

# Welcome to 6th Grade!

Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School 2022 - 2023

# Our Administrators

## 2022-2023



Scott Sivo  
Principal

Dave Hyatt  
Assistant Principal



# A Place Designed for Early Adolescents

“Adolescence is a tough time for parent and child alike. It is a time between: between childhood and maturity, between parental protection and personal responsibility, between life stage- managed by grown-ups and life privately held.”

**Anna Quindlen -Pulitzer Prize Winning Author**

## Middle School Concept

- Teaming
- TAs and circles
- Increased number of adult and peer relationships
- Exploring new subject areas beyond literacy and math
- Athletics
- Clubs and activities
- Focus on personalized learning
- The slow release of independence and responsibility

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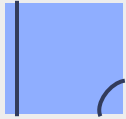
# The Unbreakable Net of Belonging



# Our Plan for Tonight



**6th Grade Schedule**



**Support for Students**



**Opportunities for 6th Graders**



**FAQ's / What's next...**



**3 Pieces of Advice from....**





# **A Day in the Life of a 6th Grade Student at FHTMS**

# 6th Grade Master Schedule

In every student's schedule:

- Math and Language Arts - Everyday
- Science and Social Studies - Every Other Day
- Enrichment (Interventions, Tutorials, READ, Teacher Advisory, TA Circles) - Everyday
- Unified Arts - Everyday
- Check-in / Check-out

# UNIFIED ARTS

- Exploratories (PE, Art, General Music, Digital Citizenship, 6th grade Technology)

## ELECTIVES:

- Visual And Performing Arts (Band or Chorus or Art Studio/Fab Lab/Multimedia/Computer Science)
- World Language (Spanish or French)





# Band/Chorus



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any of the teachers listed below.

6th and 7th grade chorus (+ general music)	Talon Bryant	<a href="mailto:tbryant@sbschools.net">tbryant@sbschools.net</a>
6th and 7th grade band (+ Jazz Band)	David Grippo	<a href="mailto:dgrippo@sbschools.net">dgrippo@sbschools.net</a>
8th–12th grade chorus	Aimee Bushey	<a href="mailto:abushey@sbschools.net">abushey@sbschools.net</a>
8th-12th grade band (+ African Drumming & Ukulele)	Christina Toner	<a href="mailto:ctoner@sbschools.net">ctoner@sbschools.net</a>

# World Language

Fiona Connors

# Who will support my child?

**Teachers**

**Wolf Den**

**Counselors**

**Opportunity  
Room**





# **FHTMS School Counselors**

**6th Grade: Kristen Billings**

**7th Grade: Yvette Amblo**

**8th Grade: Matt Guyette**



# **FHTMS Clubs, Activities, and Sports**

**Get Involved....**



# Clubs Available to 6th Graders

1. Create-A-Skate Club
2. Fall Drama Club
3. Math Counts Club
4. Skateboard Club
5. Gaming Club
6. Bolton Ski & Ride Club
7. Spring Musical
8. Volleyball Club
9. Yearbook Club
10. Lego and Robotics Club





# 6th Grade Sports



1. Field Hockey
2. Cross Country
3. Cheerleading



4. Nordic Skiing
5. Gymnastics



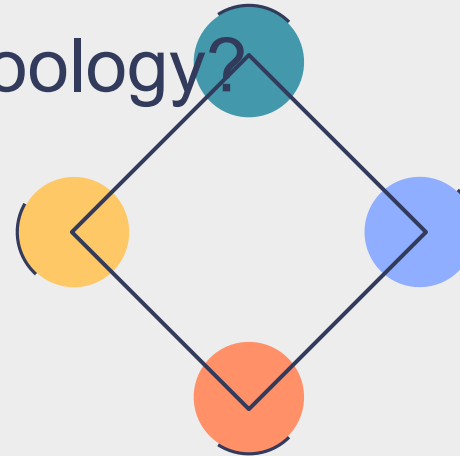
6. Softball
7. Track and Field
8. Soccer



More options through the SB Rec Department

# Frequently Asked Questions

- When will my child be assigned on a TEAM?
- What are the hours of the school day?
- Will my child get to take their Chromebook home?
- Does FHTMS use Powerschool or Schoology?
- How much homework will my child receive?





# What's next?

- **June 1-3: 5th grade students visit FHTMS**
- **June 10: Deadline to return parent survey with Music and World Language preference selection**
- **August 5th: Students will receive their Team assignment / Supply List**
- **August 22-23: Schedule Pick up and Open Building**
- **August 29th: 6th grade 1st day of school (orientation)**
- **Open House: more details coming soon**

# Advice from a School Counselor

- Know that your child will be **exhausted** the first day and week of school!! If possible, try to have down time after school during this week.
- **When in doubt, reach out!** Connect with adults at school when you have a question or concern.
- Remember to **notice and celebrate what your child is doing right!** This will help nurture a strong relationship and make harder conversations and situations easier in the future.

# Advice from a Teacher

- **Use Schoology** to see what your student is learning about and see potential missing work!
- Get to **know your student's Homeroom teacher** they are a great contact!
- When your student is absent **help them contact their core teachers!**
- Give your student **time to figure it out on their own** before you step in.

# Advice from a Parent

- **Look for ways to still have fun with your child!**
- **Meltdowns will happen.** Try to remember how much change is happening in those middle school bodies and brains! Try to be patient and calm, and find humor when you can.
- **Just be there and listen.** Often that is all your child wants or needs. You don't have to fix things. Just be there. Just listen.

# Advice from an Administrator

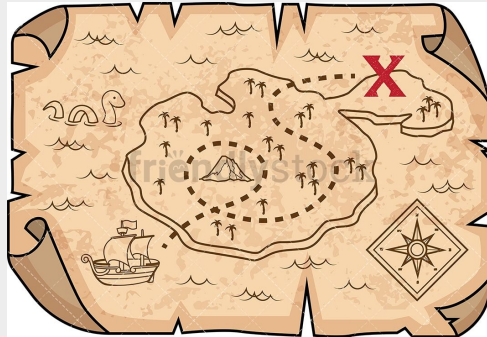
- Talk to your child about the importance of **regular school attendance**.
- Routinely check in with your child about their **social media** usage, review and set boundaries.
- Middle School Age **drama... it takes a village!**

# What can my child do this summer to prepare?



Once your student gets their schedule they can come try to open their locker.

Find their classes!  
Walk around the school and try to find the classrooms on your schedule.



Start reading!  
Keep reading!

# Additional Questions

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# Thank you!

We are so excited to have you join our FHTMS Community!

