



6th Grade Parent Orientation



Building Administration



Principal: Dr. Andrew Trust

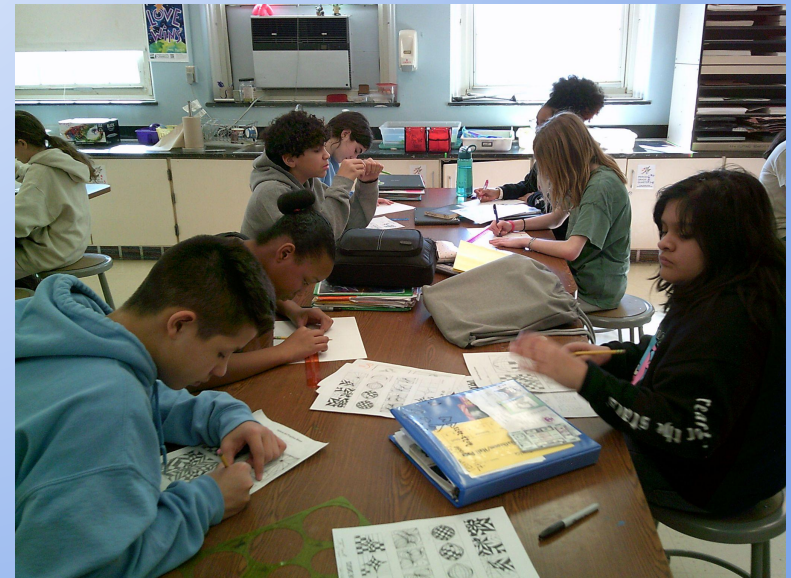
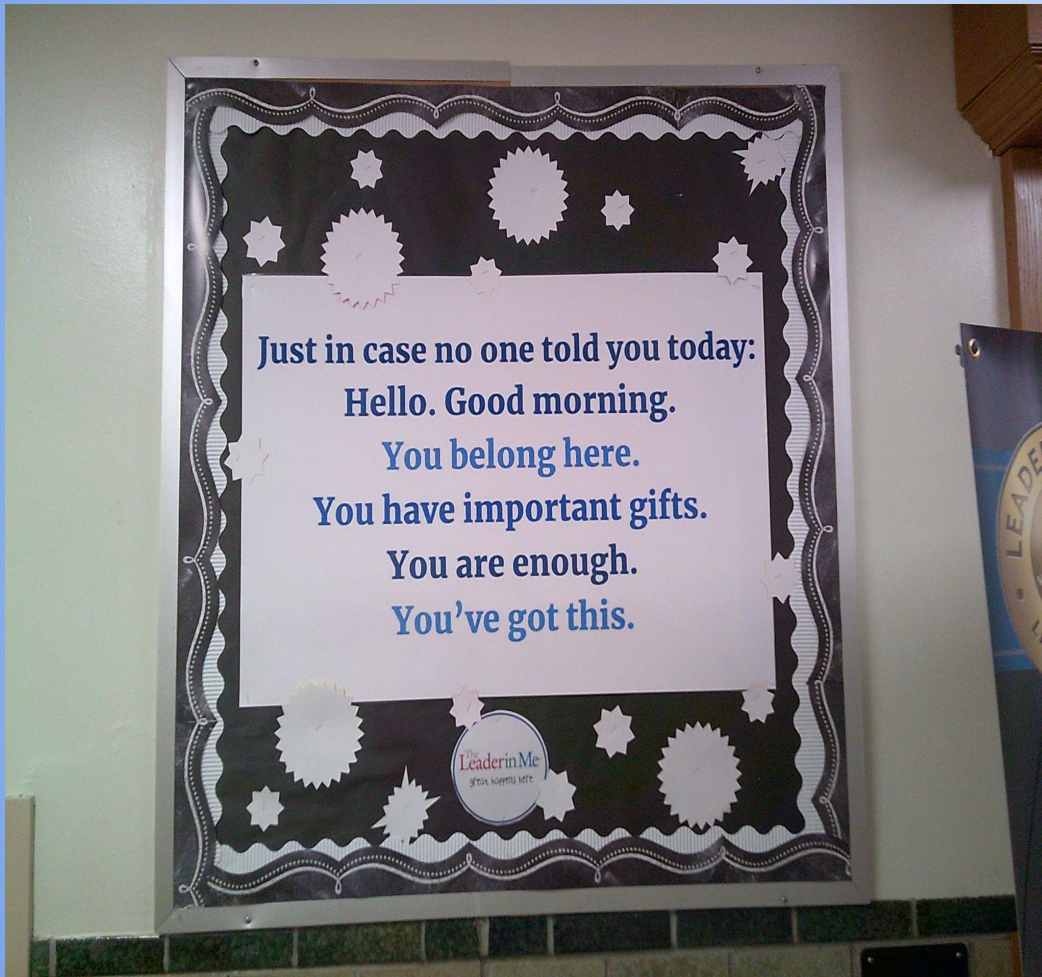
Assistant Principals: Mrs. Sybil Jeffs & Mrs. Jennie Narcisco

