



# Welcome!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade/New Student Orientation

2021-2022 School Year

# Agenda/Topics to Be Covered

- Introductions
- Mission Statement/Goals
- Who's Who
- School Schedule and Policies
- Parent Conferences
- Summary



# My pride and joy



# 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
- Ms. Erin Bush – School Nurse
- Mrs. Joanne Metzger – School Counselor (A-L)
- Mrs. Katie Tracz – School Counselor (M-Z)
- Ms. Olivia Profaci – School Social Worker
- Mr. David Rosenfeld – School Social Worker
- Ms. Rheam Deans – School Psychologist
- Ms. Kathy Coughlin – Coordinator of Special Education (grades 6-12)
- Ms. Alex McKinnon – Coordinator of Student Support Services (grades 6-12)



# Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

- established to protect all students from harassment, bullying, cyberbullying and discrimination.

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**Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)**

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**What is Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)**

The Dignity Act prohibits acts of harassment and bullying, including cyberbullying, and/or discrimination, by employees or students on school property or at a school function, including but not limited to such conduct those based on a student's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (defined to include gender identity or expression), or sex (Education Law §12[1]).

Cyberbullying is defined as harassment or bullying which takes place through any form of electronic communication (Education Law §11[8]).

**Who are our DASA Coordinators:**

**District DASA Coordinator** - Michelle Martoni, Deputy Superintendent - [MMartoni@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:MMartoni@newpaltz.k12.ny.us)

**Duzine & Lenape** - Meri Lederer, Interim Coordinator of Student Support Services - [mlederer@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:mlederer@newpaltz.k12.ny.us)

**Middle School** - Daniel Glenn, Assistant Principal - [dglenn@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:dglenn@newpaltz.k12.ny.us)

**High School** - Owen Kelso, Assistant Principal - [okelso@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:okelso@newpaltz.k12.ny.us)

**Dignity for All Students Act Forms**

[Complaint Form](#)

[Investigation Results](#)

[Results to Accused](#)

[Results to Target](#)

# Schedule – A/B schedule

Hours – 7:35-2:35 (9 periods)

## Classes Available:

Homeroom Begins at 7:55

- English, Social Studies, Science, Math – meet everyday
- Physical Education
- Art
- Spanish
- Technology – Project Lead the Way
- Music: Band/Chorus or General Music



# Homeroom

Every student is assigned to a homeroom. The students will meet their group members and teacher on the first day of school.

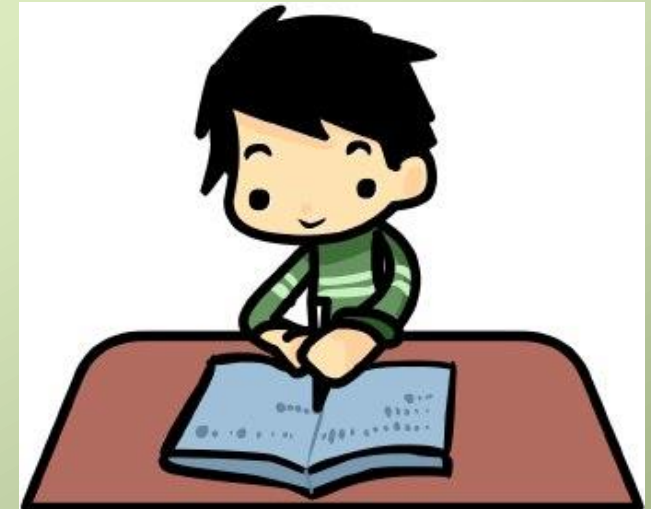
Homeroom meets every morning for attendance, announcements and connections. Homerooms are small groups of students from each grade. One goal of homeroom is building community and creating a culture of care for our Middle School.





# Prep Tasks

- Students will have prep task assigned – they are not graded
- Prep tasks will be extension or practice of classwork
- If student has not completed prep task – the teacher will notify you to create a plan of action
- Library is open after school everyday
  - Computers are available for student use



# 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 afterschool.

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**



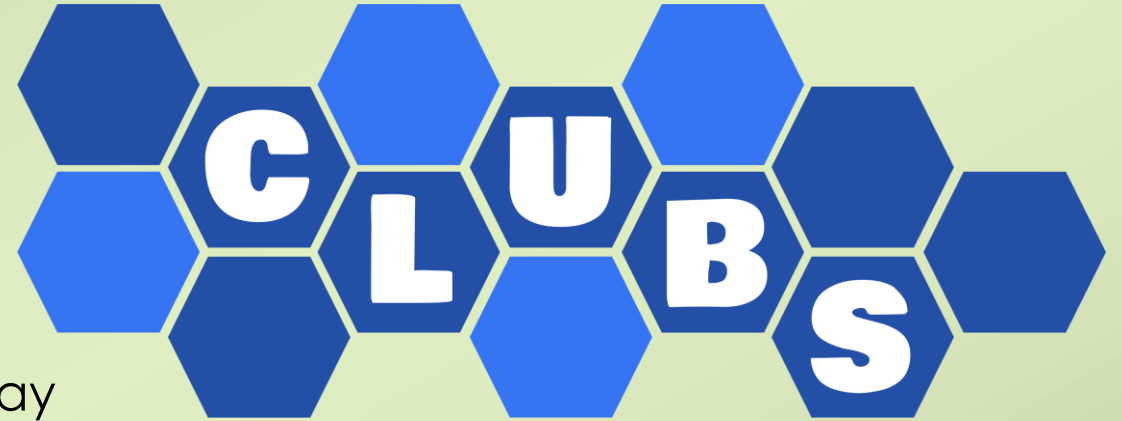
# Planners/Agendas

- Every student is given a planner/agenda at the beginning of the year
- This is used as hall pass
- Used to help organize students – write down assignments



