

# On the Road to MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond**

*Supports BRIDGE Law Advisement*

**Transitioning from Fifth Grade to Sixth Grade**



# The trip begins...

- ...on the road to a new and exciting destination – Middle School!
- Like most people who start a new journey, you probably have a lot of questions
- Think of this presentation as your road map or GPS – we're here to help you “find your way”, not only to middle school, but through high school and beyond!



# In Elementary School...



Photo –  
Northside  
Elementary

...most students have one teacher in one classroom.



# In Middle School...



...most students have several teachers who meet in different classrooms.



# A Typical Schedule

Homeroom

Academic Enrichment

Math class

Language Arts class

Science class

Social Studies class

Two Connections classes (electives)

# For Some Students There May be Advanced Courses in English, Mathematics, Science &/or Social Studies

| Grade/Course                   | Grades  | Teacher Recommendation  |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Advanced ELA</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 15 out of 18 assessed reading standards by the end of the 3rd term</li><li>• Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 8 out of 10 assessed writing standards</li></ul> | Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits |
| <b>Accelerated Math</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 16 out of 20 assessed math standards by the end of the 3rd term</li><li>• Scores at or above stage 7 on the IKAN Assessment</li></ul>                            | Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits |
| <b>Advanced Science</b>        | Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 5 out of 7 assessed science standards by the end of the 3rd term   | Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits |
| <b>Advanced Social Studies</b> | Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 3 out of 4 assessed social studies standards by the end of the 3rd term  | Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits |

# Students Who Take Advanced Middle School Courses in English and Math

Please thoroughly review *MS 101* guide information about advanced and high school courses taken during middle school.

Honors 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English and Honors GSE Algebra I are high school courses that are offered in 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year.

Some students take Spanish I in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

It is important to do well in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade courses and meet all requirements, if a student wants to do one or more of the above courses.

# SB289 Online Courses

Students who are interested in taking an online middle school course must have the parent apply online during April/May/June on the district website for the following school year.

Online course opportunities are sometimes limited at both the middle and high school levels.

Counselors advise both students and parents regarding online course opportunities.

Please refer to the *MS 101* guide and or the district *Career Planner* for further information.



# Being on a Team

- Each student in a middle school is assigned to a team. There are usually three teams at each grade level, this varies depending on the size of the middle school. The team consists of a group of students and teachers who work together throughout the year.
- Typically, teams consist of three to four teachers. The team concept allows students to have a close student-teacher relationship while still having the opportunity to work.
- In middle school, you will meet lots of new people and will have different students in each classroom.

As a matter of fact...

Allgood Dallas  
We're All Tigers Now!  
Northside  
Poole

**HJMS**

...you'll be meeting students  
from several different schools!



# In Elementary School...



Photo –  
Panter  
Elementary

...you've gotten used to the expectations and getting reminders from your teachers.



# In Middle School...



...you'll find that expectations are different,  
and students are given more responsibility.



# In Middle School...



...you'll receive more homework, and you'll have to mature as a student.



# In Middle School...



...your belongings will be stored in your locker.





# LOCKER LANE

**You will get a locker to keep and organize your books and materials.**

**You'll have to learn to keep it neat!**

**You also will need to use your time wisely during locker breaks.**



# In Middle School...



...you can walk to your next class on your own.





# In Elementary School...



Photo –  
Hiram  
Elementary

... there are less choices in cafeteria.



# In Middle School...



Photo –  
McClure  
Middle



...you will have more choices  
of food in the cafeteria.



# In the Cafeteria...

**You'll go to lunch with one of your academic teachers. Each teacher will have assigned tables for their class, but you'll choose where you sit at those tables!**

## LUNCH – THIS EXIT



HOT MEAL



PIZZA



SALAD BAR

# In Elementary School...



Photo –  
Shelton  
Elementary

...you've been used to  
having a daily recess.



# In Middle School...



...you will no longer have a daily recess (but you may have PE).



# In Elementary School...



Photo –  
Roberts  
Elementary

...you have a weekly rotation of specials, including PE, art, music, computer lab, and guidance.