Middle School is an Exciting Time for Students!



The Academic Middle

- Socially
- Emotionally
- Academically
- Physically



Student Concerns

- Building
- Lockers
- Schedule
- Number of teachers they meet in one day
- Academic rigor
- Forming friendships/peer groups

<i>Period</i>	<i>Class Times</i>
1	8:00 – 8:53
2	8:57 – 9:39
3	9:43 – 10:36
4	10:40 – 11:22
5 LUNCH	11:26 – 11:56
6	11:59 – 12:52
7	12:56 – 1:49
8	1:53 – 2:35



Student Attendance

Parents as partners in the attendance process

Attendance Matters <i>By Number of Lessons Missed</i>	
95% =	<i>63 lessons missed each year 9 school days</i>
90% =	<i>126 lessons missed each year 18 school days</i>
85% =	<i>189 lessons missed each year 27 school days</i>
80% =	<i>252 lessons missed each year 36 school days</i>

- ❖ Regular school attendance is a major component of academic success.
- ❖ Excused absences, tardies and early dismissals include:
 - personal illness
 - illness or death in the family
 - impassable roads or weather
 - religious observance
 - quarantine
 - required court appearance
 - approved field trips
 - approved guidance/admin appt
 - All others are unexcused
- ❖ Missed schoolwork/tests:
 - Excused absence: arrange with teachers to make up work. Opportunity to make up test/quiz for full credit.
 - Unexcused absence: consult with teacher upon return, regarding the missed work. Make up work must be completed by a date specified by the teacher. Work may be assigned partial credit.

Bus Routes/Pickup/Dropoff

- Postcards from the Transportation Department will be mailed to you in August with information on your child's bus route and bus stop.
 - Changes in routes are made through the Transportation Department in Central Office at 845-357-7783.
 - Arrival time: 7:45AM - 7:50AM
 - Dismissal time: 2:35PM - 2:50PM
- **10 minutes before and after written time

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Road

Drop off and pick up are located around the back of the building. Parents enter through the **Hemion Road** parking lot and stay to the right to travel around the building. You will exit at Montebello Road, with a right turn only.



Core and Encore

- ***Core Classes (53 minutes)***
 - English
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Math
- ***Bilingual Education (Spanish)***
 - Both ELA and Spanish Language Arts (6th, 7th, 8th)
 - Social Studies (6th, 7th, 8th)
 - Science (6th Grade)
 - Math (2 options - Math and ENL Bridges)
- ***Encore Classes (42 minutes)***
 - World Languages
 - Physical Education, Health, Project Kids
 - FACS, Art, Technology, Music
 - AVID - All 6th graders will take a quarter of AVID
 - Academic Intervention Services (AIS)

