

Assignment Book 2018 - 2019
NEW PALTZ MIDDLE SCHOOL
196 Main Street
New Paltz, New York 12561

Mrs. Ann Sheldon
Principal



This book belongs to:

Student _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

My child and I have read and reviewed the information contained within this student assignment book (including the **Student Behavior Code**).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

REACHING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAIN OFFICE 256-4200

Mrs. Ann Sheldon	Principal
Ms. Diane Tripp	Secretary to Principal
Mr. Robert Russo	Secretary to Assistant Principal
Ms. Janine D'Antuono	Secretary

GUIDANCE OFFICE 256-4220

Mrs. Joanne Metzger	School Counselor
Mrs. Katie Tracz	School Counselor
Mrs. Kathy Buboltz	Guidance Secretary

NURSE'S OFFICE 256-4210

Ms. Erin Bush	School Nurse
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LUNCH OFFICE 256-4050

Mr. Michael Robinson	School Lunch Director
Ms. Mary Grace DeCoeur	Secretary to Lunch Director

DISTRICT OFFICE 256-4000

Mrs. Maria Rice	Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Dusti Callo	Secretary to Superintendent

BELL SCHEDULE

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Teacher Time	7:40 - 2:35
Students Enter	7:30
Locker Time	7:45 - 7:55
Homeroom	7:55 - 8:00
Period 1	8:04 - 8:44
Period 2	8:48 - 9:28
Period 3	9:32 - 10:12
Period 4	10:16 - 10:56
Period 5	11:00 - 11:40
Period 6	11:44 - 12:24
Period 7	12:28 - 1:08
Period 8	1:12 - 1:52
Period 9	1:56 - 2:35

The late bus arrives at approximately 3:40 P.M. to transport students home that stayed after for detention or a supervised after-school activity. Students may only ride the late bus with a pass from the supervising teacher.

2018 – 2019 IMPORTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL DATES**

Report Card Distribution: Quarter 1 – November 16 Quarter 2 – February 1 Quarter 3 – April 12 Quarter 4 – June 26

6 th Grade Frost Valley Trip	September 12-14
PTA Open House(6:30-8:30 pm)	September 25
MS Picture Day	November 7-8
PTA Book Fair	November 26-30
Parent/Teacher Evening Conference (6:00-8:00 pm)	November 27
Parent/Teacher Day Conferences (8:00 am-2:30 pm)	November 30
MS Picture Re-Take Day	December 6
Winter Concert-7 th & 8 th Grade	December 11
Student Recognition Breakfast	December 14
Winter Concert - 6 th Grade	January 10
NPMS Musical Play (tentative)	February 22-24
Parent/Teacher Conferences (6:00-8:00 pm)	March 14
PTA Talent Show	March 29
Student Recognition Breakfast	May 17
6 th Grade Memorial Day Program	May 20
Spring Concert - 6 th Grade	May 23
Spring Concert – 7 th & 8 th Grade	May 28
Moving-Up Day Ceremony	June 26
Last Day of School	June 26

Co-Recs. (7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.)

October 26	March 8
November 16	April 26
January 25	

PTA Meeting Dates

Meetings start at 6:00P.M

September 18	January 15	April 23
October 16	February 19	May 14
November 6	March 19	June 18

**** All Dates Above Are Subject To Change**

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

Emergency conditions may necessitate closing of school for the day, opening school late or dismissing students early. Radio stations will be notified so that announcements will be made public. The stations our district contacts are: **WRWD, WGHQ, WGNV, WEOK, WKIP AND WKNY.**

School cancellations are decided by the Superintendent of Schools after consultation with the transportation supervisor on road conditions and weather forecasts. Such a decision will be made before 6:00 A.M. in order to properly notify bus drivers and radio stations. The Superintendent will also notify appropriate personnel to initiate the emergency telephone chain.

Delayed school openings occur as a result of hazardous weather or road conditions, which may clear later in the morning. The Superintendent, in consultation with the transportation supervisor, will make such a decision prior to 6:00 A.M. in order to notify appropriate personnel. Radio stations will be asked to make public announcements concerning the delayed opening time for all schools.

Early closing, district-wide will be reported to the local radio stations indicating the time of dismissal. High School and Middle School students will be transported first, followed by Lenape and then Duzine students.

Accommodations for students in grades 6, 7 and 8 should be a part of the planning process for each parent so that his/her children may have proper supervision consistent with the desires of the home.

