



## New Paltz Middle School

From the desk of Mrs. Ann Sheldon, Principal:

I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! We are excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. It is our mission to have every student feel welcomed, connected and a part of the Middle School Family. Please do not hesitate to contact me: [asheldon@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:asheldon@newpaltz.k12.ny.us)

(845) 256-4200

All my best...Mrs. Ann Sheldon

### **Middle School Mission Statement**

*"The New Paltz Middle School is a community of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff that creates a nurturing and supportive environment where learners feel safe to set goals, achieve success, and work towards fulfilling their potential. Ideals such as compassion, empathy, lasting friendships, academic achievement, and personal growth are encouraged daily within our learning community."*

### **Dates to remember:**

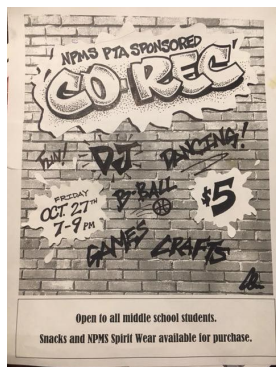
- October 7—PTA meeting in Library @2:45
- October 9—No school—Yom Kippur
- October 14—No school—Indigenous Peoples Day
- October 15—No school—Superintendent Conference Day
- October 23-October 31—Red Ribbon Week
- November 5—No school—Election Day/Superintendent Conference Day
- November 5—Blood Drive at the Middle School, 3-8pm
- November 6—Middle School Picture Day
- November 7—County Wide Evacuation Drill—15 minute early dismissal
- November 11—No school—Veteran's Day
- November 12—PTA meeting in the Library @ 6:00pm
- November 15—CoRec from 7-9 pm at the Middle School
- November 19—Parent/Teacher conferences from 6-8 pm
- November 27-29—No school—Thanksgiving
- December 2—No School—Superintendent Conference Day - Parent/Teacher conferences
- December 2-6—Book Fair @ Middle School
- December 7—Vender Fair at the Middle School, sponsored by the PTA
- December 9—7th and 8th grade Winter Concert





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**What is a Co-Rec?**



The Middle School has three (3) Co-Recs planned for this year. This is a PTA fundraising event that benefits the students of the Middle School. On the designated Friday nights, students are welcome to come to the Middle School at 7PM, pay \$5.00 at the door and enjoy an evening with a live DJ in the auditorium, snacks (\$) and games in the cafeteria and basketball games in the gym. At 9:00 PM the Co-Rec is over and parents are expected to pick up their students. Parent Chaperones are needed for this event. Please contact the PTA to volunteer.

**Co-Rec Dates: November 15, January 24, and March 27**

**Clubs at the Middle School**

- Drama—Mrs. Mary Holmes
- ABC Book Club—Ms. Rosen
- Art—Mrs. Abrahamsen
- Student Council— Ms. Conrad/Ms. Abrahamsen
- Chess Club—Mr. Burns
- School of Rock—Mrs. Nosovsky/Mr. Halpern
- The Mirror (Student Newspaper) - Ms. Hayden
- Yearbook—Ms. Conrad
- GSA/Pride Club—Ms. Gruver-LaPolt
- Geography Club—Ms. Mouyios

**Get your Middle School Spirit Wear!**

- Tee shirt - \$10
- Hoodie—\$30
- Long Sleeve shirt - \$15



Available through the PTA!

<https://sites.google.com/newpaltz.k12.ny.us/newpaltzcspdpta/home/new-paltz-middle-school-pta>

**Kindness focus:**

We participated in the, “Start with Hello” program where we concentrated on three steps:

1. See someone alone
2. Reach out and help
3. Start with hello



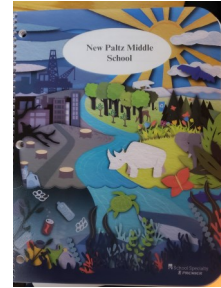


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**Student Planners**

The student planners are a wealth of information. Students should have this resource with them everyday. The planner is used as a hall pass as well as an organizational tool.

Check with your child to go over the information in the planner.



**New Paltz Middle School  
Bell Schedule  
2019/2020**

<b>Teacher Time</b>	<b>7:40</b>	<b>2:45</b>
<b>Locker Time</b>	<b>7:45</b>	<b>7:55</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>7:55</b>	<b>8:40</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>8:43</b>	<b>9:23</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>9:26</b>	<b>10:06</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>10:09</b>	<b>10:49</b>
<b>Period 5</b>	<b>10:53</b>	<b>11:35</b>
<b>Period 6</b>	<b>11:39</b>	<b>12:21</b>
<b>Period 7</b>	<b>12:25</b>	<b>1:07</b>
<b>Period 8</b>	<b>1:11</b>	<b>1:51</b>
<b>Period 9</b>	<b>1:55</b>	<b>2:35</b>

**PREP TASKS**

Prep tasks are to be expected in the Middle School. A prep task is a tool that is used to facilitate learning in the classroom. Prep tasks are designed to provide follow up from a day's lesson and/or prepare a student for the next day's lesson. While they are not officially evaluated, they are specifically connected to the skills checks, quizzes, and major assessments that will be formally evaluated with a grade. Prep tasks should be recorded in the school's provided assignment book. If a student is absent, he or she should utilize the tools that the teacher has put in place for his or her classroom for communicating daily work. This may include the teacher's website calendar.

**Please make sure you have filled out all the important school information forms....especially the Emergency Information Sheet. It can be found here :**

<http://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/cms/lib/NY01000611/Centricity/Domain/619/3-Registration%20Form%20NPCSD.pdf>

or

on the Parent Portal found here: <https://ps.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/public/>



## New Paltz Middle School

Students in our Middle School are NOT allowed to carry cell phones with them throughout the school day. If a student brings a cell phone to school it:



- Must be turned off
- Must be kept in the students locker

Cell phones are absolutely NOT allowed on the playground or in the bathroom/locker room. Students cannot use cellphones on school trips. Students are NOT allowed to use cell phones to take video recordings of other students at school or on school trips. Students not following these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action. Please call if you have any questions.

We have a late bus! Students may stay afterschool with a teacher or for a club and ride the late bus home. The late bus arrives at the Middle school around 3:40 and leaves around 3:55 pm.



Students must have a pass from a teacher to ride the late bus.

Join the PTA....Just \$10.00

So much is provided for our students through this organization.

**PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
*everychild.one voice.*<sup>®</sup>

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## New Paltz Middle School

### Modified Sports

To find the games you can

Click on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/lfu44sz>

Or call: Sports Hotline 256-4045

Current teams: Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Volleyball



We have water bottle filling stations at the Middle School. Students may carry water bottles and refill them throughout the day. **Water is the only beverage that students may carry with them in school.**



**Socktober!!** Our sixth grade students are making real-world connections by connecting the text they are reading to real life by organizing a sock drive. Please consider donating new socks which will be given to Family of New Paltz.



**“Learning is never cumulative, it is a movement of knowing which has no beginning and no end.” Bruce Lee**