World Language Pathway

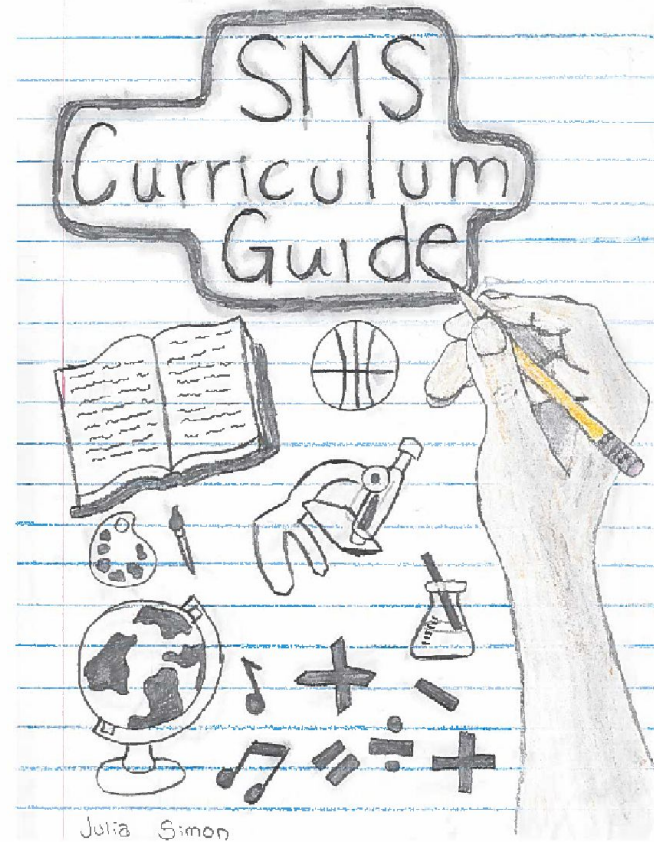
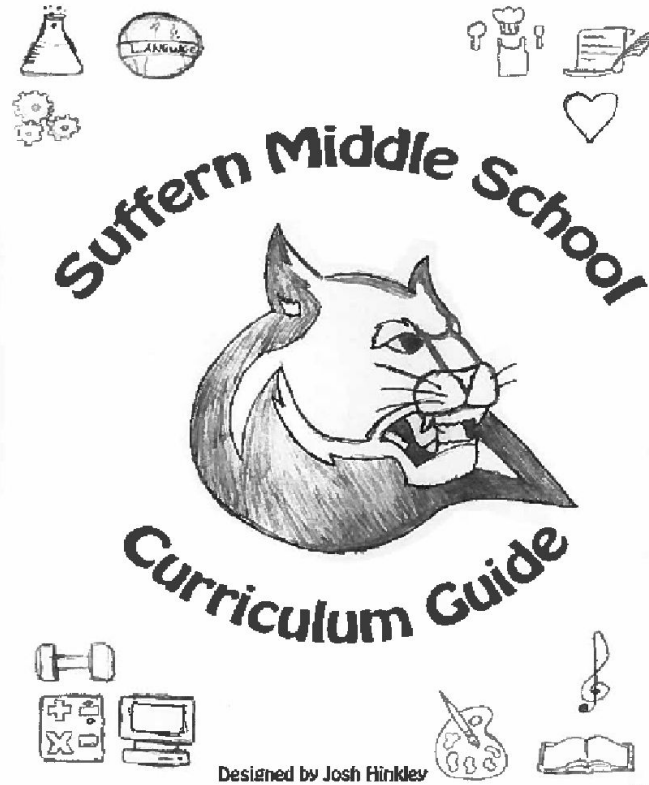
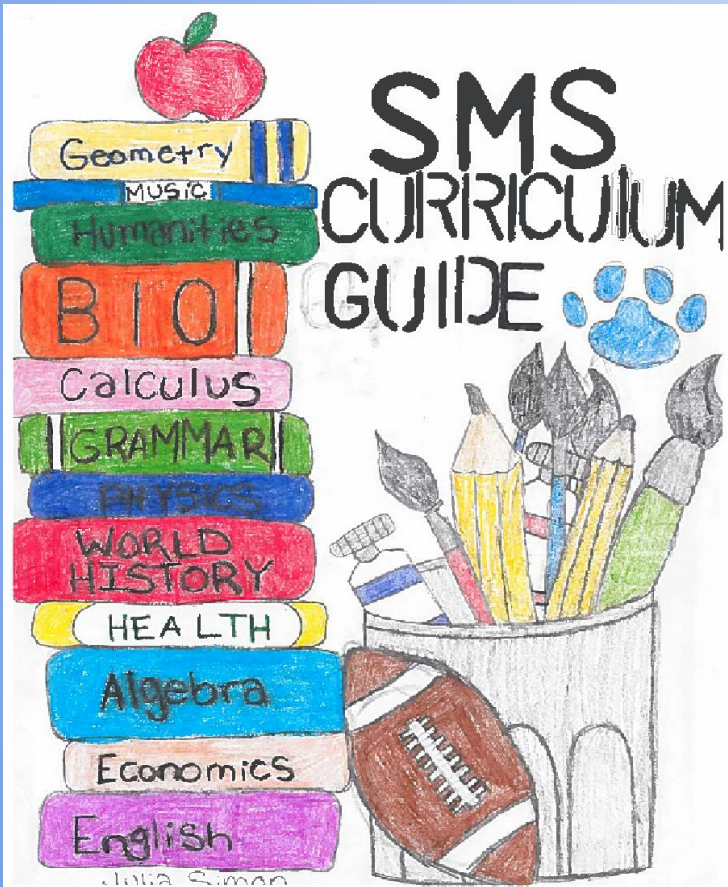
At Suffern Middle School