In grade 6, students will be sent home unless the parents send written notification to the school administration indicating a desire to have their children wait for a period of time, not to exceed one hour. During that period of time, the parents will be expected to pick up their children from school. Parents and/or emergency contacts will be notified that it is their responsibility to come to school in the event of an emergency.

Regular transportation routes will be followed, weather permitting. Should hazardous road

conditions develop which do not allow students to be delivered at or near their home, they will be returned to the middle school. Students will then contact their parents to have them come to the school.

If an emergency situation develops in any one school necessitating the immediate removal of students and staff, the following procedures will go into effect:

1. The building will be immediately evacuated.
2. Radio stations will be contacted to give appropriate announcements. The head bus driver will immediately contact bus drivers and have them report to the bus garage. Students will be transported to the following schools:

 Duzine students to the Middle School.
 Middle school and High School students to Lenape.
 Lenape students to the Middle School.
3. Emergency accommodations will be provided in gymnasiums, cafeterias and auditoriums for students until they can be returned to their school or transported home.
4. If the building under consideration is declared safe by school and other governmental officials, students will be returned to the school and classes will resume until the normal dismissal time.
5. If the building cannot be occupied, additional bus personnel will be contacted by the head bus driver and students will be transported home. Buses will take students home one hour after appropriate radio stations have been contacted.



GUIDANCE

The purpose of the Guidance Office is to help students with their concerns or problems. Students are encouraged to discuss whatever is important with the school counselor either individually or in a small group. Student/Counselor communications are held in strict confidence.

LIBRARY

Library Book Selection-all Middle School library book purchases are based on reviews in two professional journals – Booklist and School Library Journal as well as teacher and student requests. In order to meet the reading levels and interests of our students, selected books are reviewed for grades 5 and up as well as adult books for *young adults*. According to the book review policy statement 1999 for School Library Journal, the reviews are written “...by library colleagues working directly with children and young adults in schools or public libraries, library-school educators, teachers of children’s literature, and subject specialists.” Only books receiving favorable reviews are considered for purchase. Since the Middle School has students in eighth grade, books will be purchased that will appeal to an older audience. These books are reviewed in both journals under the heading of Adult Books for Young Adults. The reviewers include librarians who work with teens in public and school libraries throughout the country. According to the Young Adults Review Policy Statement for 1999 School Library Journal – “Books reviewed are considered noteworthy in their appeal to young adults for pleasure and/or research and are chosen for their literacy merit and their ability to inspire, challenge, instruct, and or entertain teens. Because these books were written for adults, readers must assume that they may contain mature themes or include sex, violence, or profanity. Negative reviews appear only when a book by a highly regarded author disappoints or one that is widely advertised to have potential interest to young adults fails to live up to expectations.” These policies are similar to those of Booklist.

All adult books purchased for the library are marked with a yellow sticker labeled YA. Each time a student selects one of these titles he/she is informed that it is an adult book and may contain material that either the student or parent may find objectionable. We do not exercise any censorship over student book selections. All library materials are available to all of our students. If you do not wish your child to take out adult books you should check to see if your child’s book has a yellow sticker marked YA or you may give your name to the Principal and your child will not be allowed to check out these materials.

LOCKS AND LOCKERS

Lockers are provided for each student's use. Students are reminded to keep lockers locked at all times when not in use. It is the responsibility of the student to learn their lock combination and to keep it secure. **Students must not move to another locker.** Sharing of lockers is not allowed. Students are allowed to go to their lockers before homeroom, after **EVEN** class periods, and before and after lunch. Any problems with lockers should be reported to the Assistant Principal. Gym lockers and locks will be issued to students by their physical education teacher for gym use only.

ATTENDANCE, TARDINESS AND LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Good scholarship and success in school are dependent upon regular attendance. Poor attendance also makes it difficult for the student to make up missed work.

Students have the responsibility for checking on the work missed and fulfilling all obligations. Parents have the responsibility for seeing that their child is in school every day unless there is a valid reason for absence. If a student is late to school, he/she must report to the Main Office immediately upon arrival and sign in. A hall pass will be issued to class. Appropriate action will be taken for students who are repeatedly tardy.

As New Paltz Central School District State Education Law-Board Policy #7110 lists the following classifications as legal absence:

1. Sickness of a student.
2. Sickness or death in the family.
3. Impassable roads or weather.
4. Religious observance.
5. Quarantine.
6. Required to be in court.
7. Attendance at health clinics.

Or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education.

