



Welcome! OPEN HOUSE

[2023-2024] School Year
New Paltz Middle School

Our reasons for what we do:



Agenda/Topics to Be Covered

- Mission Statement/Goals
- Who's Who
- Who are we?
- PTA
- Important Papers
- Parent Conferences
- Safety
- Summary



Mission Statement/Goals



- *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.*
- We:
 - are centered on the whole child
 - Understand the social, emotional and physical changes of students this age
 - Recognize individual needs
 - Encourage belonging
 - Place emphasis on developing personal responsibility
 - Offer varied experiences for our children to try new things and succeed

Who's Who

- Mrs. Ann Sheldon – Principal
- Mrs. Jessica Miller - Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Joanne Metzger – School Counselor (A-L)
- Mrs. Lauren Motzkin – School Counselor (M-Z)
- Ms. Olivia Brown – School Social Worker
- Mr. David Rosenfeld – School Social Worker
- Ms. Angela Perez - School Social Worker
- Ms. Rheam El-Rouby – School Psychologist
- Ms. Erin Bush – School Nurse
- Dr. Tara LaMonica - Coordinator of Special Education (grades 6-12)
- Ms. Molly Mecina – Director of Guidance (grades 6-12)

Office Staff:

Ms. Diane Tripp
Mr. Robert Russo
Ms. April Tansosch
Ms. Janine D'Antuono



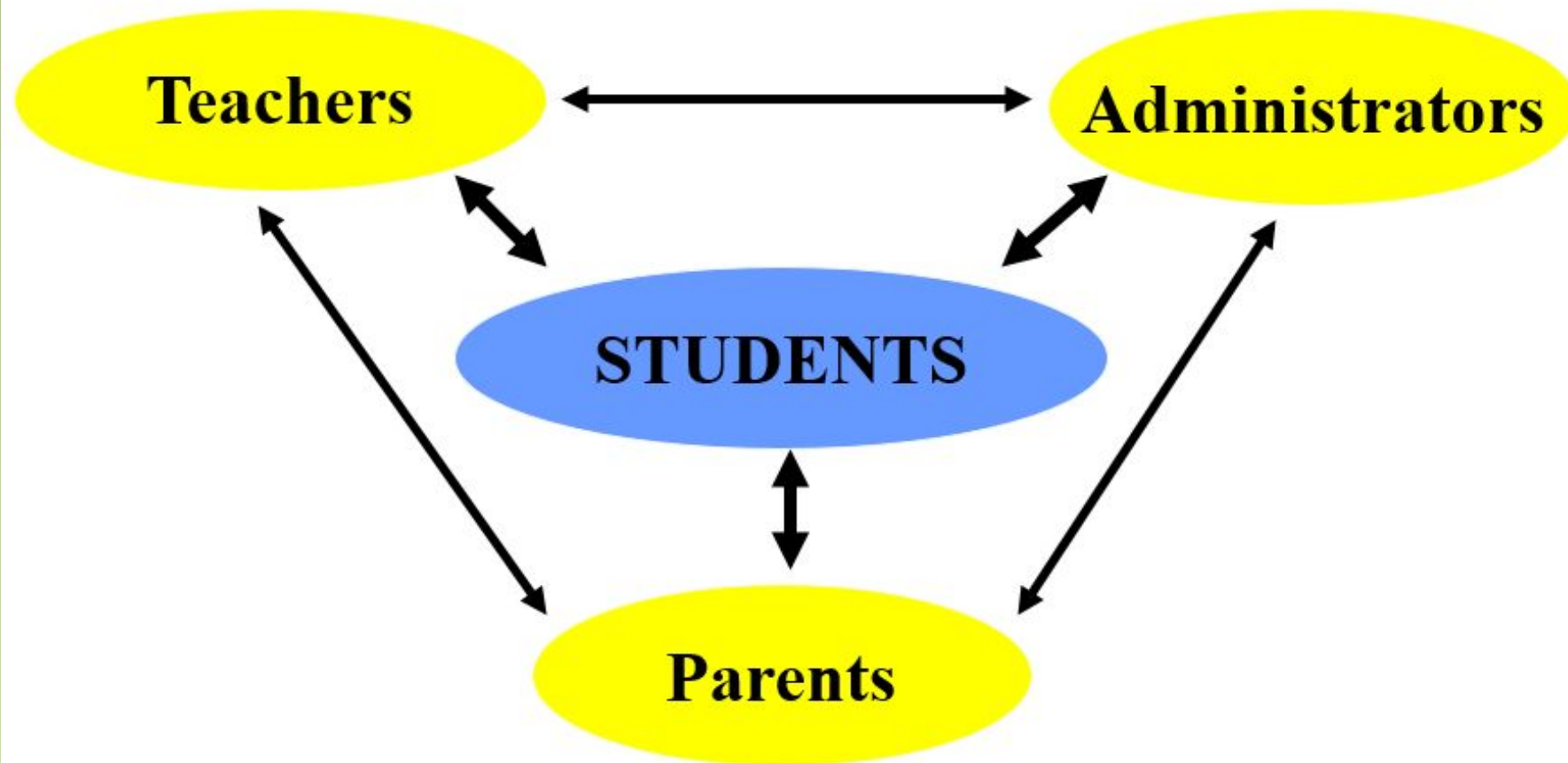
Learn about us...