- 6th grade: every other day
- 7th & 8th grade: every day
- Students will earn **1 credit** towards graduation with a NYS Regents Diploma.
- Checkpoint A Exam (NYS Proficiency Exam)
 - Spanish: 7th grade
 - French & Italian: 8th grade

At Suffern High School

- Honors & Regents level courses
- Opportunities for college credit
 - SUNY Albany
 - AP Exams
- NYS Seal of Biliteracy
 - recognition at graduation
- Checkpoint B Exam (NYS Regents Exam)
 - Advanced Regents Diploma
- Elective opportunities
 - ASL
 - French, Italian, Spanish as a 2nd World Language

Our Curriculum Guide is on
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6th Grade Teams



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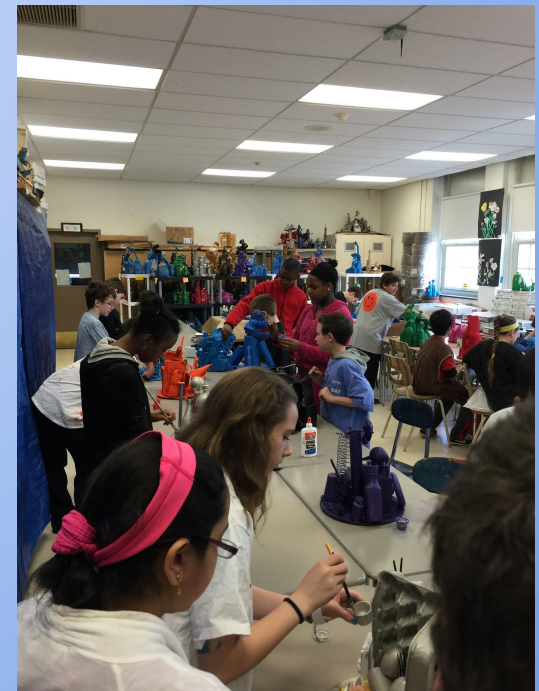
Hawks



Owls

The Team Advantage

- Creates a small school environment with-in the larger school.
- Common planning/meeting time for teachers
- Opportunities of interdisciplinary activities for student engagement
- Allows for specific Social-Emotional Learning
- Coordination of tests, quizzes, assignments, and projects
- Team Leader as a point person to assist parent on the team
- Opportunity for Parent/Team meetings



