

# Welcome to Seneca!



## Home of the Jaguars!

# Introductions

- Ms. Pirog, Principal
- Mr. Buccilli, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Swanson, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Fowler, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor (2025-2026)

About Seneca...

# Number of Students

- 1080 total students
- 350 sixth graders



# Seneca Mission Statement

- The Seneca community creates a safe environment focused on learning, respect, and kindness.
- We are dedicated to students becoming successful citizens who achieve their highest potential.
  - Learning - Respect - Kindness - Success

# JAGS Behavior Expectations

- **J**ust Be Kind
- **A**cademic Focus
- **G**otta Be Responsible
- **S**afe

# Student Recognition

- Student of the Month
- Jaguar Spots
- Attendance Stars of the week





# The Role of a Middle School Counselor

- Provide academic, social, and emotional support
- Visit classrooms to deliver counseling lessons
- Assist with student schedules
- Advocate for students
- Help as needed



# Hero in the Hallway



- Anti-bullying program
  - Encourage bystanders to stand up and speak up
  - Encourage all students to spread kindness
  - Anonymous reporting of bullying and heroic acts
  - Student pledges

The School Day...

# Daily Schedule

- 7:15 school opens - enter Door 7
- 7:30 students may enter through pod doors (Report to cafeteria)
- 7:58 students allowed in locker areas
- 8:05 first hour begins
- 2:49 end of day

# Daily Schedule

- Six class periods per day
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade core classes in the same area (6<sup>th</sup> grade pod)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade lockers located in 6<sup>th</sup> grade pod.
- 5 minute passing time
- Daily lunch approx. 30 min. (all 6<sup>th</sup> graders in lunch)



# Four Core Classes

- **Math**
  - Accelerated Math (placement based on test scores)
- **Language Arts**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**

# Two Exploratory Classes

- Year-long Options
  - Band
  - Choir
- Semester-length Classes
  - Passport to Success (all 6<sup>th</sup> Graders take)
  - Speak Your Mind
  - Physical Education
  - Art
  - Tech Ed

Student preference will be used in the scheduling process. Parents will receive a Microsoft Form to complete with students the evening of the Fifth Grade Parent Night.

# Student Technology

- Students will have a district laptop assigned to them at the beginning of the school year.
- Students are responsible for:
  - Bringing the laptop to school daily.
  - Being sure the laptop is charged.
  - Making sure the laptop is not lost or damaged.



Extra-curriculars...



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Extra-curriculars

- Student Council
- Jaguar Connections Club
  - Lego Robotics
  - Science Olympiad
  - Running Club
- Middle School Cheer
- Middle School Swimming
  - Bowling Club
  - Ski Club
- Youth for Christ
  - Yearbook

*Clubs vary from year to year.*

# 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Additional Extra-curriculars

- Football
- Volleyball
- Boys' and Girls' Basketball
- Track
- National Junior Honor Society
  - Students with 3.8 GPA invited to apply in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Application includes listing examples of community service and leadership

# Jaguar Jaunt

- One big school-wide fundraiser
- Spirit wear
- Incentives
- Fun event





Keys to Success...



# Supporting Your Child

- ☐ Use the *Parent Portal*
- ☐ Talk with your child
- ☐ Look at your child's school work
- ☐ Communicate with teachers
- ☐ Call with questions and concerns
- ☐ Use the agenda
- ☐ Stay involved

# School Communication

- Parent Portal
- Seneca/District Website
- School Messenger
- Telephone and email
- Agenda
- Seneca Schoology Page
- Report cards, attendance letters, other letters

# Next steps

Complete the Scheduling Form that will be sent via email with your child (by May 20<sup>th</sup>).

Check the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Page on the Seneca website for information regularly.

Jaguar Days (Schedule Pick Up/Building Tours) is scheduled for August 20 and August 21.



# Questions??

- See Information on Seneca's website
- Email:
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