

Welcome to South Side Middle School

2023–2024



Parent Orientation Meeting
May 10, 2023
Grade 6

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Shelagh McGinn	Principal
Maria LaSorsa	Assistant Principal
Jonathan Wiesenber	Assistant Principal
Nick Boyiatzis	Sixth Grade Counselor
Stephanie Markwalter	Seventh Grade Counselor
Carla Jones	Either Grade Counselor
Kristen Clodfelter Sara McAteer	PTA Co-Presidents

Academic Facilitators

Lisa Silecchia	Mathematics/Technology
Patricia Barkwill	Special Education
Kristen Ryan	Language Arts/ Home & Careers
Michael Flynn	Social Studies/Art
Frances Ventura	Foreign Language/Music
Jaime Chillemi	Science/Physical Education
Kristen Carroll Darcy Gilchrist	MYP Coordinators

THE INBETWEEN YEARS

Please don't call me a little kid –
I'm much too big for that.

Come September, I'm going to Middle School –
they say that's where it's at.

Somehow I'm a little frightened –
could it be the stories I have heard?

My brother said you've got to look real cool
and not look like a nerd.

Do they really put 6th graders in lockers or
take away their books?

I hope I don't get lost on the first day –
is this place as big as it looks?

I'm confused a little about puberty
will I know when it's gonna start?

I'm too embarrassed to ask my questions
but I don't want my brain to be in the dark.

I'd like to stand on my own two feet
maybe with my folks not too far behind.

And if I make some silly mistakes
I hope they will be kind.

I guess I'll make the best of the changes
I'll face them one day at a time.

With the love and help of my folks, teachers
and friends –

I know I'll be just fine.

Alan J. Christy, Ass't Principal
Central Middle School
Anne Arundel Country, MD

COURSE SELECTIONS

GRADE 6

GRADE 7

GRADE 8

Mathematics with Lab	Mathematics	*Algebra I Math 8
Science	Science	*Earth Science with Lab Science 8
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
English Language Arts with Lab	English Language Arts	English Language Arts
World Language	World Language	*World Language
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
Exploratory 6 Performing Music Physical Education Strategies for Math/ELA Strategies for Life 6	Art 7 Exploratory 7 Health Performing Music Physical Education Strategies for Math/ELA	Performing Music Physical Education Strategies for Math, ELA & Earth Science
		<u>Possible Choices</u> *Music Studio *Studio Art Technology 8 Food Science & Nutrition Robotics 8 Computer Science 8

***High School credits**

NEW YORK STATE LEARNING STANDARDS AND TESTING PROGRAM

The New York State Board of Regents has set higher learning standards for all students. To reach these standards, middle school and high school tests will measure student achievement in many areas.

In the middle school, your children will be required to take New York State examinations in:

Mathematics Assessment	Grade 6, 7
English Language Arts Assessment	Grade 6, 7, and 8
Integrated Algebra Regents Exam	Grade 8
Earth Science Regents Exam	Grade 8
FLACS	Grade 8
Locally created Assessments in	
Social Studies	Grade 7, 8
World Language	Grade 7

CLUSTER MEETINGS

Teachers are available on both an individual and team basis to meet with parents. These conferences are ***by appointment*** and can be made by contacting the ***Guidance Office***. If requested, and if appropriate, a counselor and/or an administrator can be present.

There should never be a time that a parent feels “out of the loop”. The lines of communication are there if you avail yourself of them. No issue, question, or concern is too large or too small.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is provided for **sixth grade** students living further than .8 miles from the school and **seventh and eighth grade** students living further than 1.3 miles from the school. **A bus pass is necessary.**

Sixth grade students who are eligible for transportation *will receive a bus pass in the mail during the month of August.* Consult the August issue of “Your Schools” on the District website @ rvcschools.org for the closest bus stop and pick up time.

Late buses are available to eligible bus riders each day at **3:40 PM.** and **5:00 PM.** These buses do an **all district** route and **do not** stop at all of the regular stops for each bus route.

The all district bus stops include:

Milburn St. @ Raymond St.
Brevoort Pl. @Buckingham Rd.
Rockwin Rd. @ No. Woods Rd.
McDermott Rd. @ Long Beach Rd.
Stratford Rd. @ Long Beach Rd.
Christie St. @ Long Beach Rd.
Woodland Dr. @ Long Beach Rd.
Johnson Pl. @ Weir St.
Atkinson Rd. & Hempstead Ave.
Bulson Rd. @ Buckminster Rd.
Hempstead Ave. @ Vanderveer Ct.
Stonewell @ Hempstead Ave. – East Side
Hempstead Ave. @ De Mott Ave.
Morris Ave. @ Hamilton Rd.
Capitolian Blvd. @ Brower Ave.
Sherman Ave. @ Seaman Ave
Rutland Ave. @ So. Lewis Pl.
So. Park Ave. @ So. Windsor Ave.

INTRAMURALS

These activities are available throughout the school year. They provide opportunities for team sports, individual sports, and personal improvement. They are held after school at 2:45 PM. Activities include:

Basketball	Volleyball
Weight Training	

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Interscholastic sports are available to those students who seek a higher level of competition. *Sixth graders* are prohibited from participation as per New York State Education Law. Tryouts, team meetings, etc., are announced and posted. Physical exams and concussion testing are necessary. There are four sports seasons at the middle school level.

Fall

Cross Country	(B & G)
Football	(B)
Soccer	(B)
Soccer	(G)
Tennis	(B)
Cheerleading	(G)

Winter I

Basketball	(B)
Volleyball	(G)
Winter Track	(B & G)
Cheerleading	(G)

Winter II

Basketball	(G)
Wrestling	(B)
Volleyball	(B)

Spring

Baseball	(B)
Lacrosse	(B & G)
Softball	(G)
Tennis	(G)
Track & Field	(B & G)