School Counselors

Kristin Schmidt

Incoming 6th Grade
Counselor



Counselor

Responsibilities

- Academic progress/Scheduling
- Classroom lessons
 - Academic
 - Social emotional
 - Career
- Individual & small group counseling
- Student Advocate
- Conflict resolution

Additional Assistance

- *School Psychologists*
 - Mrs. O'Keefe
 - Dr. Reicherter
 - Mrs. Sikora (Bilingual)
- *School Social Workers*
 - Ms. Buono
 - Ms. Vargas (Bilingual)



Transition to SMS

Elementary Counselors met with all 5th graders over the past two weeks to go over student choices for Middle School.



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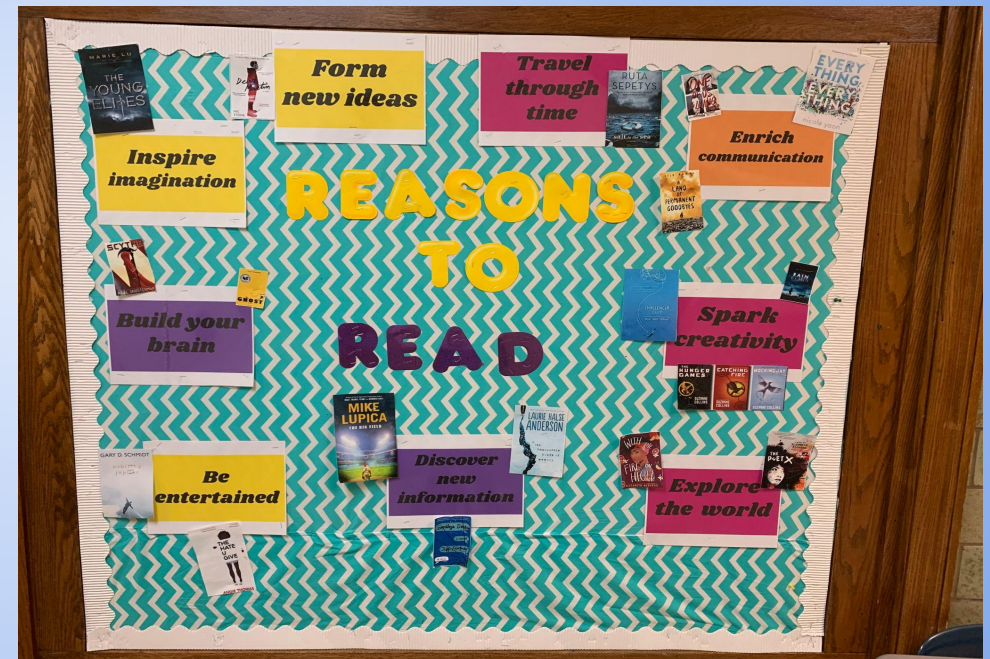


- 5th Grade visit days later in the school year.
- 6th Grade Orientation and student visits dates towards the end of August



Positive School Environment

- Leader in Me
- Social Emotional Learning
- H.A.C.K. (mentoring)
Heroes & Cool Kids
- Kindness Crusaders



Leader in Me

“A New Way to Define Leadership”



What *Leader in Me* Schools **DO**

The Framework provides a unique approach to integrating highly effective practices throughout a school's culture.

Instead of focusing on academic measures alone, *Leader in Me* embodies a holistic approach to education, redefining how schools measure success. This approach empowers educators with effective practices and tools to:

- teach **LEADERSHIP** to every student,
- create a **CULTURE** of student empowerment,
- and align systems to drive results in **ACADEMICS**.

● **Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens**

1. Be proactive
2. Begin with the end in mind
3. Put first things first
4. Think win-win
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the saw.



Students using positive habits to improve their relationships and determine what they want out of life

Habit 1 - Be Proactive

You're in charge!

Ryan & Jose

Take initiative.

Being proactive can be
when you have initiative
and you do things without
being told.



How Are We Proactive In SMS?

One way I am proactive is when I write my homework in my agenda planner without my teacher reminding me.