Parents are required to call the nurse (256-4210) the day of their child's absence. **UPON RETURNING, THE PARENT IS REQUIRED TO SEND A NOTE ADVISING THE SCHOOL OF THE REASON FOR THE CHILD'S ABSENCE OR TARDINESS.** When parents pick up their child, they are required to sign-out the student in the Main Office.

Each day represents a significant monetary investment for every child enrolled in school. State Aid depends on a child's attendance and has a definite effect on the school budget and district taxation.

PUNCTUALITY AND PREPARATION

Students are expected to arrive at class and homeroom on time, with all necessary supplies, such as books, pens, pencils and paper. Students arriving late for class, not only disrupts the class for other students and the teacher, but also miss part of their education. Continued late arrivals or being unprepared for class will result in parental contact. Three unexcused lates to school will result in detention.

BEGINNING THE SCHOOL DAY

The Middle School opens at 7:30 a.m. Students should use the front parking lot entrance and Lincoln Place entrance. All hats are to be removed when entering the building. (No student is to use the auditorium as a short cut to lockers or class). At the bell, students are to proceed to their lockers and then to their homeroom in a quiet, orderly manner.

HOMEROOM

Attendance is taken during homeroom. It is very important that students be on time for homeroom.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be said each morning. This will be followed by daily announcements. During announcements, students are expected to listen silently so that they may receive important information concerning the school day. Following homeroom, students will be dismissed to their first period class. Announcements are printed and posted on the Main Office window.

PICKING UP AND DISCHARGING STUDENTS

Students who are transported to school by private vehicle are to be picked up and discharged on the Main Street side (clock side) of the building. Under no circumstances are students to be picked up or discharged on Lincoln Place or in the bus circle, as these are areas set up specifically for our buses.

STUDENTS STAYING AFTER SCHOOL

Students may not remain after school unless they have specific arrangements with teachers for extra help or plan to go to the computer lab or library. If going to the computer lab or library, students should report directly, at the close of school. "Hanging out" to clean lockers or "be with friends" is not a reason to remain after school. The computer lab and library are reserved for those in need of completing a specific school project.

If students stay after school for an activity, they are not allowed to leave school grounds and return to the school (i.e. pizza, deli). Once a student leaves school grounds, they are not allowed back in the building or able to take the late bus home.

EXITS, ENTRANCES AND UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

Students arriving early must report directly to the auditorium or gymnasium. When the 7:30 a.m. bell rings, students are to walk directly to their respective lockers and then to their homeroom. No one should be in an unauthorized area of the building. (Students having a pass from a teacher or Main Office may enter the building early.)

To avoid crowding and confusion and to provide for general safety, the rules governing entrance and exit will be carefully enforced.

1. Walk at all times.
2. Keep to the right.
3. Do not push or shove.
4. Walk on sidewalks.
5. Follow the directions of all staff members.
6. During fire drills, stay away from the building, stay quiet and listen for instructions.

BICYCLES

Students are permitted to ride their bicycles to school, but not in the parking lot, on sidewalks, lawns or school grounds. It is recommended that bicycles be chained and locked to the bicycle rack located in the front of the building.

CONDUCT AND ATTITUDE

The Middle School years are critical for proper academic, social and emotional growth. In order to facilitate the learning process, an appropriate and secure atmosphere must be created. This is only possible when consistent guidelines are established which foster the development of mutual respect for all those who work together in the educational process.



All students are expected to behave in a reasonable and acceptable manner while at the Middle School. Mutual respect is a phrase each student should come to understand and practice with adults and fellow students. Disrespectful or inappropriate behavior will not be permitted.

Students are in school to grow both academically and socially. Student attitude is reflected in a variety of ways including promptness, attention to details, work submitted, concern for other individuals and responsible judgment.

HOW TO HANDLE PROBLEMS WITH OTHER STUDENTS

There are appropriate ways of handling a problem with another student so that conflict may be avoided:

1. Speak to the other student.
2. Speak to a teacher, aide or monitor.
3. See a member of our counseling staff.
4. If the first three are not satisfactory, see the Assistant Principal or the Principal.

STUDENT ATTIRE

Dress Code

Students' dress is a reflection of our school, community, parents, and themselves. All students are expected to dress neatly in clothing suitable for school activities. Student attire should not disrupt or interfere with the educational process for the individual or surrounding persons.

