



# **WELCOME TO GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**2023-2024**

**ORIENTATION PRESENTATION**



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# STUDENT SCHEDULES

## 6 PERIOD DAY

- MATH
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- LANGUAGE ARTS
- PE/HEALTH
- QUARTER COURSE (SPECIALS)

EACH COURSE WILL BE 54 MINUTES EACH DAY

STUDENTS WILL HAVE EVERY COURSE EVERY DAY





# QUARTER CLASSES

- MUSIC
- ART
- DANCE
- SPANISH
- PUBLISHING
- WEB DESIGN
- COMPUTERS
- STEAM
- LIFE SKILLS
- REAL WORLD MATH



Teacher Arrival 8:10/Teacher Dismissal 3:15 (Monday-Thursday)Teacher Arrival 8:25/Teacher Dismissal 3:15 (Friday)  
Student Arrival: Breakfast 8:15-8:30/Doors Open 8:35/Classes Begin 8:45 - Classes End 3:05

|    |         | MONDAY   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  |
|----|---------|--|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1  | 8:45AM  | Block 1  | Block 6 | Block 5   | Block 3  | Block 2 |
|    | 9:39AM  |  |         |           |          |         |
| 2  | 9:41AM  | Block 2  | Block 1 | Block 6   | Block 5  | Block 3 |
|    | 10:35AM |  |         |           |          |         |
| HR | 10:37AM | HR   | HR      | HR        | HR       | HR      |
|    | 10:49AM |  |         |           |          |         |
| 3  | 10:51AM | Block 3  | Block 2 | Block 1   | Block 6  | Block 5 |
|    | 11:45AM |  |         |           |          |         |
| 4  | 11:47AM | LUNCH 4A: Lunch: 11:47AM-12:15PM; Class 4BC: 12:19PM-1:13PM                          |         |           |          |         |
|    | -       | LUNCH 4B: Class 4A: 11:47AM-12:14PM; Lunch: 12:16PM-12:44PM; Class 4C:12:46PM-1:13PM |         |           |          |         |
|    | 1:13PM  | LUNCH 4C: Class 4AB: 11:47AM-12:41PM; Lunch: 12:45PM-1:13PM                          |         |           |          |         |
| 5  | 1:15PM  | Block 5  | Block 3 | Block 2   | Block 1  | Block 6 |
|    | 2:09PM  |  |         |           |          |         |
| 6  | 2:11PM  | Block 6  | Block 5 | Block 3   | Block 2  | Block 1 |
|    | 3:05PM  |  |         |           |          |         |

FULL DAY  
SCHEDULE



## SUPPLY LIST

- NOTEBOOKS
- PENS
- PENCILS
- EACH TEACHER WILL GIVE YOUR CHILD A SPECIFIC LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED FOR THEIR CLASS



# ATTENDANCE POLICY

- EXCEEDING THE ALLOWED NUMBER OF ABSENCES WILL CAUSE FAILURE
- 16 ABSENCES ARE ALLOWED
- ON 17TH ABSENCE, STUDENT WILL FAIL THE COURSE WHETHER PASSING THE CLASS OR NOT
- ANY STUDENT THAT ARRIVES AT SCHOOL AFTER 9:00AM NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT



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# SCHOOL ID'S

- STUDENTS MUST WEAR ID BADGES WHEN ENTERING THE SCHOOL & LEAVE IT ON THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY
- STUDENTS MUST HAVE ID BADGE TO RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH, THIS IS A STATE REQUIREMENT
- STUDENT ID BADGES GIVE STAFF AN IMMEDIATE WAY TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS
- REFUSAL WILL RESULT IN STUDENT TO BE PUT ON THE EXCLUDED LIST
- NO CLUBS, SPORTS OR CLASS TRIPS UNTIL STUDENT ADHERES TO DISTRICT POLICY





# UNIFORM POLICY

- UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN EVERYDAY
- WARNING ON FIRST DAY UNIFORM IS NOT WORN, EXCLUDED LIST IF CONTINUES UNTIL STUDENT ADHERES TO DISTRICT POLICY
- UNIFORM SHIRT COLORS FOLLOW YOUR CHILD THROUGHOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 6TH GRADE: GREEN UNIFORM SHIRT
- 7TH GRADE: GRAY UNIFORM SHIRT
- 8TH GRADE: NAVY UNIFORM SHIRT
- UNIFORMS SHIRTS WITH GARFIELD LOGO CAN BE PURCHASED AT YNK STORE, 125 GETTY AVE, CLIFTON, NJ 862.225.9938 AND ONLINE STORE:



# UNIFORM POLICY

- **No HOODS ARE ALLOWED**
- **PANTS**
  - STUDENTS MUST WEAR **KHAKI** PANTS.
  - ALL STUDENTS MAY WEAR KHAKI SHORTS AND CAPRIS BETWEEN **MAY 1ST AND OCTOBER 1ST.**
  - JEANS OF ANY COLOR, SWEATPANTS, SPANDEX, OR STRETCH PANTS **ARE NOT PERMITTED.**
- **GYM DAYS**
  - STUDENTS MAY BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES ON THESE DAYS
  - STUDENTS MUST WEAR SNEAKERS FOR GYM. NO CROCS, SLIPPERS, SLIDES, UGGS, ETC.



# GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL DO NOTS!



Bookbags  
must stay in  
lockers  
throughout  
the Day!



Cellphones  
must stay in  
locker  
throughout  
the day!



Students are  
prohibited  
from  
wearing  
hoodies!



Absolutely no  
airpods, earpods,  
headphones in  
school!



