

# WELCOME ABOARD!



**Rising 6th graders and new Swanson students!**

# MAROON AND WHITE



**SPIRIT**

**SERVICE**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**HOME OF THE ADMIRALS**



## Administrators



Principal  
Renee Harber



Director of Counseling  
Rana Luthra



### Assistant Principals:

Eric Underhill (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), Laura Porter (7<sup>th</sup> Grade), Tony Hall (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

WHAT DOES A DAY AT  
SWANSON LOOK LIKE?

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# Block Schedule

School Day: 7:50-2:24

Breakfast is served at 7:20

A Day	B Day	Time	Length
1st	2nd	7:50 - 9:19	89 min (Pledge and moment of silence)
3rd	4th	9:24 - 10:50	87 min
5th, STAR, Lunch	5th, STAR, Lunch	<p><b>6th grade</b> 5th: 10:54 - 11:39 STAR: 11:43 - 12:18 Lunch: 12:18 - 12:53</p> <p><b>7th grade</b> Lunch: 10:50 - 11:25 STAR: 11:29 - 12:04 5th: 12:08 - 12:53</p> <p><b>8th grade</b> STAR: 10:54 - 11:29 Lunch: 11:29 - 12:04 5th: 12:08 - 12:53</p>	123 min
6th	7th	12:57 - 2:24	87 min

# STAR Period

- Teacher Advisory or Homeroom Period
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 11:43-12:18 every day
- School announcements
- Organizational and study habits
- Team events and service projects
- Distribution of progress reports, report cards, important information, etc.
- Locker assignments and combinations
- DEAR – Drop Everything And Read

# Lunch

- Grade level lunches: 35 minutes
  - You can bring or buy lunch
  - If you attended an APS elementary school, you can use the same account to buy lunch.
  - To set up a lunch account, go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)



# Health & PE

- PE Uniforms can be purchased during the Open House on August 29<sup>th</sup> or during the first week of school
- Sweats are optional!
- Bring your own combination lock for your PE locker or buy one from Swanson for \$5





# Sixth Grade Core Subjects

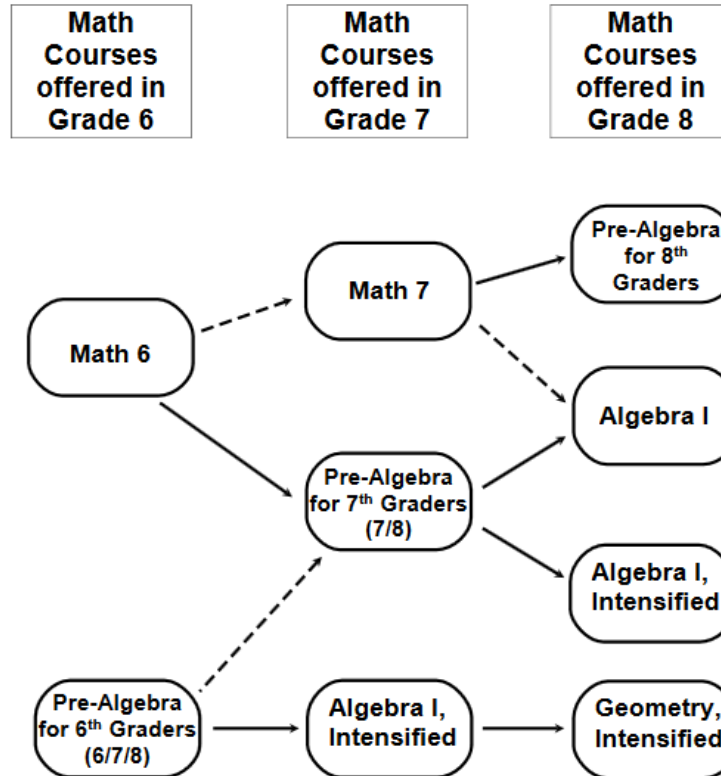
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams:** Mariners, Sailors, Navigators
- **Mathematics:** Math 6 or Pre-Algebra
- **Social Studies:** US History, Civics, and Economics to 1865
- **Science:** Grade 6 Science
- **English:** Grade 6 English
- **Reading:** Reading Comprehension and Note Taking Strategies (full-year or half-year)
- **Health & PE**

# Math

- **Math placement** - Based on a set of criteria outlined in the letter that includes teacher recommendation, SOL scores, and additional assessment data.
  - The letters of math placement recommendations are delivered at the end of school in June from the elementary schools.
- **Math Strategies** – An elective class for math support (by recommendation).

