

The Highland School

31 Highland Avenue
Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

6th Grade Orientation

6/12/19

Important Points from 6th Grade Orientation:

- **Reminders:**
 - Fill out online Re-Registration when it comes over the summer—it is online.
 - Get immunization documentation needed to attend 6th grade. Any questions contact the nurse. (Rkessler@mpsnj.org)
 - Look for e-mail regarding electives choice in the next week.
- **What are we trying to do here?**
 - We want students to transition nicely to the Jr./Sr. High School.
 - We want to give students an experience that rivals other pure middle schools.
- **New Experiences for students in 6th grade:**
 - Departmentalized Schedule; All core subjects are taught by different teachers in 45 minute periods. (Math, ELA, S.S., and Science)
 - Students Redistributed: Students DO NOT stay with the same Homeroom all day. Students switch up 3-4 times throughout the day.
 - Students get lockers with a lock.
 - Electives: Students will get a survey through their Google Account in the next week. An e-mail will be sent to parents as well. Students must choose courses with parents.
 - Most Specials (Not Music and French) are by rotating marking periods. This cuts down on accountable coursework at one time.
 - Student Support period used to supplement instruction, study skills, SEL, & homework.
- **1:1 Chromebooks:**
 - Chromebooks are a school device. All papers must be signed off on through the on-line registration for students to use them.
 - We have a monitoring system. You should monitor too (Internet History/sent e-mails).
 - Accidental damage is covered. NOT COVERED: Carelessness, lost, stolen.
 - If Chromebook comes to school repeatedly not charged, students will lose the privilege of taking it home.
 - Gaming and mass e-mails are a HUGE issue. Students can lose their computer privilege.
 - Must be carried in the case that we buy for them, not their backpack.
- **Clubs:**
 - Math, Science, Yearbook, Musical, Art Club, Digital Photography, Student Council, Intramurals, Literary Magazine, ASL club, Environmental Club are all for the 6th grade. Students sign up in September.

- **Parent Resources:**
 - PowerSchool Portal - On-line gradebook for parents and students
 - See Grades, report cards, academic honors, absences, etc.
 - 6th grade HW On line: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTEzMDY1MDc4M1pa>

- **End of Year Activities**
 - 6th Grade Dance
 - YMCA Field Trip
 - BBQ
 - Promotion Ceremony
 - Many Field Trips
 - Clap Out
 - Field Day

- **Accountability:**
 - Behavior:
 - Consult student code of conduct in Handbook
 - Loss of Privileges:
 - Students can lose privileges if they do not meet the following criteria:
 - Tardy over 15 times in 2nd semester (Feb 1st – June 5)
 - Accumulate 15 or more unexcused absences in 1 year
 - Fail a course for not trying
 - 2 or more suspensions and or founded HIB's
 - There is summer school for students who fail subjects in 6th grade