# In Middle School...

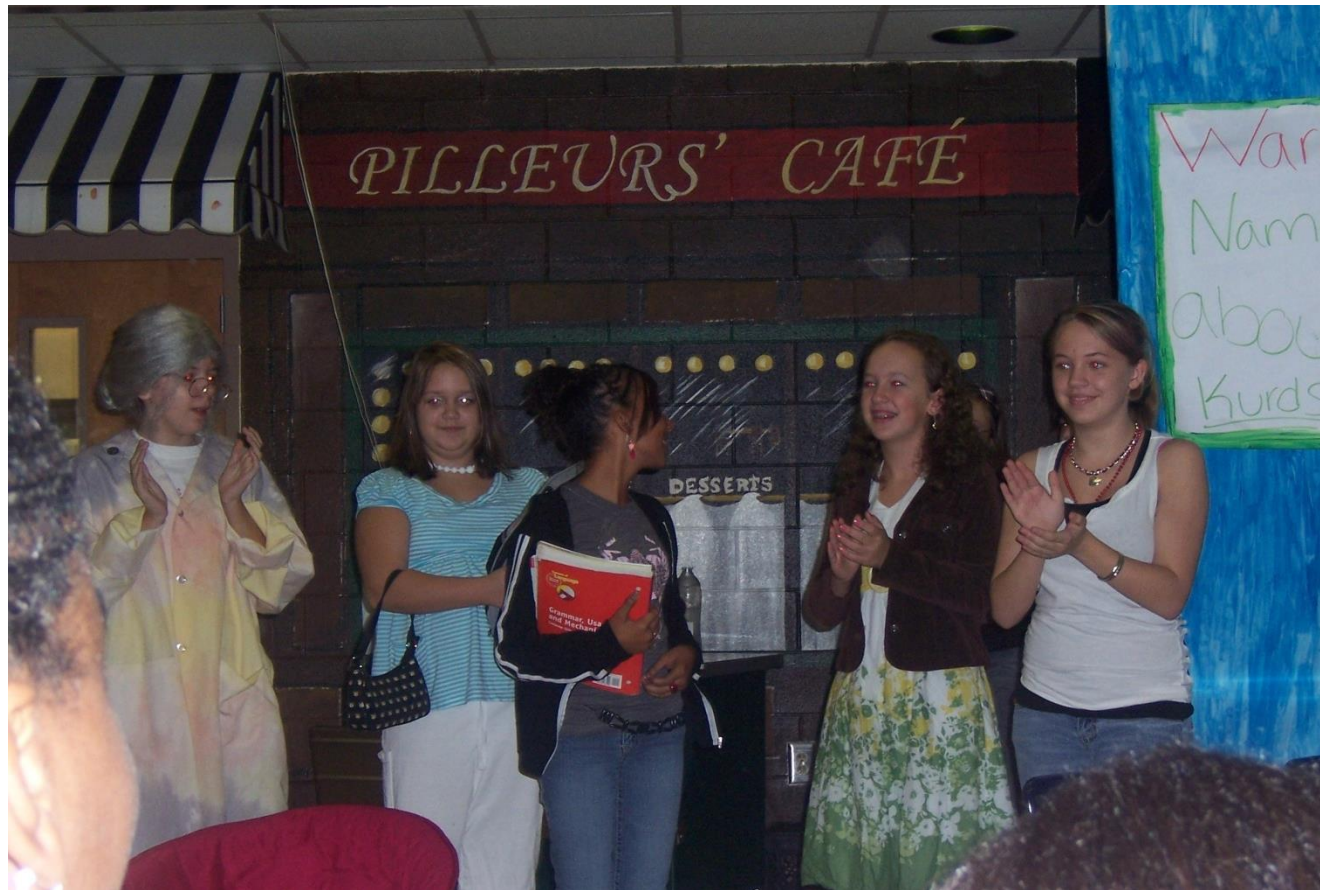


Photo –  
Herschel  
Jones  
Middle

...you will have daily Connections classes that are part of your schedule.