One way how I'm proactive is when I take opportunities and don't let them pass by.

Habit 2:
Begin With an End in
Mind



Have a Plan!
Sophie & Amaya

Setting Goals

When you begin with an end in mind you have to set goals. This makes it clear to you what you want to achieve. You can form steps on how you want to reach that goal so in the near or far future you can accomplish it.

Doing things that have meaning

When you begin with the end in mind, you also have to do things that have meaning. This would be when you do something for a real reason or something that would benefit you and others.

Habit 3: Put First Things First



- What is Habit #3?



- How does Habit #3 help us in SMS?

- How will Habit #3 help us in life?



Sarah & Dylan

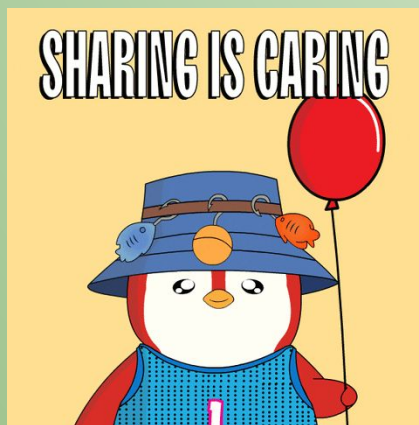
Leader in Me
Habit 4#
Think Win Win

By Sarah & Julian

How can you use Habit #4 in Suffern Middle School?

You can use habit #4 (Think Win Win) in Suffern Middle School by thinking about the situation and compromising.

You can also think about what you can do to the other person to make sure they don't get upset while also thinking about what you want.



What does Habit #4 Think Win Win mean?

Habit 4 Think Win Win means to compromise and try and get what you both want.

- **Example: If Mateo wanted a Chocolate Milk and Rosie also wanted a Chocolate Milk, and there was only 1 Chocolate Milk left, they would either share the milk or they would have to get another kind of milk.**



How it's helped us and lots of other children in SMS?

Thinking win win (Habit #4) has helped us by seeing that there are different ways to solve a problem. Thinking win win has also helped us by showing us that you can get what you want & you can also make the other person get what they want, without making the other person feel bad.



Clubs and Activities

- School Musical 6th and 7th/8th
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Girls on the Run
- Green Team
- Y.A.C.
- Modified sports - 7th and 8th grade



SMS Website

- Morning Announcements
- Team/Teacher websites and e-mail addresses
- Parent Portal
- PeachJar (letter/flyers)
- School events calendar
- Summer reading list
- Technology Resources



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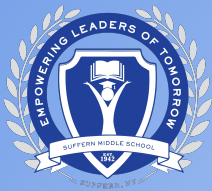


First Quarter Mountie Awards

Congratulations to the many students who were recognized with a Mountie Award this quarter. These awards celebrate students who go above and beyond, are helpful and kind, compassionate and always willing to lend a hand. Pictured here are students from 7th grade.

Current Notices & Links

- > [Order a Yearbook Today! \(School code: 13478\)](#)
- > [SMS After School Program Waitlist](#)
- > [Need a New Chromebook Charger?](#)
- > [2022-23 Student and Family Handbook](#)
- > [Free / Reduced Lunch Application](#)
- > [2022-23 School Supplies List](#)
- > [Attendance Policy](#)
- > [Who Do I Go To For Help?](#)



Suffern Middle School



Students are NOT permitted to use:

During School Hours:

8:00 am - 2:35 pm

INCLUDING LUNCH PERIODS

CELL PHONES

**WIRELESS
HEADPHONES**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

CAMERAS



**MUST BE OFF &
STORED IN LOCKERS**

**School office phones available
to contact parent/guardian**

**Students will use
school issued Chromebook**

Cell Phone Expectations



1. Look for Google Form regarding student choice (World Language & Music Elective). Responses due March 9th.

2. Follow us on social media:



**Instagram:
@suffernmiddleschool**

Looking forward to September 2024!



Questions and concerns?
Please don't hesitate to reach out
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