

Welcome to West Point Middle School!

**New Student Orientation
16 August 2011**

Getting to Know your New School

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About WPMS

- School on post since 1821
- This building built in 1934
- \$28 million addition/renovation underway
- In NY/VA/PR District of Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), which operates 191 schools on bases around world
- Highest-performing middle school in all of DoDEA every year

Data Snapshot- 2011 *TerraNova*

	Reading	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
Grade 5	79	74	87	90	78
Grade 6	86	88	84	90	89
Grade 7	80	78	83	82	83
Grade 8	82	88	85	88	86

Percentile scores shown
(National average = 50th percentile)

Expectations

Continue the tradition of excellence by...

1. Coming to school every day
2. Giving your best behavior and effort in the classroom
3. Asking lots of questions
4. Writing assignments in agenda book
5. Tracking your progress with GradeSpeed
6. Keeping up with your homework
7. Getting involved in school activities

The Daily Schedule

- First bell rings at 7:38 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance and announcements start in the auditorium at 7:40
- First class starts at 7:50- all classes 45 minutes
- Lunch/recess is period 5 for grades 7 & 8, period 6 for grades 5 & 6
- Dismissal bell rings at 2:18 p.m.
- Buses depart at 2:24 p.m.

Lunch and Recess

- Period 5 for Grades 7 and 8 (11:06- 11:51)
 - 11:06- 11:29- 8th eats while 7th is at recess
 - 11:29- 11:51- 7th eats while 8th is at recess
- Period 6 for Grades 5 and 6 (11:55- 12:40)
 - 11:55- 12:18- 6th eats while 5th is at recess
 - 12:18- 12:40- 5th eats while 6th is at recess

Grades 5 & 6 have snack opportunity during period 4

Extracurricular Activities

- Student Council- all grades
- Clubs (i.e. Art, Spanish, Video, others)- grade level varies by activity- will be announced
- NJHS- grades 7 & 8, for selected members
- Intramural Sports- grades 5 & 6
- Modified Sports- grades 7 & 8
 - Fall- Cross Country and Soccer
 - Winter- Basketball
 - Spring- Baseball and Track and Field

Sources of Help

- Homework Club- meets Mondays and Thursdays
- Tutor.com- Great web resource
- Your fantastic teachers!
- Guidance Counselor
- School Nurse
- Office Staff
- Principal, Mr. Rudy

Communication

- In person- see your teachers for help after school
- Email- use Gaggles to email your teachers
- GradeSpeed- internet-based grade program, see grades, assignments, and attendance
 - Every student issued an account
 - Parent account creation info on school web site
- Agenda Book- courtesy of PTO, every student gets one to write down assignments

Quick Items

- Standard combination lock needed for locker- no keys
- Student email accounts through Gaggle
- All electronics kept in the locker all day
- Dress code is followed- parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing if needed
- **Parent volunteers needed** for school improvement program. Please call the office for more information.

Questions?

