WELCOME SIXTH GRADE PARENTS!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2015
Brief Overview

Introduction and Welcome

Topics Discussed:
- Program Requirements for Grades 5 & 6
- Grades 7 & 8 Units of Study
- Accelerated Courses
- Scheduling Process for Grade 6
- Guidance Direct
- Role of the School Counselor
- Student Support Services

Counselor Session

Kitty R. Klein
Director of Guidance, K-12

Denise Caiazzo
Sarah Burgos
School Counselors
What’s Available at the Middle School?

- Extra help - offered Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-3:30. A late bus is also available.

- Scheduled Meetings – teachers meet in a group with individual students, parents, and school counselors.

- Support Services – Weekly progress monitoring, group counseling sessions, quarterly follow-up, and individual meetings.

- After School Activities – Students choose from an array of after school clubs and activities, including interscholastic sports.
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- School Counselors
  - Sarah Burgos
  - Denise Caiazzo

- Social Workers
  - Kathryn Costa
  - Betty Reynoso (Bi-lingual)

- School Psychologists
  - Mary DiBenedetto
  - Nina DiGioia

- Administrators
  - John Amato (Principal)
  - Kenneth Parham (Assistant Principal)
  - Directors and Department Supervisors
Role of the School Counselor

- Assist Students:
  - Develop an educational plan that’s realistic and appropriate to obtaining goals.
  - Recognize and utilize academic strengths so that they can make effective decisions.
  - Analyze the interrelationships of interests and abilities.
  - Improve responsibility.
  - Address social and emotional concerns.
NYS Program Requirements (Grades 5 & 6)

- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Languages Other than English (LOTE)
- The Arts
- Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS)
- Health Education
- Physical Education
- Family and Consumer Science
NYS Middle School Units of Study (Grades 7 & 8)

- English Language Arts - two units of study
- Social Studies - two units of study
- Science - two units of study
- Mathematics - two units of study
- Technology Education - one unit of study
- Family and Consumer Science - three quarters of a unit of study
- Physical Education
- Health - one half unit of study
- The Arts - one half unit in visual arts and one half unit in music
- Library and Information Skills - one period per week
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
- Career Development and Occupational Studies
At J.T. Finley Middle School, we offer accelerated courses in the following areas:

- Mathematics (Common Core Algebra 1 Honors)
- Science (Earth Science R)
- World Language (French I, Italian I, Latin I, Spanish I)
- Art (Studio Art)
SCHEDULING PROCESS FOR GRADE 6

- December – A letter will be sent home from the middle school principal, Mr. Amato to the 6th grade parents, requesting the selection of language.

- February – Course placements for grade 7 will be entered into our data management program so that staffing decisions can begin.

- June/July - Final determination will be made regarding course placements (including accelerated math), based upon final grades earned.
Planning for the Future

( College and Career Readiness )

- Students registered in accelerated courses at the middle school earn credits towards their high school diploma. Courses are also listed onto the high school transcript.

- Students can log onto Guidance Direct and formulate connections between academic strengths and career interests.
GUIDANCE DIRECT
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE!

- Available to all Huntington Students
- College, Career, and Scholarship Search Engine
- Student ID and Password set-up
  - www.guidancedirect.com
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Guidance Direct is a unique online resource where guidance professionals can... get immediate answers to guidance questions... find the latest information on New York State guidance requirements... access an electronic library of New York State guidance-related informational documents, professional development information, and publications... network with colleagues... search college and scholarship databases... track student career and college planning activity and more—all in one convenient place.

Career Connections from Guidance Direct is an interactive online college and career planning resource where students can... find colleges and scholarships that meet their needs and preferences... review detailed profiles on thousands of colleges and scholarships... take a validated career interest assessment... identify career related interest areas... discover careers that match their interests... research in-depth reports on hundreds of occupations and more—all in one convenient place.
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COUNSELOR SESSION

Mrs. Sarah Burgos

Mrs. Denise Caiazzo
Thank you for coming!