# In Middle School...



**...you have  
several choices of  
school activities and clubs.**





# In Middle School...




Photo –  
HJMS vs.  
SPMS



...due to budget cuts for the school district there are no school sports teams for middle school students.



# Testing - In middle school there is still testing.

- **Georgia Milestones- All grades**
  - **ITBS- 8<sup>th</sup> grade**
  - **CogAT- 6<sup>th</sup> grade**
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# BRIDGE Law- Mandated Advisement in Middle School

**In May 2010, the BRIDGE Bill was signed into law. Thus, there are mandated advisement steps that must be taken with middle school students, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. School Counselors facilitate these opportunities.**



# In Elementary School...

- BRIDGE (Building Resourceful Individuals Developing Georgia's Economy) Law for Elementary Students
- Career Cluster Awareness Lessons for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students 11 of the 17 Career Clusters have been taught
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students used the GCIS Junior website this year as well as in grades 3 and 4.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Portfolio
  - Most district students have researched, written about, and presented information on one career choice during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 15-16 school year



# BRIDGE Law - Mandated Advisement in Middle School

- The following BRIDGE Bill advisement tasks are required to be completed in middle school in the student's GCIS portfolio:
  - Grade 6
    - Account is set up in GCIS
    - Career Cluster Survey must be completed.
  - Grade 7
    - Interest Profiler or Reality Inventory must be completed.
    - 3 Career Concentrations/Clusters must be explored.
  - Grade 8
    - 3 Careers and Occupational Information must be saved on these careers in the student's portfolio.
    - Individual Graduation Plan is updated on the Graduation Plan/Program of Study from the BRIDGE Advisement Plan
    - Dual Enrollment/Move on When Ready Information is Provided

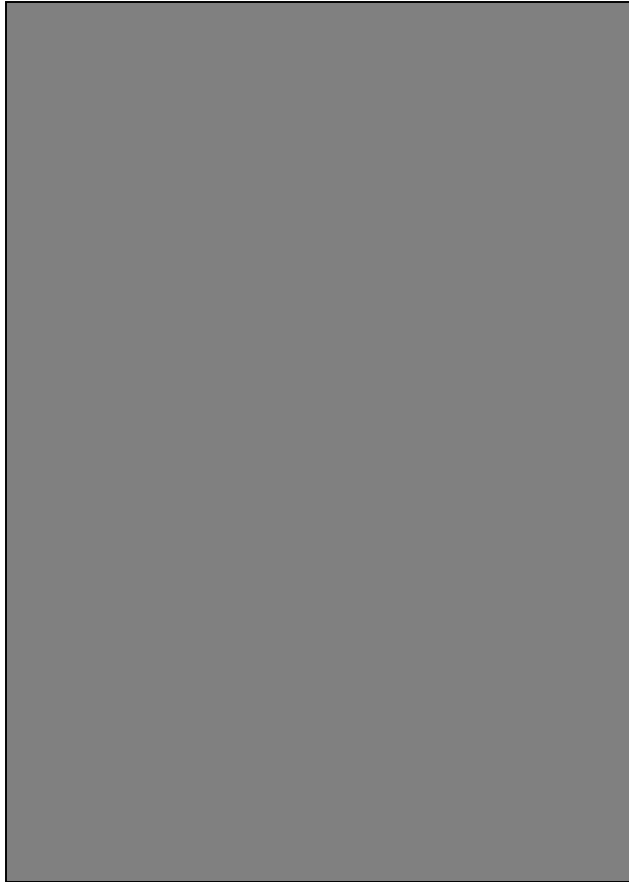


# Some Helpful People

- You'll find that we have a lot of helpful people who work at the middle school.
- In addition to our teachers, you'll find the following special people...