The following are deemed to be inappropriate, either because they interfere with the health and safety of our students and staff or are disruptive to the educational process:

- Clothing which is considered by school authorities to be dangerous (spiked bracelets, rings, or belts)
- Items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, socio-economic background, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.
- Items that promote/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- Footwear that is a safety hazard including but not limited to; flip flops, athletic slides, bedroom slippers, or wheeled footwear.
- Wearing of hats, hoods, or bandanas in the school building, except for a medical or religious purposes.
- See through/cut outs and extremely brief garments including strapless tops that expose the students' midriff, upper thigh, or upper torso.
- Exposed bras/underwear/boxers.



All district personnel are sensitive to the individuality and self-expressiveness of each student, in addition we must ensure the needs and feelings of all students are acknowledged. If a staff member sees a student who is not in compliance with the dress code he or she will be talked to discretely or referred to appropriate personnel

SCHOOL ISSUED ITEMS

Students must return all school issued books, equipment, supplies, locks and uniforms or pay for them if they are lost, stolen or damaged.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students may not have in school any electronic devices, i.e. tablets, cameras, video games, IPODS, CD players, etc.

Understanding that students may need to communicate with their families **AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY**, students may have cell phones in school under the following conditions: (1) cell phones **MUST** be kept in a student's locker (full school day); (2) cell phones **MUST** be powered off. Students may not carry cell phones during the school day. **Cell phones may only be used after dismissal outside the school building.** Parents and students take full responsibility for cell phones that are missing or damaged.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Electronic cigarettes contain no tobacco. Although often described as smokeless, "electronic cigarettes are not emission-free," according to the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. "E-cigarettes contain volatile organic substances, including propylene glycol, flavors and nicotine, and are emitted as mist or aerosol into indoor air," according to FDA Advisory No. 2013-015 (June 26, 2013).

Schools are tobacco and smoke free grounds under the state Education Law, state Public Health Law, and the federal Pro-Children Act.

Use of any electronic smoking devices on school property is prohibited.



CAFETERIA AND RECESS RULES

1. Students will walk on the right side of the hall to the cafeteria and must arrive on time.
2. No food, even if unopened, may be taken out of the cafeteria.
3. Students will be dismissed from their tables when the adult in charge is satisfied that the area (table, chairs and floor) is clean.
4. Throwing of food is prohibited. Students will be responsible for cleaning up any mess that is made. Further disciplinary actions will also be taken.
5. Students are to go to designated area during recess. Students found in areas off limits will face disciplinary action.
6. Students are not to engage in snowball throwing, fighting or other dangerous behavior.

ASSEMBLY BEHAVIOR

Assemblies are valuable learning experiences and are provided as part of the school's educational and cultural program.

1. Classroom rules and regulations also apply during assembly programs. Those who attend assemblies are expected to be courteous to the performers, faculty and fellow students.
2. Students should leave books and other objects in their classrooms.
3. Students will leave their classrooms with their teachers in a quiet and orderly fashion.
4. Classes will go to their seats in single file via their assigned route and will sit with their teachers in the rows assigned to them.
5. Applause is acceptable when someone is introduced and when he/she completed his/her portion of the program. Boing is never an acceptable response.

Disruptive students will be removed from the assembly and disciplinary action will be taken.

6. Exiting from the auditorium or gym will be done in an orderly manner. Classes should remain seated and silent until told to rise and exit.

SOCIAL EVENTS BEHAVIOR

During the school year, there will be some dances or co-rec activities for Middle School students, and a special end-of-the year event for 8th graders in June.

These activities are a privilege. Students not behaving appropriately will lose this privilege. All students are to follow the direction of the adults in charge. Only NPMS students will be allowed to attend. Improper behavior at co-recs will result in parents being called and asked to pick up their child immediately. The privilege of attending future events will be jeopardized.

All regular school rules apply. Parents should be aware of the time the activity is over and be at the school to pick up their child promptly since chaperones will leave at the end of the activity. Students who have been suspended for disciplinary reasons will not be permitted to attend social events at the school.

BEHAVIOR ON BUSES

Students on school buses are under the authority of the bus driver and must obey his/her requests and directions. Riding the school bus is a privilege which can be removed at any time because of disruptive or unsafe conduct. Please see district calendar for rules and regulations.

Upon receiving a referral from the bus driver, a student may be assigned detention based on the nature of the infraction. Upon the second violation, students may be suspended from the bus for up to three days. A third report may result in the loss of bus privileges for five days. If misbehavior continues, a Superintendent's hearing will be held to determine the action to be taken.

In all bus suspensions, parents are responsible for the safe transportation of their child to and from school. Students transported by parents are to be discharged and picked up in the front parking area only.