# MATH PATHWAYS

## Suggested APS Middle School Mathematics Pathways



At all grade levels, there are additional "Math Strategies" courses available as electives for students who would benefit from assistance to meet grade-level proficiency.

# Contact Information

**Math Coach/Specialist**

**Laura Partridge**

**[Laura.Partridge@apsva.us](mailto:Laura.Partridge@apsva.us)**

**703-228-2344**

**Reading Specialist**

**Cynthia Chiu**

**[Cynthia.chiu@apsva.us](mailto:Cynthia.chiu@apsva.us)**

**703-228-5520**

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

## Admiral's Wheel

- Drama, Tech Ed, Art, Digital Input Technologies, Family & Consumer Science

## Music

- Beginning Orchestra
- Beginning Band
- Beginning Chorus

## Language Electives (not for HS credit)

- Half-year, paired with Reading
- Intro to Spanish, French, Latin
- Transitional Spanish (Students with 3+ years in APS FLES program)
- Spanish for Fluent Speakers for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

# WHAT CAN I DO AFTER SCHOOL?

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- After School Program: Clubs, Sports, ACT II Classes
  - ASP I: 2:30 - 3:30pm
  - ASP2: 3:30 - 4:15pm
- Late bus: Monday - Thursday at 4:15pm
  - Late Bus route numbers are different than regular route numbers
- Extended day (“Check In”) is available until 6pm
  - Register with APS Extended Day Office

# After School Clubs

*Based on student interest*

- Best Buddies
- Bike Club
- Boys to Men Club
- Captain's Crew
- GSA (Gender & Sexuality Alliance)
- Intramural Sports
- Latina Youth Leading at Swanson (LYLAS) Club
- Wavelength Literary Magazine
- Magic: The Gathering
- Math Counts
- Nature Club
- Swanson Sisterhood
- Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
- TSA
- Video Game Design Club
- PTA Classes – you can receive information through the PTA list serve



***Most clubs meet one day a week from 2:30-3:30***

***Check out the Activities Fair during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school!***



# Middle School Interscholastic Sports

- **Tryouts:**

- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Co-ed Tennis
- Cheerleading

- **No Tryouts:**

- Boys & Girls Swim
- Boys & Girls Dive
- Wrestling
- Co-ed Track
- Ultimate Frisbee

- **Sports Physical needed**

- Needs to be within one calendar year of the season to participate)
- Sports physical form can be found on the Swanson website under “Athletics”



# ACT II Classes

- Announced in September on the Swanson website and morning announcements
- Classes differ each year depending on interest and teacher availability
- Registration is first-come, first-served
- Classes are held one day per week after school
- Attendance is taken and students receive a grade
- Free of cost

# Get Involved!

Want to start a club? Have questions about sports? Contact:

Trevor Holland  
Activities Coordinator  
703-228-5510



# Counseling Services

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Lunch Groups
- “Second Step” Classroom Lessons
  - Bullying
  - Emotional Management
  - Communication
- Scheduling and Course Request Forms
- Orientation and Transition Activities
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Academic Planning

# Important Information for Parents

- **NEW** - All bus information will be available online through your **ParentVUE** account. No letter will be mailed.
  - If you need help accessing your account, contact Karla McGhee at 703-228-5532
- You will receive a letter in the mail in **Mid-August** that contains your child's team and STAR teacher
- School supply lists are posted on the Swanson website homepage.
- Join us at our Open House on **Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** from 11AM to 1PM. Students who are new to APS may take the math placement test on that day at 9:00 AM.
- Back to School Night: **September 19<sup>th</sup>**

# Required Middle School Vaccinations

- **TDaP:** Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (now required in 7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- From **June 24<sup>th</sup>-August 30<sup>th</sup>**, turn in the record to Swanson's clinic
- Do **NOT** wait until the first day of school, as your child will not be admitted to classes until their vaccination record has been processed.
- Questions? Contact Christina Cuesta, Swanson's nurse, at [ccuesta@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ccuesta@arlingtonva.us) or 703-228-5514

# New to Arlington?

Need to register your child?

Contact Karla McGhee (Swanson Registrar) at

[karla.mcghee@apsva.us](mailto:karla.mcghee@apsva.us)

703-228-5532

Summer hours:

- Mondays and Wednesdays
  - 9:30-1 (walk in only)
  - 1-3 (appointments only)
- Tuesday and Thursdays
  - 10-12 (appointments only)



# Questions?

Thank you for coming and have a great summer!