# Administrators

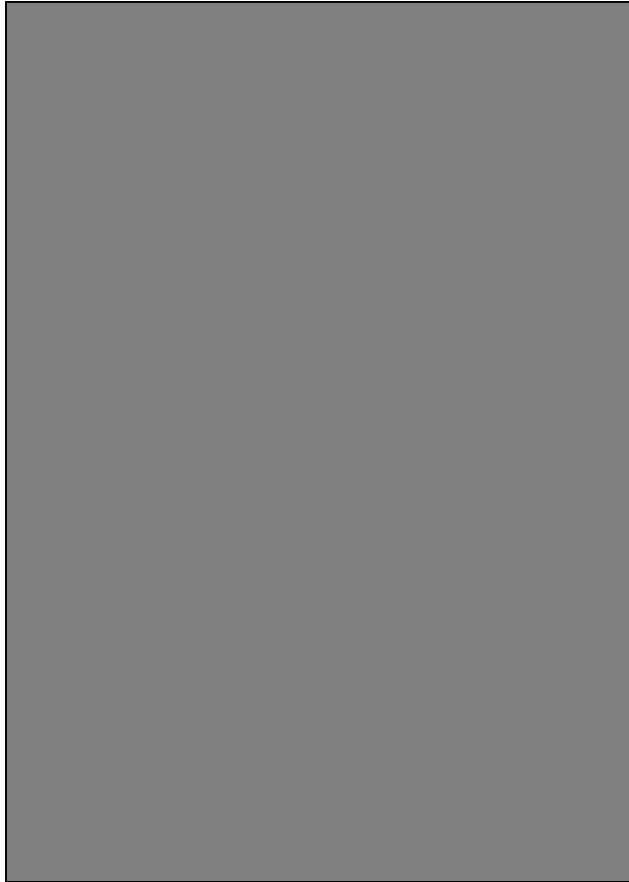


**Principal, Asst. Principal,  
and Asst. Principal**

The administration usually consists of a principal, assistant principals, and/or administrative assistants. They have many responsibilities including the operation of the school.

Administrators are there every step of the way to support students in the valuable learning process. These school officials work to ensure the success and safety of the learning community. They are valuable assets to the school and community!

# School Counselors



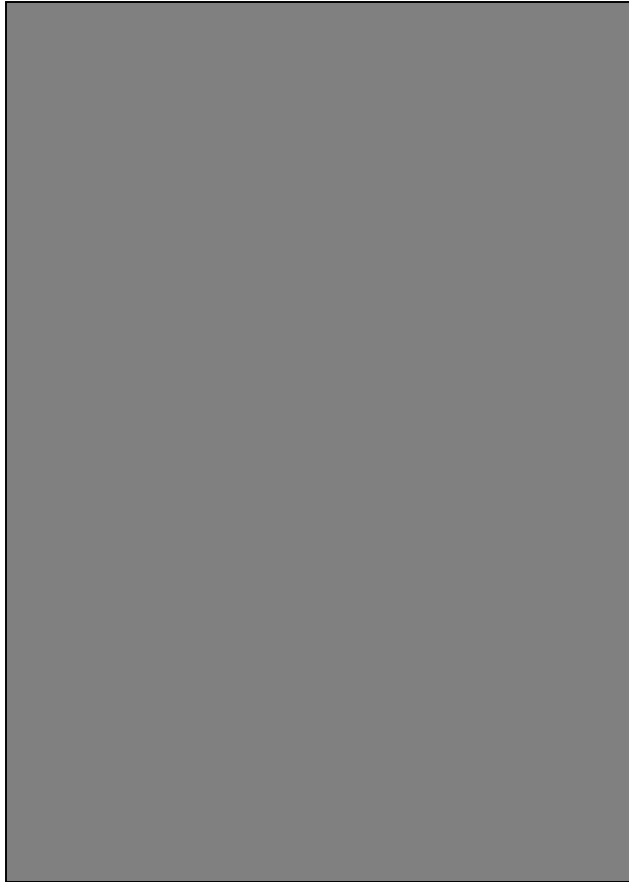
School counselors support students in three life areas-academic, career, and personal/social. The focus of the counseling program facilitates student learning and academic success.

Middle school counselors are available to work with students, parents, and teachers through guidance, counseling, consultation services, and referral delivery systems.

School counselors support All BRIDGE Law Advisement tasks with students and support students to be College and Career Ready.



