# Manhasset Middle School 



Gth Grade Parent Orientation Class of 2029

March 2, 2023

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## Parent-School Connection

- SCA: Jenna Post, MS President
- (email: jennabpost@gmail.com)
- Website: www.manhassetsca.org
- SCA Monthly Meetings
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Open House
- Correspondence with Teams and Administrators
- Attend Student Activities
- Sports
- Theatre
- Concerts
- Events
- SCA Transitional Panel: Wednesday, April 19 ${ }^{\text {th }} @$ 7:00 PM, HS Auditorium


## Educating the Middle Level Child:

 according to the NYS Regents Policy Statement \& Carnegie Council Turning Points \& NMSA This We Believe.- First and foremost, it is different from educating either elementary or high school age child.
- This is a unique life phase and setting. Manhasset Middle School students mix with the high school students.
- Young people change physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially at an accelerated rate from 12 to 14 years old.


## BLUE

## Teaming

ORANGE

- Approximately 120 students per team. Students are evenly distributed.
- One counselor per team
- Mr. Gandulla (Blue) = Ms. Moloney (Orange)
- Team teachers comprised of: English, math, science, social studies
- Team members meet on alternate days to discuss curriculum, testing, students, and activities.


## Health Office Jill McCarney, Lead Nurse, RN Joann Marcucci, RN, MS

- Medications / MD Orders
- Illness / Injury
- Physicals / Health History / Family ID
- Meningococcal A vaccine


## Transition Process From May to September

- $6^{\text {th }}$ Grade Orientation for Middle School $\sim \sim$

May 26 ${ }^{\text {th }} \sim \sim 11: 00$ AM - 1:00 PM Lunch on Lawn Orientation


Principal Schlanger, Assistant Principal Mabrouk and Transition Team Members will welcome Sixth Grade Students at this presentation.

- The Annual Marie Rogers Friday Night Live Get-Together in the Spring for both Munsey and Shelter Rock $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students - A function run by our Counseling Office with organized ice breaker activities, building tours, and a pizza dinner. June 9 ${ }^{\text {th }} \sim \sim$ 5:15-7:00 PM
- In June, the counselors will meet with the $6^{\text {th }}$ graders at the individual schools to answer questions.
- Late August, student schedules and locker combinations are posted to the parent portal. Incoming $7^{\text {th }}$ graders are invited to visit the school to tour the building to locate their classes.


## Thursday, September $5^{\text {th }}$

Seventh grade students do not attend regular classes until the second day of school. On the first day, seventh grade students attend school at the regular time (8:08 a.m.) and go directly to the auditorium.

## Schedule of Orientation Day

- 8:08 to 9:00 a.m. - Meeting with Principal and Assistant Principal, staff members, including fall sports coaches
- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. - Meetings with team teachers \& Counseling staff
- 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Dignity Act Presentation, Project Adventure, SCA lunch
- 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. - Meeting with team teachers, locker setup, review supply list, and forum on school life
- 2:30 to 3:08 p.m. - Pep Rally



## Middle School Classes

## Major Subject Courses

English 7
Social Studies 7
Math (7R, 7 Acc, 8H, Algebra I Honors) Science 7, Earth Science H
World Language (French I-1, Italian I-1, Spanish I-1)

## Exploratory Courses



Computer Applications, Theater, Home and Careers, Music, Technology

## Support Services

Transitions
Academic Intervention Services, Special Education Support

## The Scheduling Process

[All students are scheduled for English 7 and Social Studies 7
[World Language placements are based on student interest
DMath and science placements are based on department criteria, including $6^{\text {th }}$ grade teacher recommendations
-Music placements are based on $6^{\text {th }}$ grade teacher recommendation
पExploratory courses are scheduled randomly
पAcademic intervention services are recommended based on department criteria

ZSpecial education services based on Committee on Special Education recommendations (approved by parent/guardian)

Middle School counselors do not make course recommendations.