Under the District's transportation policy, we are required to transport eligible students to and from their homes. We are not able to transport students to such activities as Brownie or Boy Scout meetings, dance lessons, birthday parties, etc. If, however, an emergency should arise requiring the transportation of a student to a destination other than home, we will attempt to honor the request. Under these circumstances, a written note must be brought to the Main Office for the student to obtain a bus pass. A bus pass **will not** be issued based on verbal instructions over the phone.

SCHOOL DETENTION AND SUSPENSIONS

Failure to obey school rules and regulations can result in:

1. Lunch Detention. Students must bring schoolwork to detention. Lunch may be brought from home or ordered from the cafeteria during lunch. Talking is not permitted during detention. Lunch detention given by a teacher will be covered by a teacher.

2. After School Detention. Students who misbehave in school may be issued after school detention. Students will stay after school on the day of the infraction and go home on the late bus. A late bus is provided Monday through Friday at 3:40 P.M. The student will contact his/her parent/guardian to inform them about the detention. If contact is not made, the detention will be postponed until such time that parents are appropriately notified. Parents may feel free to call the school office for verification. Students must bring school work to detention and talking is not permitted.

3. In-School Suspension (ISS). The student is suspended from regular classes and the cafeteria but remains in school. Regular class assignments will be provided and are to be completed. All students

assigned to ISS are to report to the office upon arrival to school and should not report to homeroom.

ISS students are allowed to purchase a lunch during lunch period or bring one from home. Students who are on suspension will not be allowed to participate in school functions such as picnics, field-trips, social events, field events and athletics or other co-curricular activities. A parent conference may be necessary for a student to be re-admitted to class.

4. Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) The student is suspended from school for a period of time determined by the principal but not exceeding five days. Suspended students are not permitted on the school grounds unless accompanied by a parent. A parent conference may be necessary for a student to be re-admitted to school.

5. Superintendent's Hearing. Severe discipline problems and recurrence of other problems will result in a hearing where the student will appear with his/her parent/guardian and counsel, if so desired. The Superintendent will decide if further disciplinary actions is to be taken.

FIRE DRILLS

Fire drills/lockdown drills are conducted for student safety and preparation for any emergency which may arise. Signs are posted in classrooms and elsewhere with directions to stairways and exits. Under the direction of the teacher in charge, students must move quickly, silently and in an orderly fashion to the proper exit when the alarm sounds.

During drills, stay away from the building and listen for instructions.

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 the assignment book gets lost, the student should purchase a replacement in the Main Office. 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.

GRADING

All Middle School report card grades are reported in numeric format, i.e. 81, 89, 94. This gives the student and parents an accurate look at academic progress. Passing grade is 65. We have also changed our grading policy to better reflect true academic progress. For the past few years, the lowest grade

any student could get for the first two marking periods was a 55, regardless of their actual average. This artificially inflated some student's grades. Students will receive their actual grade earned each quarter.

HONOR ROLL

The Middle School has two honor rolls. Our first honor roll is high honor roll. A student needs to achieve a grade point average of 92.5 or better. Honor roll is a grade point average of 87.5 to 92.499. A student cannot have more than one grade between 70-79 to be placed on either honor roll. Any grade below 70 will remove a child from either honor roll.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school will be provided for students who do not achieve passing final grades. Students who fail one academic subject for the year are recommended to attend a skills based summer school. Students who fail two/three academic subjects (including foreign language) for the year are required to attend summer school and pass the required classes to be promoted to the next grade level. Students who fail four or more academic subjects (including foreign language) will be retained in the same grade level.

LOST AND FOUND

Anyone finding a lost article should turn it in to the Main Office immediately. Book bags and clothing should be brought to the cafeteria shelves. Anyone who has lost an article should check the cafeteria shelves and Main Office as soon as possible. Lost items should be reported to the Main Office as soon as possible, and if not found, a description will be read on the morning announcements. Parents and students should see to it that all personal articles and books be properly identifiable. This is especially true in the case of eyeglasses.

VISITORS

All visitors must sign-in at the Welcome Desk, then report to the Main Office. Visitors will receive a pass which should be prominently displayed while in the building. Upon leaving the building, visitors should return to the Welcome Desk to return the pass and sign out. **Visiting students are not permitted in the building during school hours and must report to the Main Office after school.**

PHONE CALLS FROM HOME

Unless it is a dire emergency, please **DO NOT CALL** your child at school. Students will not be called out of class for phone calls. Students will be allowed to use the office phone during lunch/recess. **We appreciate your cooperation. Again, students may not use cell phones in school.**

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are regarded as an important component of our instructional program. Accordingly, rules and regulations concerning student behavior extend to those occasions when students are involved in a field trip. This includes appropriate behavior on the bus as well as at the trip location itself.