# School Resource Officer



**SRO Name**

The School Resource Officer is a uniformed officer whose assignment is to help ensure that the students have an atmosphere that is conducive to a good education, eliminating distractions that may hamper students in their ability to learn.

# Required Immunizations

- The State of Georgia requires that all students entering public school have a completed certificate of immunization on file with the school.
- At the time students are transitioning to middle school, there may be several immunization updates that he or she will need. An up-to-date immunization form is due prior to the first day of school.
- Please have your parent check with your healthcare provider to see if you need any additional immunizations.
- The state sends an auditor to check 6<sup>th</sup> grade records each fall. They will make a list of individual students who need additional immunizations.
- Failure to provide documentation of up-to-date immunizations can cause you to be withdrawn from school.

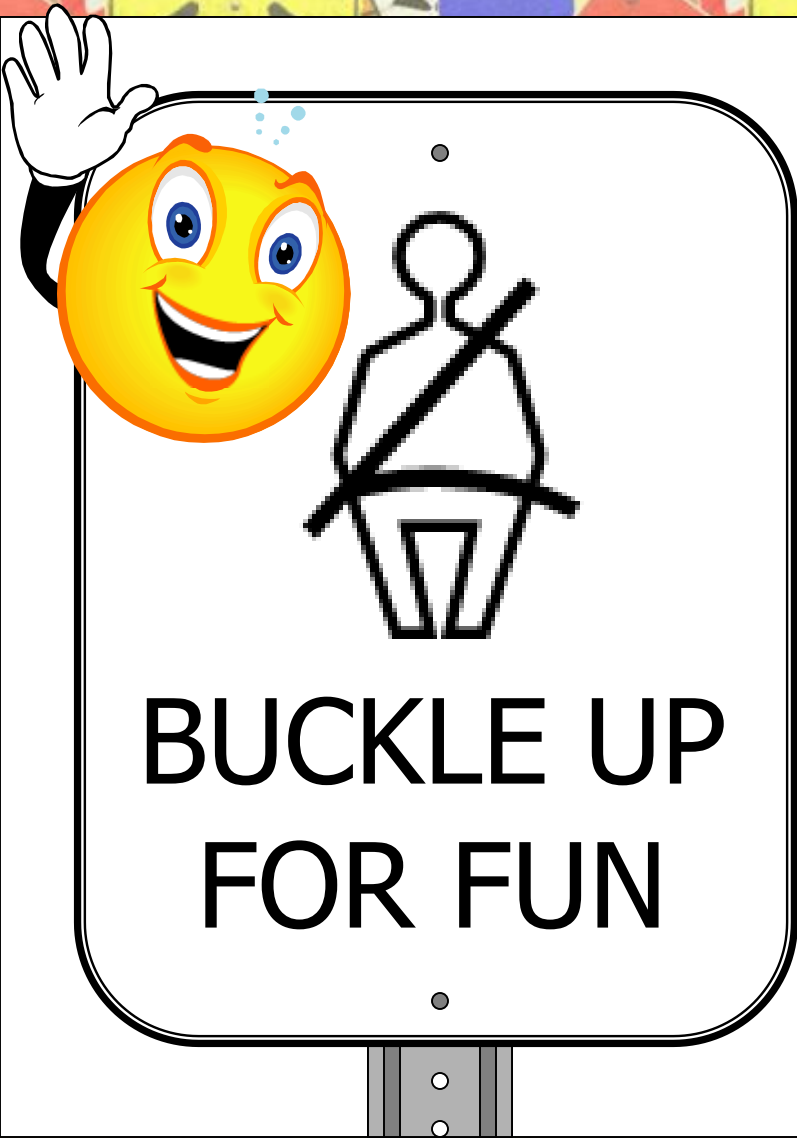




**Don't worry!**

**You'll be  
fine!**





**Because  
we're going  
to have lots  
of people to  
help you...**





*Remember to Review the Middle School 101 Guide  
& Continue On the Road to Success!*



**SUCCESS<sup>RD</sup>**



# **Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond**



## **Middle School Welcomes the Class of 2023**

# **QUESTIONS?**