## Typical $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade Nightly Homework and/or Study Time

- English: 20-30 minutes
- Social Studies: 20-30 minutes
- Math: 20-30 minutes (Add 15 -20 minutes if your child is enrolled in an accelercteded class)
- Science: 20-30 minutes
- World Language: 20 minutes
- Other courses (exploratory subjects): 20-40 minutes (total)
- TOTAL: 2-3 hours per night (not including weekends)


## Striking the perfect balance....

- Homework: $\underline{2-3}$ hours per night (not including weekends)
- Athletics: 2-2 $1 / 2$ hours per day (after school)
- Theater Practices: 3 hours per day (in-season)
- Clubs: $\mathbf{3 0}$ minutes (AM clubs), 1 hour (PM clubs)
- All before or after the 8:08 AM 3:08 PM school day
- NOT including personal outside activities (e.g. travel sports, tutoring, music lessons, etc.)





| Home | Profile | Schedule | Report Card | Progress Report |  | Assessments |  |  |  |  |  |
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| First Name: |  |  | Middle Name: |  |  | Last Name: |  |  |  |  | 249 |
| ID Number: |  |  | Grade: 7 |  |  | Counselor: |  | Location: Orange |  |  |  |
| Locker Information |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Locker Number |  |  | Locker Type |  |  | Locker Location |  | Locker Combination |  | Padlock |  |
| M 002 |  |  | Hall |  |  | Media Wing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student Schedule |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Days |  | Periods | Room \# |  | Course \# |  | Course | Sec | Staff | Date | Webpage |
| 1,2,3,4 |  | 1 | 249 |  | 37N001 |  | Science 7 | 6 | Wegge | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,2,3,4 |  | 2 | 240 |  | 17N001 |  | English 7 | 8 | Skolnik | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,3 |  | 3 | 208 |  | 99N104 |  | Transitions | 3 | Lembo | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 2,4 |  | 3 | BB |  | 67 N 900 |  | Theatre 7 | 5 | Fessler | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,3 |  | 4 | MSG |  | 79N004 |  | P.E. 7/8 | 7 | Roberts | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 2,4 |  | 4 | Cafe |  | 99N002 |  | Lunch Even MS | 1 | Administration | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,2,3,4 |  | 5 | 167 |  | 47N005 |  | Math 7 Acc | 4 | Kundzins | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,3 |  | 6 | Cafe |  | 99NOO1 |  | Lunch Odd MS | 9 | Administration | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 2,4 |  | 6 | 226 |  | 69N450 |  | Concert Band MS | 2 | Minaya | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,3 |  | 7 | 108 |  | 27N014 |  | Home \& Careers 7 | 4 | Bracale | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 2,4 |  | 7 | 168 A |  | 37N004 |  | Technology 7 | 5 | Tarnowski | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,2,3,4 |  | 8 | 261 |  | 27N001 |  | Social Studies 7 | 9 | Smith | 07/06/2021 |  |
| 1,2,3,4 |  | 9 | 102 |  | 57N100 |  | Spanish I-1 | 7 | Sepe | 07/06/2021 |  |

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## Role of the Counselor

Ms. Jane Grappone - Interim Director of School Counseling Services JGrappone@manhassetschools.org 267-7611

- Transition activities/program
- Individual and Group Counseling (as needed)
- Attend and participate at Team meetings
- Attend and participate in CSE and IST meetings
- Monitor academic progress
- Communicate with teachers and parents
- Participate in career exploration activities
- Conduct family conferences
- Serve as student and family advocate

- Wellness Learning Center (see following images)





## English Department: English 7 and 8 Dr. Rebecca Chowske rebecca_chowske@manhassetschools.org 267-7582

Literature: Introduction to young adult contemporary and classic works; both teams read a core of texts, each team reads teacher-chosen texts, and students read independently selected works.

Writing: Instruction includes exposition, argument, creative, portfolio, and research.

The Writing Process: Includes preand post-writing: organizing, drafting and editing; peer review, teacher-led conferences, and the research process.

## Vocabulary, Grammar:

- Vocabulary is taught in conjunction with literature (vocabulary in context).
- Spelling is regularly tested.
- Grammar and Usage: Students learn grammar essentials through mini-lessons and writing to master conventions.

ELA Preparation: Takes place in the weeks prior to testing.

# English Department: English 7 and 8 

 Dr. Rebecca Chowske, Director rebecca_chowske@manhassetschools.org 267-7582Enrichment and Support Opportunities:
English and Reading

## Enrichment:

- Students are encouraged to write for publication, including for Manhasset Media; portfolio projects and presentation are central to the curriculum.
- Challenging activities and readings give students high level, Pre-AP opportunities.
- Extended research is included in both $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade English classes.
- Writing contests offer opportunities to submit poems, essays and creative pieces; Manhasset students regularly win regional and national recognition.