Eligibility for field trips is based on student behavior, academic performance and attendance. Prior to each field trip, teacher and administrator will review these criteria and notify parents regarding student eligibility, in a timely fashion.

It is of critical importance that parents fill in the field trip permission slip and return it to the school in a timely manner. Please note that the form requires you to comment on any medical condition we should be aware of regarding your child. The school nurse is required to be notified at least three days prior to the trip.

ONLY MIDDLE SCHOOL PERMISSION SLIPS ARE ACCEPTABLE. VERBAL PERMISSION AND WRITTEN NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Students who have not turned in permission slips by the set deadline will forfeit their opportunity to attend the field trip.

HEALTH SERVICES, PHYSICAL

EXAMINATIONS

All pupils are provided health services in accordance with state requirements. A nurse is in attendance daily to administer emergency first aid and to help with each student's health problems. Individual student health records are maintained by the school nurse, indicating medical history, immunization records, height, weight, sight, hearing and color perception. Scoliosis screening tests are done on each student annually and parents are notified if their child fails to pass the screening test.

Seventh Grade Physical

All 7th grade students must have a medical appraisal using the form provided by the school district. This physical may be done by the family physician or during the annual school physicals for this grade level.

School District Insurance Plan

In case of an injury during the school day, the student should immediately report to the Health Office and give the nurse specific information relating to the accident. The parent will then receive a claim form in the mail from the District. This form should be completed and returned to the District for forwarding to the insurance company.

In case of an injury during extracurricular and sports activities, the student should report to the Health Office as soon as possible on the next school day to report the injury and fill out the necessary forms.

New Students

All new entrants to the district must have a medical appraisal by their family physician using the form provided by the school district.

COMMENT SLIPS

Comment slips are generally mailed home at the midway point of every quarter. Should you have concerns about your child's academic standing, please contact your child's teacher. Parents can monitor their child's progress through Parent Portal. Registration information is included in your child's summer packet.

The Guidance Office also processes report cards which are the main means of communication between the school and the parent/guardian concerning student progress. Distribution dates are noted on page 9 of this assignment book.

From time to time, parents/guardians may wish to speak with a teacher directly about specific student concerns. In such cases, the parent/guardian should call the Guidance Office at 256-4220.

ATHLETICS

Students wishing to participate in 7th or 8th grade inter-scholastic athletics must undergo a special physical examination performed by either their family physician or the school physician. A determination of physical fitness must be rendered before the student will be allowed to participate on an athletic team. Medical examinations may be scheduled anytime during the school year and shall be valid for a period of twelve continuous months, except for a student absent from school five or more consecutive days or who has received an injury. Such pupils must be re-qualified by the school physician before returning to participation.

Student athletes are expected to be in school the day before, the day of, and the day after an athletic contest.

Student athletes are expected to maintain a satisfactory attendance record. **Students may not practice or participate in games on days they have arrived after First Block for JV and Varsity**

players and ½ day for Modified players without a legal excuse. Students who have left school due to illness or been absent from school due to illness are also not eligible to play that day.

Student athletes are expected to be in school the day before, the day of, and the day after an athletic contest. Athletes who are in need of extra academic help should bring a pass from their teacher. Athletes absent or late to practice without a valid excuse will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Athletes unable to participate in a practice or contest due to illness, injury or an emergency, should make a strong effort to contact the coach either in person or by phone. Athletes unable to practice for 5 or more days will be required to have ½ the minimum practices required by the state in order to return to activity in order to have appropriate time for re-conditioning purposes.

PREVIOUS PROGRAMS OFFERED

Athletics - There are interscholastic activities for 7th and 8th grade students in the following sports: softball, soccer, gymnastics, basketball, wrestling and track.

Music Program - There are choral and instrumental programs for all students who wish to participate. These programs are scheduled during the school day.

School Newspaper (The Mirror) - Students are encouraged to contribute to the school newspaper or become members of the newspaper staff.

Student Council - This is a government service organization actively involved in school activities.

Yearbook - The staff creates a pictorial account of the middle school years.

Reflections - Students create a compilation of original student work from a variety of media.

Drama Club - Students become involved in the production of a play or musical.

Morning Movers- Students have the opportunity to participate in physical activity before the school day begins and to interact with other students and teachers.

