



# **6th Grade Parent Orientation**

Bethel Middle School  
Bethel, CT

# Excellence

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- Connecticut Association of Schools Middle School of the Year
- NELMS Spotlight School
- PBIS Banner School
- Competing in National and International Championships

# The Transition

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- Johnson School Visits
- Parent Tours April 29th, April 30th, and May 1st
- 5th and 6th Grade Social - May 22nd
- Tour by BMS Teachers June 11th
- Summer Orientation – End of August
- Back to school Ice Cream Social (September)



# People to Know

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**Bryan Watson** - Principal

**Mary Fernand**, Ed.D  
Assistant Principal  
7th Grade & 8A

**Jennie Taranovich**  
Assistant Principal  
6th Grade & 8B

**PPS Staff:**

**Ms. Hillyer** - School Counselor 6th

**Ms. Mannion** - School Counselor 7th

**Mr. Webb** - School Counselor 8th

**Ms. Wilcox**- Social Worker

**Ms. Chapman**- School Psychologist



# **Who You Really Need To Know...**

**Ms. Michalski - Administrative Assistant to Mr. Watson**

**Ms. Thompson - Assistant to Dr. Fernand and Ms. Taranovich**

**Ms. McNamara - Attendance Secretary**

**Ms. Plate - Student Service Secretary**

**School Resource Officer - Officer Schretzenmayer  
(*aka Officer Stretch*)**

# School-wide Expectations

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- Tiger Two - Respect and Responsibility
- Regular attendance
- Engagement
- School Community
- Get Involved

# Cluster Format

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6A



6B



6C



## Classes

- ELA
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- ELA Extension

# Schedule

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- Block 1 – UA/PE/Music
- Block 2 – Academics
- Block 3 – Academics
- Lunch
- Block 4 – Academics
- Block 5 – UA/PE/Music
- Block 6 – Academics
- Block 7 – Academics

UAs: Computer Science 1, Computer Science 2, Design, Art 6, Health



# PE - Music

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- A / B Day schedule
- PE and Music meet every other day
- PE uniforms must be worn and can be purchased for \$20
- Locker available in locker room
  - students may bring their own lock if they wish

# Lockers

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- Locker and combination issued in August
- Setting it up
- Sharing combinations



# Cafeteria

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- Students sign up to sit at a table
- Option to change each Trimester
- Supervision by Lunch Aids and Administration
- Café prepay
- Food choices



# Agenda Book

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- Schedule (students write this in)
- Phone numbers – office/cluster
- Attendance Policy
- Calendar
- Late Bus information (In Town / Out of Town)
- Bathroom Passes
- Consequences for inappropriate behavior
- All students will receive this - \$5 fee if lost



# Interscholastic Sports

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- Baseball
- Softball
- Field Hockey
- Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Cross Country co-ed
- Track co-ed
- Cheerleading



# Intramurals

(Just to name a few)

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- Wiffle Ball
- Floor Hockey
- Chess Club
- RC Car Racing
- Mock Trial
- Basketball
- Guitar Club
- Running Club
- Anime Club
- Ski/Snowboarding Club
- Running Club
- Volleyball
- Magic the Gathering
- Book Club
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Weight-Lifting
- Yoga
- Outdoor Games
- First Aid/CPR



# Academic Teams

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- Odyssey of the Minds
- Lego Robotic Team
- Spelling Bee
- Geo Bee
- History Bowl
- Debate Team



# Communication – Working Together

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- ▶ Website
- ▶ Powerschool
- ▶ Weekly E-mailed Newsletter
- ▶ Twitter
- ▶ Email
- ▶ Phone calls





# Counseling Services

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- ▶ Meet with Students
  - Individually
  - Groups
  - Classrooms
- ▶ Student Success Plan
  - Begin in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Lunch Bunch
- ▶ PPS Team



# What Makes Us Great...

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- High Caliber Teachers
- Many Awards...
- Students Compete around the Country
- Excellent Sport Teams
- Rigorous Curriculum and Instruction
- The Extensive Intramurals
- Award Winning Art and Music Programs
- Phenomenal Wingman/Advisory Program
- Helpful Front Office
- Masterful PPS Staff



**Questions?**