## Academic Support:

- Students are recommended from $6^{\text {th }}$ grade Language Arts and Reading classes to reading or Writing Workshop.
- All students are given opportunity for extra ELA practice prior to testing.
- Peer Responder program assists students and is organized in conjunction with the English Honor Society; upper-level students work with middle school students on English and other subjects and to improve overall study skills development.


## Special Education <br> Stewart Grabelsky

Director for Secondary Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
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## Related Services

- Speech/Language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Mandated Counseling


## Resource Room

- Time Management
- Task Completion
- Study Skills
- Organizational Skills


## Integrated Co-Teaching

- Students recommended for this program will participate in general education classes but need the assistance of a special education teacher in the classroom to manage the demands of the curriculum.


## Special Class Support

- Provides pre and post teaching of the curriculum to assist students recommended for the Integrated Co-Teaching class.


## Special Class Subject Program

- For students with special needs that may require a modified approach to meet their individual educational needs.

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# Math Department Director: Lauren Tallarine lauren_tallarine@manhassetschools.org 

## 267-7570

- Letters are sent to every $6^{\text {th }}$ grade parent in late June informing them of their child's $7^{\text {th }}$ grade math placement.
- We will examine a student's entire profile to determine proper placement in math (e.g. course/final exam grades,, assessment scores, teacher feedback, academic behaviors).
- Students are closely monitored in seventh grade and adjustments are made during the first half of the school year, when warranted.
- Students should be challenged in their enrolled math class, however, they should not be overwhelmed.


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Opportunities for Support

- Math Lab (Room 163) is staffed from 7:30-3:08 by TAs and Math Honor Society students who provide tutoring
- Skills classes opposite Math 7R provide AIS on alternate days

Opportunities for Enrichment

- American Mathematics Exam: non-routine problem solving exam offered in the fall
- Junior Math Team practices each week before school and partakes in several competitions throughout the year



# Science \& Technology Education Coordinator: Dr. Teresa McGrath 

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## Grade 7

Science-7: Aligned with NYSSLS (New York State Science Learning Standards)

- Forces
- Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Circuits and Signals
- Reactions in Living Things
- Weather in the Atmosphere Single Period Every Day Final Exam


## Grade 8

Life Science: Biology, changing from Living Environment in 2024-2025 to become NYSSLS aligned

- Structure and Function
- Inheritance and Variation of Traits
- Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Natural Selection and Evolution Extra lab period every other day NYS Biology Regents


# Science \& Technology Education Coordinator: Dr. Teresa McGrath 

## Academic Support:

- Biology X class available for students that more time with curriculum for mastery of content and additional practice with Regents style questions
- Regents Review Sessions to prepare students for the Regents exam in June


## Opportunities:

Technology 7 and Technology 8

- PLTW curriculum in both
- 7th - Automation and Robotics
- 8th - Design and Modeling

Science Olympiad Junior Division

- Grades 7, 8, and 9
- Open to all students



# Social Studies and Home and Careers Department Margaret Ronai <br> Margaret_ronai@manhassetschools.org 267-7576 

Social Studies grades 7 and 8, the goal is to enhance historical thinking skills in reading and writing.

## READING

- Informational text: biographies, autobiographies, articles, textbooks, charts, graphs, maps, photographs, political cartoons.
- Craft and structure; identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view, stance or purpose and the impact on the reliability of the document(s).
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: distinguish among fact and opinion, a primary and secondary source, compare and contrast sources.


## WRITING

- Arguments: use evidence to support a claim and craft an argument.
- Informative: organize ideas, concepts and information into broader categories and use content-specific vocabulary to inform or explain a topic.
- Research: events, topics, historical periods in America.


## Home and Careers

Curriculum

- Financial and Consumer Literacy
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Apparel and Textile Production
- Food Systems and Production
- Career exploration


## Home and Career Skills

- Decision making
- Research
- Problem solving and innovation
- Project completion
- Cooperative learning


## World Languages Department

Middle School
Laurie Marshall-Lauria
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Language Offerings: French, Italian, Spanish Goals:
-Students will develop the three modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive and presentational.
-Students will interact with cultural competence and understanding.
-Students will identify and use vocabulary and grammar structures.
Assessment and Grading:
-Grade 8 culminates in a state-approved, regionally developed replacement Proficiency Exam (NYSAWLA - Checkpoint A Exam)
-The combination of level I-1 (Gr. 7) and I-2 (Gr. 8) serves as first year of three year language sequence required for high school graduation.

