



6th Grade Orientation

How to help your student transition from Elementary to Middle School

This is meant to be an overview in order for you to

1. Understand how we communicate, including where you can go to find accurate information
2. Have things that are important set up in order to make the year easier for you.

We can always tell you more, so please ask, but we want to make sure you have the most important information now.

Agenda

- 1 School Routines & Logistics
- 2 Communication
- 3 Expectations & Behavior
- 4 Student Support
- 5 FYI

MAIN OFFICE

Alaina Ellison, Ed.S.
Principal



Carrie Grulke, BS
Administrative Assistant



- Family Support
- Academic Support
- Behavioral Support
- Communications
- Student Support
- Medical Needs
- Attendance



Our offices all work together. No matter who answers the phone, we will get you what you need.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Tanya Anderson, MA, CCSOTS
Behavior Specialist



Liz George, BA
Administrative Assistant



- Assessment
- Academic Support
- Family Support
- Families in Transition
- Attendance
- Schedules/Schedule Changes
- RC/IPR
- Lockers
- Google Logins

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TEAM**

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6th Grade Team

Mrs. Courtright



Mrs. Courtright is starting his first year at OMS. She has been teaching for 17 years in Michigan & California

Mrs. Marsh



Mrs. Marsh has been teaching here at OMS for 24 years. She enjoys coffee, reading, photography and spending time with her family.

Mr. Bissot



Mr. Bissot has been teaching for 18 years. He enjoys spending time with family, watching sports, golfing, and all things MSU.

Mrs. Wetherby



Mrs. Wetherby loves to read and is a self-proclaimed chocoholic. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

CORE Teachers= these teachers are the ones your student will have all year. Elective teachers change.

School Routines & Logistics



25-26 Onsted Middle School 10109 Stee Rd, Onsted MI 49755 Page 1 of 1		Student Schedule For [REDACTED] Grade 06 - Student Number [REDACTED] Term02, MT - Courses enrolled: 7	
Term MT (08/25/2025-10/24/2025)			
1	08:00 AM-08:18 AM 21413-1 ENG LANG ARTS 6-A S. Wrentham Rm. A129		
2	09:01 AM-09:19 AM 23403-2 MATH 6-A March, Josh Rm. A125		
3	10:02 AM-11:00 AM 20430-1 SPANISH 6-A Winters, Julia Rm. A105		
4	11:03 AM-12:00 PM 22003-3 Social Studies 6-A Blanco, Corey Rm. A125		
A	12:33 PM-12:58 PM 20403-4 Advisory 6-A J. March Rm. A125		
5	01:01 PM-01:59 PM 25423-1 BAND 6-A Makowski, Jamie Rm. C106		
6	02:02 PM-03:00 PM 24003-4 SCIENCE 6-A Courtney, Jessica Rm. B110		

- 1 Understanding the Schedule
- 2 Know how your student gets to and from school
- 3 Maneuvering the parking lot [CLICK HERE!](#)
- 4 Locker combination- go a little past the last number to unlock
- 5 Supplies- the first week- only worry about a folder for information and a writing utensil

Printed schedules do not show the whole year- because it can seem overwhelming and confusing.

You see this 9 weeks.

Core classes = Math, ELA, SS, Science don't change.

Electives rotate each 9 weeks:

Exceptions- Academic Lab, Band, Math or ELA Foundations

Know how they get here- talk to your student- figure out your meeting place

The Parking lot-

7:30am- drop off at cafeteria entrance only, 7:45- front door unlocks

Lockers- Kind of tricky- we work on this a lot during the first week

Supplies- you don't need it all right now- or even on the first day.

Gym- Nothing needed the first day

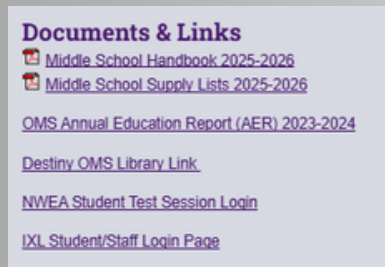
Small bag with clothes and shoes will help keep it organized and to take home to wash.

Gym locker is IF THEY WANT

You can take your gym bag back to and from every day- OR we will give you a lock.

YOU CANNOT BRING YOUR OWN LOCK- I will cut it off.

Building Communication



IC Parent Access



CLICK HERE!

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Grades and Attendance

- Call the office to report an absence

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Communication about school



Website- all year info



Facebook- updates each day,
Sports info

- IC = email, text, phone - important information you need to know
 - Please make sure we have the right information!

