. Learn how to get in touch with your child's teachers.
7. Make sure the school knows how to get in touch with you.



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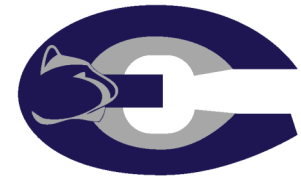
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HOW TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Principal:
Travis Dickey

Assistant Principals:
Ginger Kessler
Holly Usher

Instructional Supervisor:
Holly Scott

Counselors:
Tonya Ward
Jamie Flanagan

WHAT'S MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL ABOUT?

Classes

Students in middle school have 4 academic classes (Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA) and 2 connections classes throughout the school year.

Students will have 2 connections classes each semester. These classes are Band, Chorus, Art, Agriculture, PE, Innovation & Technology, Math Enrichment, Transportation & Logistics, Reading and Math. Band and Chorus must be approved by those teachers.

Clubs

Everyone has a need to belong to something. Participating in band, chorus, clubs and/or sports is a good way to get connected in middle school.

Activities throughout the year

- PBIS Incentive Days
- Dress down days
- Drama Productions
- War Ball Tournaments
- Valentine Prom
- Math/Science Festival
- Miss ECMS Pageant
- Parent Engagement
 - Building Bridges Parent Night
 - Parent Lunch and Learn
 - Bring Your Parent to School

Importance of Organization and Responsibility

Teachers have less time to remind students to do their work. They teach approximately 115 students daily. Therefore, students are expected to keep up with their assignments on their own without frequent reminders.

Checking Parent Portal daily will help with this.

Tutoring

Tutoring will be available. Check with each teacher for their schedule.

Tips for Success



*When you are absent, collect your own assignments to make up and turn in within 3 days. Ask your teacher if you have any questions.

*Write down homework assignments daily. Students who do this make much higher grades than students who don't. (Parents: Check for this daily!!)

*Be organized! Keep your work and papers in the notebook or section for each subject. A messy book bag is a sure sign of missing work.

*Attend tutoring when you do not fully understand material being covered in class.

*Access Parent Portal at least weekly to stay informed about grades and attendance.

I WAS WONDERING . . .

What is the school mascot?

Panther

What are the school colors?

Navy Blue & white

What do you do if you are late to school?

Sign in at the student office and you will receive a late pass to give to your teacher.

What do you do if you have to leave early?

Bring a note from your parent or guardian with a phone number and give it to your homeroom teacher.

What do you do if you want to ride a different bus to go home with a friend?

Bring a note from your parent or guardian to your homeroom teacher. Be sure that a phone number is included. You will receive a bus pass after the note is verified.

What do you do if you have been absent from school?

Bring a note from your parent or guardian and give it to your homeroom teacher. Get your make-up work on your own and turn it in within 3 days. If you have questions, ask your teacher.