

Welcome to Swanson!



Quick Facts

- School colors
 - Maroon and White
- School mascot
 - Admiral
- Current enrollment
 - ~900 students
- Principal - Bridget Loft



Bell Schedule

- 7:50-2:35
- Swanson uses a “Block Schedule”
- A day, B Day, Anchor Day
- Students may enter building at 7:20

*subject to change

A Day	B Day	Anchor Day
Period 1	Period 2	Period 1
Period 3	Period 4	Period 2
Period 5	Period 5	Period 3
STAR	STAR	Period 4
Lunch	Lunch	Period 5
Period 7	Period 6	STAR
		Lunch
		Period 6
		Period 7

STAR

- Homeroom class
- Team-building activities
- Organizational support
- Academic/Reading time



6th Grade Courses

All 6th grade students take:

- English
- Reading (full-year OR half-year paired with a language)
- Science
- Social Studies
- Math (recommendations made in June/placement test in August for new APS families)
- Health & PE
- Elective

Lunch

- Lunches are separated by grade level
- Students can choose to eat in the cafeteria, outside (weather permitting), or in the Admiral's Mess (auxiliary cafeteria space)
- Short “recess” time at the end of lunch (10-15 minutes)
- Lunch is no longer free for everyone
 - Set up account at www.MySchoolBucks.com
 - Apply for Free/Reduced Meals if needed
<https://www2.myschoolapps.com/>

Lockers & PE



Lockers:

- Will be available for 6th graders
- Locks are built into the locker (do not need to buy your own)

PE:

- Students will wear PE uniforms
- PE uniforms sold first week of school
- Bring your own combination lock for the locker room

After School Activities

- Clubs
- Sports
- Act II Classes
- Check-In (Extended Day)
- There is a late bus at 4:15 for students who receive bus transportation

Clubs

- Club offerings change each year depending on staffing and student interest
- Club information will be released at the beginning of the school year.
- Most clubs meet 1 day per week after school from 2:30-3:30
- Clubs are considered “drop-in” - students do not have to attend every meeting
- Students can start a new club by talking to Mr. Holland!

Sports

- Soccer*
- Tennis*
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Cheerleading*
- Basketball*
- Wrestling
- Swimming
- Track & Field

* = tryout required

- Students must have an up-to-date (within a calendar year) Sports Physical on file before participating in a Swanson athletic team
- Sports Physical Form: <https://swanson.apsva.us/athletics/forms/>
- Teams have practice/games 4-5 days per week during the season

Act II Classes

- Weekly elective class
- 1 day per week - after school
- Attendance is taken and students receive a grade
- Offerings change each year based on staffing availability
- Class offerings will be announced in the fall

Check-In (Extended Day)

- After-school care from 2:35-6:00 PM
- Register through APS Extended Day office for a fee
- Activities are self-directed
- Students can participate in sports, clubs, ACT II classes, and other activities during this time.
- Fee information and registration process can be found here: <https://www.apsva.us/extended-day/>

Important Dates

- Rising 6th Grade Orientation
 - Thursday, August 25th from 11-1
- Back to School Night
 - Tuesday, Sept. 13th
- Fall Conferences
 - Friday, October 21st

Contact Information

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Questions?