Make sure your IC parent access is set up. We have to email you the information that is specific to you. Call or email us to do this.

You can set up notifications like attendance and grades- so you comes to you.
(see link)

There is an app you can put on your phone!

Communication:

Website- info that you can refer to- day schedule, handbook, emails, phones numbers.

Facebook- we share everything we tell students- but you may not always see it- go to the page and scroll.

IC- If it is super important, we send it this way. Again, make sure your email is set up.

Ex- Picture Day, forms, school cancellations, major events

Teacher Communication



Grade Level Google Sites

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)



- 1 Google Sites
 - Overview of what they are learning
- 2 Remind
 - Text to you about important classroom info



Teacher communication:

1. If you want to know what your student is learning in class- Google Sites has links to each teacher's agenda that they update daily based on what they taught. These are currently in process and will show on our website soon. I will send out a message when they are ready.
2. Math- Uses Remind everyday- what the assignments are, test and quizzes coming up.
3. You will receive an email from Stefanie Wetherby each week with the same agenda you can find on Google Sites.
4. Anytime your child needs to access information that is for their class, they must be in their school google account.



Expectations & Behavior



- 1 Cell phones
- 2 Dress Code- we have AC!
- 3 Incentives
 - Grades, Behavior, Attendance
- 4 We teach PBIS – Behavior (we all make mistakes)

MORE INFO

Documents & Links

-  [Middle School Handbook 2025-2026](#)
-  [Middle School Supply Lists 2025-2026](#)

[OMS Annual Education Report \(AER\) 2023-2024](#)

[Destiny OMS Library Link](#)

[NWEA Student Test Session Login](#)

[IXL Student/Staff Login Page](#)

All of these are detailed in the handbook

These topics are important to familiarize yourself with now

Student Support

No matter what, if you call us, we will help in any way we can.



1 Advisory- there won't be a report card grade!

2 Support

- Academic
- Mental Health
- Family Support

Advisory- set in place for all-time to:

Complete homework
work on IXL skills
Read

This is not an official grade- although it may show- it won't on a final report

As needed Support-
Academic, mental health, family support

Call and say I need some help- Tanya, or I will help you.

FYI

Lunchroom

2025-2026 OMS Daily Schedules

6 Period Time Schedule		11:10 Dismissal Schedule	
1st Hour	8:00 - 8:58	1st Hour	8:00 - 8:30
2nd Hour	9:01 - 9:59	2nd Hour	8:32 - 9:02
3rd Hour	10:02 - 11:00	3rd Hour	9:04 - 9:34
4th Hour & Lunches:		4th Hour	9:36 - 10:06
A Lunch 11:00 - 11:30		5th Hour	10:08 - 10:38
A Class 11:33 - 12:30		6th Hour	10:40 - 11:10
B Class 11:03 - 11:30		*No Advisory Class	
B Lunch 11:30 - 12:00			
B Class 12:00 - 12:30			
C Class 11:03 - 12:00			
C Lunch 12:00 - 12:30			
Advisory 12:33 - 12:58			
5th Hour	1:01 - 1:59		
6th Hour	2:02 - 3:00		
A Lunch = 6th Grade			
B Lunch = 8th Grade			
C Lunch = 7th Grade			

2 Hour Delay Schedule			
	8th Grade	7th Grade	6th Grade
10:00 - 10:45	1st hour	1st hour	1st hour
10:48 - 11:28	Lunch	2nd hour	2nd hour
11:31 - 12:11	2nd hour	Lunch	3rd hour
12:14 - 12:54	3rd hour	3rd hour	Lunch
12:57 - 1:37	4th hour	4th hour	4th hour
1:40 - 2:20	5th hour	5th hour	5th hour
2:23 - 3:00	6th hour	6th hour	6th hour

*No Advisory Class

- Grade Level at a time
 - after 3rd hour for 6th grade
- Breakfast and lunch are free for now
 - main meal only
- We have optional items for \$
 - Send the money with your student- they take it to the lunchroom at breakfast or lunch and give it to the cashier- goes into their account
- We go outside = 15 min (approximately)
 - In gym if bad weather
 - We have board games

FYI

6th Grade Camp

9/17-9/19



Mrs. Marsh will send home an informational packet and registration paperwork the first week of school.

REGISTRATION DUE 09.10.25

Mrs. Marsh has postcards with information for parents wanting to plan ahead.

Mrs. Marsh also has order forms for Sixth Grade Camp tshirts.



Feel free to tour
the building!
Take a map!