# After school clubs

- Drama Club
- Art Club
- The Mirror – Newspaper Club
- Student council – also meets during the day
- School of Rock
- Reflections
- GSA – Pride Club
- Book Club – students choose book
- Chess Club
- Climate Club



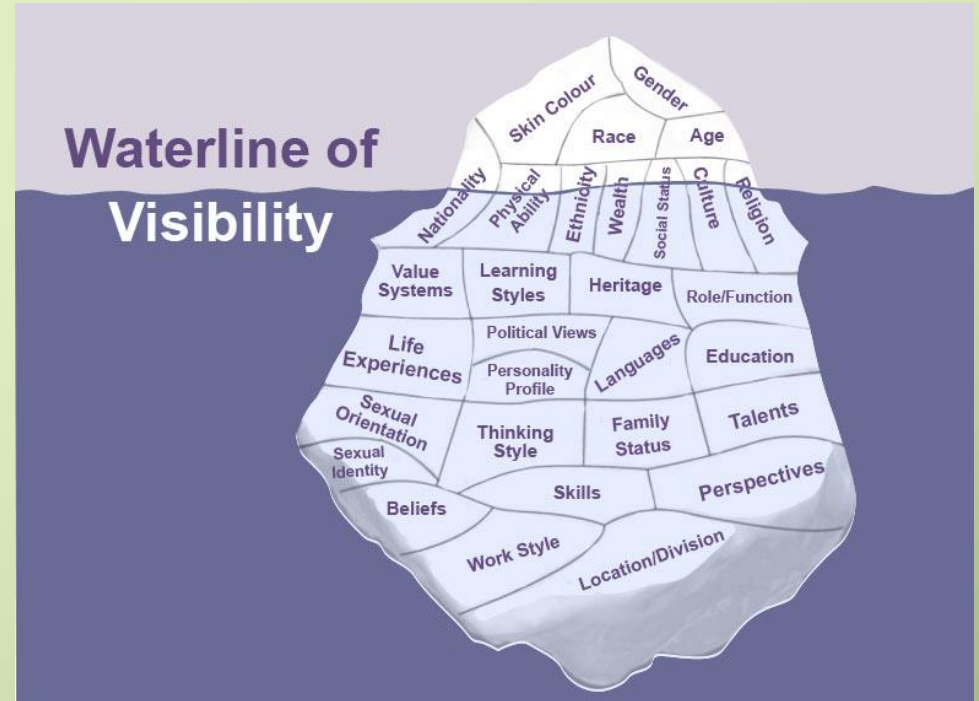
# Special 6<sup>th</sup> Grade/New Student Opportunities:

- Diversity/Bias Awareness Training – October

- Mr. Steven Best



- Dr. Jermaine Wright





# Too Good for Drugs Program

- Ulster Prevention Council (UPC) 10 week program
- The Ulster Prevention Council works to prevent substance abuse by Ulster County youth and families. UPC provides evidence-based school and community prevention services.
- UPC Prevention Educators provide a model prevention education service delivery in Ulster County Schools. **Too Good for Drugs** fosters confidence, self-efficacy and resistance to substance abuse through goal setting and achievement, responsible decision making, positive conflict resolution, and healthy relationships.

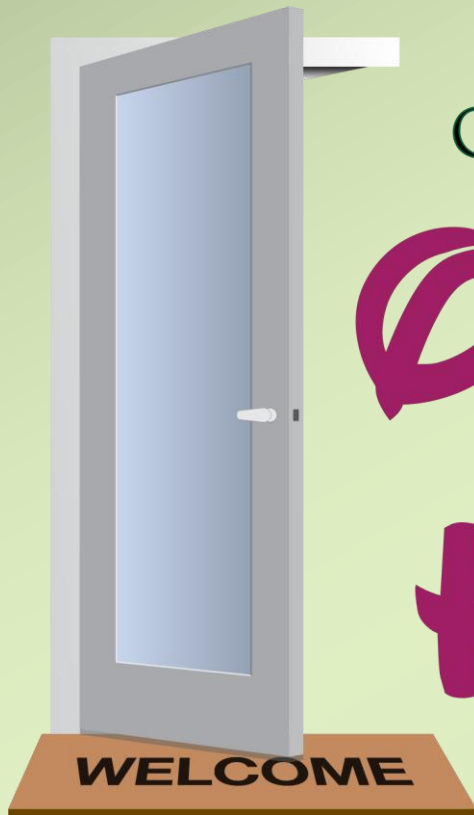
# Communication

- Parent Portal – access to grades and attendance
- Email – all email addresses follow the same format. First initial of the first name and last [name@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:name@newpaltz.k12.ny.us)
- Phone – All teachers have a voicemail where you can leave a message
- Teacher Websites
- Google Classrooms
- Robo calls, texts and email blasts
- Please call if you need assistance...we are a team



# Open House

- September 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30-8:30



COME ON IN

OPEN  
HOUSE





# Parent Conferences



- Conferences are scheduled through the guidance department
- There are 2 scheduled P/T conferences during the year

Parents are welcome to call and schedule a team meeting anytime during the year

# Summary

- Thank you for coming today! It is a pleasure to meet our new incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders/new students and their families.
- Thank you to the PTA for all the goodies and assistance
- You now have time to go with your child and walk their schedule.
- Please enjoy some refreshments provided by the PTA in the beautiful courtyard

