

Further and detailed information will be presented on Curriculum Night.

Join us on Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 - 8:00

Curriculum

Math: Number & Numeration, Operations & Computation, Data & Chance, Measurement & Reference Frames, Geometry, Patterns, Functions, and Algebra.

Social Studies: Mapping Skills, Ancient Civilizations of Latin America, Geography of Canada, United States, Latin America, Europe, Russia, Antarctica and Oceania

Science: Matter, Earth Science focus on Rocks & Landforms and Plate Tectonics, Environmental Science, Energy, PTLW and AWIM experiences

Reading: Folk Tales, Fantasy, Action/Adventure, Literary Response Essays, Literary & Informational Nonfiction, and Poetry

Writing: Personal Narratives, Creative Narratives, Comparative Essays, Argumentative Essays, Research Reports, Oral Presentations

Grammar/Word Study: Punctuation, Sentences, Nouns, Verbs, Pronouns, Greek and Latin Roots

Technology: Students will be introduced to various online tools and technology this year in all subject areas. Students will be required to access their school issued gmail accounts both at home and school.

S.T.A.R. (Students Take Academic Responsibility) Executive Functioning Skills, Organization, Self-Assessment, Goal Setting, Identifying Key Learning, Enrichment and/or Remediation Activities

Daily Schedule

	Wagner Homeroom	Worthing Homeroom
8:30-10:50	Einstein Bloc <i>Science & Math</i>	Shakespeare Bloc <i>Social Studies & Lang. Arts</i>
10:52-11:22	S.T.A.R.	S.T.A.R.
11:27-12:42	Shakespeare Bloc <i>Social Studies & Lang. Arts</i>	Einstein Bloc <i>Science & Math</i>
12:45-1:24	Lunch	
1:27-2:27	Finish Shakespeare Bloc	Finish Einstein Bloc
2:30-3:31	ENCORE	ENCORE

Mrs. Wagner: Math & Science
Mrs. Worthing: Language Arts & Social Studies

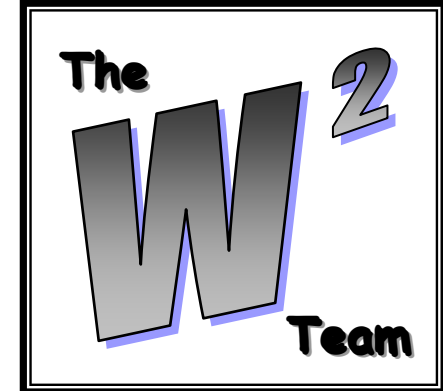
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Welcome to



Mrs. Worthing's & Mrs. Wagner's

Homerooms at

Maltby Intermediate School

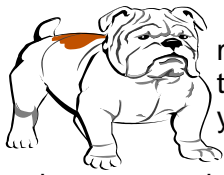


Beginning sixth grade is an exciting step forward in your child's education. We will do our best to help them transition as the days and weeks progress.

We've tried to include some of the most important information about our procedures in this brochure. We will be going over all this and more with your children over the next several weeks.

Please feel free to call or email with any questions.





Homeroom: Your student will more than half of every day with their homeroom teacher. While your student will participate in both whole team and cross-classroom activities this year, on most days they will travel exclusively with their homeroom. You should feel free to contact either of your child's teachers with content specific questions or concerns, but your child's homeroom teacher will be the one who handles general issues.

Planners: Planners are used on a daily basis and are a vital organization tool for students. Assignments are posted in the classrooms and on the classroom websites. Students are expected to copy assignments and due dates in their planners every day. We encourage you to check your student's planner, although we do not require daily parent signatures, as required in many 5th grade classrooms, unless organization is an issue for your student. Please feel free to jot a note to us in the planner. Our initials next to your note will indicate that we have read it.

Email: E-mail is our preferred means of communication. We check our email as often as instruction allows, and always at least once a day. However, please be aware that communication that is especially time sensitive, like changes in bussing or pick-up procedures, or requests for work due to absences, must go through the office.

Planning Time: Our planning time this year is 2:30 - 3:31. We are usually able to read emails or return phone calls during this time. We will always answer your questions and/or address any concerns as soon as possible.

Parent Connect: We highly recommend you check parent connect, the online grading program, weekly to keep track of your students progress in their classes. You can sign up to have updates auto-sent to your email address.

Conferencing: Because our top priority is to prepare and deliver quality instruction, we ask you to prearrange visits and conference times. This will ensure adequate time for your concerns to be addressed and allow us an opportunity to prepare for the meeting. We, as parents ourselves, know how important your children are to you and are always willing to make arrangements to talk with you. Fall Conferences will occur in early November. Please look for information about how to schedule a conference for this day in mid-October.

Attendance/Illness: While we know that most absences are unavoidable, please be aware that it is always in your child's best interest to be present and on time as often as possible. Much of the in-class instruction is hands on and cooperative in nature, and these experiences cannot be made-up at home. Following an absence from school a student is required to fill out an absent work form by referencing the classroom planner and/or posted assignment calendar. Please look for this form to come home the first day following an absence, initialed by both academic teachers verifying accuracy and due date expectations. If your child is absent for two or more days due to illness, you may request *through the office* that work be prepared for pick up. Work will not be provided in advance of absences due to vacations.

MIS PRIDE Program: We will establish team rules and norms together with the students during the first few weeks of school. We also follow the Maltby PRIDE program to encourage daily positive behavior and good choices.

Classroom Supplies: While everything that your child needs to learn will be provided for them, a list of suggested supplies and needed donations was available at registration. Let us know if you didn't get one. Students will be required to store their personal supplies in their lockers, as there is no storage in the classrooms in 6th grade. A white board outside each classroom will list what they will need to bring to class each day.

Daily Snacks/Water Bottles: We have the last lunch, 12:45 - 1:25, so students are encouraged to bring a morning snack and water bottle to school. Please try to pack something healthy. We do not allow candy, pop, juice, gatorade, etc.

Birthdays: We love birthdays and are always happy to help you make your child's day special by taking a few moments to sing "Happy Birthday" and enjoy a birthday treat that you send in. In past years, we've had to be mindful of food allergies. We will let you know if that is a consideration this year.

Celebrations: We will have a sign-up sheet out during Curriculum Night for parents who would be willing to plan and/or facilitate one of our seasonal celebrations.

Parent Volunteers: We will be looking for a couple of parent volunteers willing to come in on Fridays to help prepare learning materials for the following week. We will also occasionally let you know of other occasions that arise during the year where we need some extra help. Finally, please feel free let us know if there is a specific area of study in our curriculum in which you feel you are particularly knowledgeable and able to lend a helping hand.