# PROMOTION & RETENTION

- STUDENTS MUST PASS ALL CLASSES TO BE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL
- 8TH GRADE STUDENTS MUST PASS ALL CLASSES AND NOT HAVE TO ATTEND COURSE RECOVERY OR SUMMER SCHOOL TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 8TH GRADE MOVING UP CEREMONY



# HONORS CLASSES

- 7TH & 8TH GRADE HONORS: MATH, LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES
- TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS CURRICULUM SUPERVISORS
- STATE STANDARDIZED TESTS
- STRONG WORK ETHIC



# GMS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS- SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Guitar

Board  
Games

Fitness

Dance

Art

STEAM

Books

Yearbook

Newspaper

Gardening

PBJ

Bowling

Ski

Tech



# GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

SOFTBALL

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

VOLLEYBALL

SOCCER

WRESTLING

CROSS COUNTRY



# SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

- IF YOUR CHILD IS POSSESSION OF ANY SUBSTANCE THEY WILL BE SENT OUT FOR DRUG TESTING ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY
- THIS MEANS IF YOUR CHILD IS POSSESSION OR IN PRESENCE OF SOMEONE UTILIZING A VAPE, THEY WILL BE SENT OUT FOR DRUG TESTING, CONSEQUENCES AND COUNSELING
- IF STAFF MEMBER SEES SIGNS OF STUDENT WHO MAY BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE
  - ODOR, FALLING ASLEEP, ERRATIC BEHAVIOR...
- PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO PROVIDE A "DUTY TO CARE" FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL. IF YOU OR YOUR DESIGNEE REPORTS TO THE SCHOOL TO SIGN-OUT A STUDENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND ANY STAFF MEMBER BELIEVES THAT YOU MAY APPEAR IMPAIRED FOR ANY REASON OR DETECTS THE ODOR OF ALCOHOL OR MARIJUANA, REGARDLESS OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE SUBSTANCE(S), YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REMOVE THE STUDENT FROM SCHOOL AND YOU OR YOUR DESIGNEE WILL HAVE TO ARRANGE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STUDENT. IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY BE ADVISED.
- FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO DISTRICT WEBSITE, PARENTS, POLICIES

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# INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

- HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- BUS INCIDENTS
- FIGHTING
- VIDEO RECORDING ANY INAPPROPRIATE INCIDENTS
- STEALING
- VANDALISM
- SUBSTANCE USE (NICOTINE, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA)  
VAPES, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, EDIBLES ETC.



# SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED

- PBSIS: POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS IN SCHOOLS
- RTI: RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION
- TUTORING (BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL)
- MENTORING
- PROFESSIONAL OUTSIDE RESOURCES AND REFERRALS
- SAC COUNSELOR- SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES



**WE NEED TO  
TALK  
CONTINUALLY  
ABOUT  
ONLINE  
SAFETY**





# TIPS FOR PARENTS

- HELP YOUR CHILD FIGURE OUT APPROPRIATE BOUNDARIES FOR WHAT IS SHARED ONLINE.
- THE SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZES SECURITY SOFTWARE TO IDENTIFY INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT ON SCHOOL DEVICES.
- MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL DEVICE IS CHARGED EACH NIGHT. IF A SCHOOL DEVICE IS LOST OR DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR THERE IS A \$150 REPLACEMENT FEE FOR THE LAPTOP AND A \$50 REPLACEMENT FEE FOR THE LAPTOP CHARGER.
- CHECK PARENT PORTAL REGULARLY (ALL PARENTS MUST REGISTER FOR PARENT PORTAL). IT IS NOW A REQUIREMENT THAT PARENTS LOG ON AND VIEW THEIR CHILD'S GRADES AND ATTENDANCE AT LEAST THREE TIMES PER MARKING PERIOD TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL YEAR-END GRADE LEVEL ACTIVITIES.
- NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OF ANY CHANGES IN PERSONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS PHONE NUMBERS.
- PARENTS SHOULD STAY INVOLVED IN SCHOOL- ATTEND SCHOOL EVENTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE (IT IS NOW A REQUIREMENT FOR PARENTS TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE EVENING ASSEMBLY SPONSORED BY THE GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL. ASSEMBLIES WILL FOCUS ON CURRENT TRENDS AND ISSUES ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. SEVERAL ASSEMBLIES WILL BE SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR).
- JOIN THE GMS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON PARENT PORTAL).
- PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS.
- CHECK GMS WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.



# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Main Office:  
973.272.7020 ext.  
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School Nurse:  
973.272.7020 ext.  
3293/3408

Lunch  
Application  
Information: 973-  
340-5000 x2308

Transportation  
Office/Bus  
Information: 973-  
340-5000 x2313

Uniforms: YNK  
Store: 125 Getty  
Ave, Clifton, NJ  
862-225-9938



# SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- AUTISTIC
- MULTIPLY DISABLED
- BEHAVIOR DISABLED
- SELF-CONTAINED
- CO-TEACHING/INCLUSION



# ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- APPOINTMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR MEETINGS; HOWEVER, THE MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS AN OPEN-DOOR POLICY FOR MEETINGS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AFTER 9:00 AM
- PARENTS MUST ATTEND A RE-ENTRY MEETING FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL AS A RESULT OF AN OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION- MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 AM
- THE GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING WHICH STUDENTS RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. IF YOUR RESIDENCE IS LOCATED 2 OR MORE MILES FROM THE SCHOOL OR YOUR CHILD HAS TRANSPORTATION INCLUDED IN THEIR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (IEP), YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISTRICT-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION
- TRANSPORTATION OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION: 973-340-5000 x 2313
- APPLICATIONS FOR FREE BREAKFAST/LUNCH MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR ONLINE.
- MEAL PROGRAM OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION: 973-340-5000 x 2308



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS/STUDENTS

GARFIELD YMCA- BEFORE CARE PROGRAM

GARFIELD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB- AFTER CARE PROGRAM