Tonight is designed so you can visit the classrooms to hear about how we are working with your children and to provide you with a glimpse of what is in store for this year. If you have any questions, please email the teachers tonight and they will answer right away.

Our charge is to challenge students in a safe, nurturing and caring environment.

Educational Process



NPMS PTA

- Please join the PTA – just \$10.00
<https://npmspta.memberhub.com/store>
- The PTA supports students and provides lots of extras for our school. Please consider buying a membership and/or joining us as we plan for the NPMS students
- <https://sites.google.com/newpaltz.k12.ny.us/newpaltzcsdpta/home/new-paltz-middle-school-pta>



NPMs PTA



PTA MEMBERSHIPS ARE OPEN TO ALL
TEACHERS, STAFF, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS!!



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PLEASE JOIN TODAY!
YOUR \$10 SPONSORSHIP HELPS FUND
FIELD TRIPS, CELEBRATIONS, AND MORE!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



SEPTEMBER 29 | FALL FRIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

OCTOBER 27 | HALLOWEEN CO-REC

NOVEMBER 9 | SKATE NIGHT AT WOOD'N WHEEL

JANUARY 19 | SKATE NIGHT AT WOOD'N WHEEL

APRIL 26 | SPRING FEVER CO-REC

MAY 17 | 8TH GRADE SPRING FLING

AND MORE IN THE WORKS!!!!



2023-2024 PTA BOARD

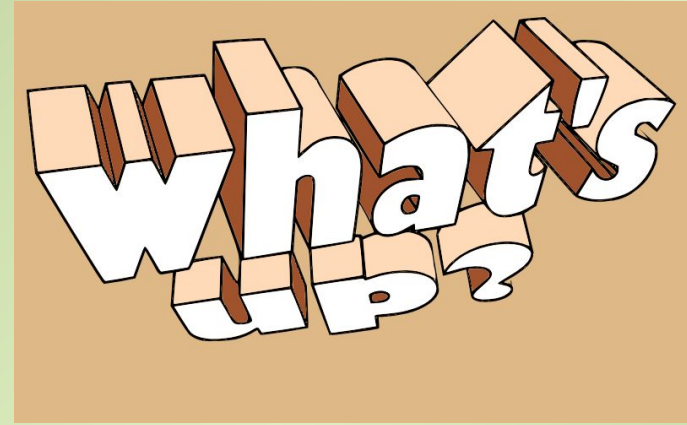
JANINE MANLEY & JESSICA HERRON -
CO-PRESIDENTS

NORA SCANDARIATO - VICE PRESIDENT

ERIN KOREY - TREASURER

CHRISTINA VAZQUEZ - SECRETARY

What's Up this Year?



- Restorative Justice/Practices training
- Start with Hello (this week)
- Red Ribbon Week – October 23-31
- Clubs and sports – in person – clubs will begin in October
- Too Good for Drugs Program – 6-8 - ongoing
- Bias Awareness and Diversity training – all 6th grade and new students
- Various assemblies – social media and drug awareness
- School wide spirit activities
- Various Field Trips

Important Papers

- You have received emails from the district for:
 - Emergency contacts
 - AUP policy
 - Code of Conduct
 - Student handbook

Please make sure these forms are electronically signed - ASAP

Parent Conferences



- Conferences are scheduled through the guidance department
- There are 2 scheduled P/T conferences during the year:
 - November 16 (6-8 pm)
 - November 17 (during the day)
 - March 7 (6-8 pm)

Safety



Drop off zone

- please only drop off students from the drop off zone
- please be mindful of students in the parking lot

Single point of entry for drop offs – ramp door

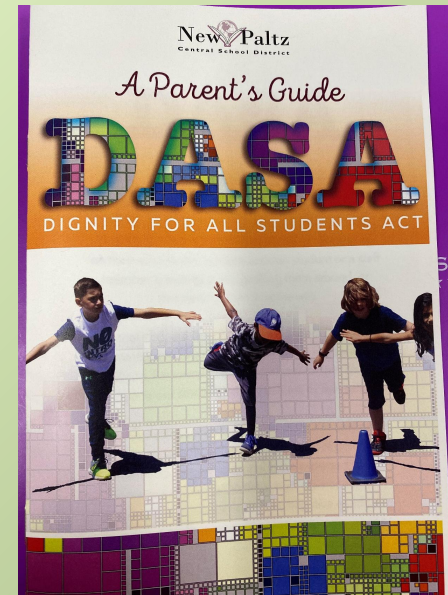
Students from busses enter and exit the building in the new wing near our Student Support Center

DASA (Dignity for all Students Act)

DASA calls for the protection of students from harassment, bullying or discrimination by employees or other students.

This is where you can find information on our website

- <https://www.newpaltz.k12.ny.us/domain/776>



Policies and After School procedures



No cell phone policy – phones are powered off and in the students backpack during the school day.

No phone should be in a students pocket or out during the school day.

progressive discipline

1. warning
2. collection of cell phone till the end of the day
3. collection of cell phone and parent needs to pick it up

– No cell phone use on class/field trip

We have a late bus that runs everyday after school.

It arrives at our school around 3:45. Students need a pass from a teacher to ride the late bus .



Please make sure your child knows his/her afterschool plans before they come to school

Kindness, Connectedness and Inclusivity

- We are working on building a positive culture here at the Middle School – A Culture of Care
- “Kind words do not cost much...yet they accomplish much.”

Blaise Pascal



Thank you for coming tonight!