## Rosetta Stone:

-All students who study a language receive an account
-Required supplement language curriculum
-Access from any mobile device or computer
Opportunities for Support:
-Peer Support programs assists students in need through the Language Honor Societies; upper-level students work with middle school students to improve a student's performance.

## Enrichment:

-Students can participate in the national language contests in the spring. Registration occurs in December. Manhasset students regularly earn regional and national awards for their performance.

- Music
- Concert Band
- Orchestra
- MS Chorus
- Theatre 7
- Enrichment opportunities

- Musical
- Play
- Art Club
- Photography Club
- Jazz Ensemble

Art offered in grade 8: Art 8/Accelerated Art 8


## Athletics \& Physical Education

Christine Raffo, Athletic Director christine_raffo@manhassetschools.org 267-7551

## Fall

Girls' Program
Crew (Grade 8 only) Cross Country
Field Hockey Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Boys' Program
Crew (Grade 8 only) Cross Country Football Soccer

## Winter I

(mid-November) Winter II
(mid-January)
Girls' Program
Volleyball (I)
Winter Track (I)
Basketball (II)
Boys' Program
Basketball (I)
Swimming (I)
Winter Track (I)
Wrestling (II)

## Spring

Girls' Program
Crew (Grade 8 only)
Lacrosse
Softball
Track
Boys' Program
Baseball
Crew (Grade 8 only)
Lacrosse
Tennis
Track

# MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCES <br> <br> The People and Places Every Student Should Know 

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(Located on team websites)

## Middle School <br> Counseling Center

Ms. Moloney - Orange
Mr. Gandulla - Blue
Ms. San Antonio- School Psychologist
Ms. Barberi-Smith- Social Worker

## MS Computer Lab

Room 271
Monday thru Friday 8:08 AM - 3:08 PM
Ms. Scharf \& Mr. Mashburn

## Peer Responders

Mr. Koondel, Advisor
AP English students provide assistance with writing assignments

Available every period in the ACC and/or Writing Center

## The best first steps if you need academic assistance are:

1. Subject teachers
2. Counselor/Assistant Principal
3. Parents/guardians


## Math Lab

Room 163
Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM - 3:08 PM
Mr. Sproul

## Writing Center

Room 275
Monday-Friday 7:30-3:08pm
Ms. Thornton
267-7583

## Language Lab

Room 260
Monday-Friday 7:30-3:08pm
Ms. PJ

## Social Activities

Dances are held throughout the school year. They are all supervised by school staff and are from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

September Welcome Dance (sponsored by student government)
October Halloween Party/Dance (sponsored by SCA)
March MS Charity Dance (sponsored by student government)
June
BBQ / End of Year Dance (Fundraiser for Gift of Life)
June
Marie Rogers Annual 6th Grade FNL (5:30-7:00 pm)


## Middle School Clubs and Activities

| Activity | Advisor | Activity | Advisor |
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| 1680 Club | Mr. Smith | Mathletes | Ms. Lee |
| Art Club | Ms. Tripi | National Junior Honor Society | Ms. Moody |
| Broadcast Journalism | Mr. Coleman | Photography Club | Ms. Macumber |
| CASA Set Connect | Ms. Held | Science Olympiad - Jr. | TBD |
| Chief Yearbook | Ms. Pellegrino | Science Fiction Club | Ms. Zaso |
| Coding Club | Mr. Mashburn | STAR - Students Taking an Active Role | Ms. Moloney Ms. Margulies |
| Cultural Club | Ms. Wong Ms. Dillworth | Theatre | Ms. DiCarlo |
| Government - Middle School | Mr. Shapiro Ms. Diaz | Jazz Ensemble | Mr. Sisco |



Thank you for attending
tonights midalle school orientation



[^0]:    Report Card: Marking Period 2 (11/11/2022-01/27/2023)

[^1]:    * All Recommendations must be made by the Committee on Special Education

