

WELCOME TO MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dean of Students: Robb Hurt
Counselor: Melissa Vader
6th Grade Educator: Amy England

What time does school start and end?

- Mill Creek Middle School opens at 7:20 am and classes begin at 7:40 am.
- Students who arrive before 7:20 am should wait inside the double doors.
- Please do not drop your student off before 7:20.
- School ends at 2:30 pm.



Where do I enter the building?

- The School Street lot is for parent drop off
- Please watch your speed and be courteous of other drivers.
- The Betty Street lot is for staff and busses.
- The main office door (off of the Betty St. lot) is the only door open after school begins.

Betty
Street
Lot:
Buses

Main
Office
Entrance



School
Street
Lot:
Parent
Drop
Off

What will my schedule be like?

- At Mill Creek, you will have six class periods, each about 1 hour long.
- You will have 4 minutes to pass between each class. (This is plenty of time! 😊)
- You will have 30 minutes for lunch.

When and where do I eat lunch?

- Lunch periods all occur between 11:00 and 12:30. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes all eat separately.

- 6th Graders have a Split Lunch during 4th Hour:

Half hour of class

- - LUNCH - -

Half hour of class



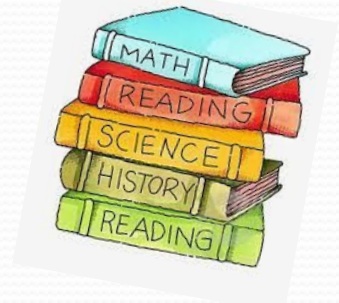
- We do not have recess, but we try to go to the gym or outside when weather permits.

What kinds of classes will I have?

All students at Mill Creek take two types of classes.

■ 4 Core Classes:

- Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies.
- Students take all four cores each year.
- These classes are all year long.



■ 2 Rotation Classes:

- 4th hour: Explorations classes (Literature, Math, Math4Life, and Computers) OR Choir
- 5th or 6th hour: PE, Art, Digital Skills OR Band

Sample Schedule

Period	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
1st	Science 6	Science 6	Science 6	Science 6
2nd	Math 6	Math 6	Math 6	Math 6
3rd	Language Arts 6	Language Arts 6	Language Arts 6	Language Arts 6
4th	Math Explorations	Math 4 Life	Computers	Explorations through Literature
5th	PE	PE	Art	Art
6th	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6

Note:

Choir students will take Choir as a full-year class during 4th period
Band students will take Band as a full-year class during 5th period

How do I sign up for Choir or Band?



■ Choir:

- > Mrs. Doehring is visiting Pine Island May 6
- > Look for a permission slip to come home on that day to sign up for Choir (returned to Mrs. Hite)

■ Band:

- > An instrument selection event is taking place TONIGHT in the Band Room for those interested in taking Band next year
- > There will be a QR Code to sign up
- > Another instrument selection event will occur in August

What if my locker doesn't work?

- We work hard to make sure all lockers are working correctly prior to the first day of school. Teachers and other school staff are present in the hallway on the first days of school to help.
- Ask your teachers for help; they are very understanding at the beginning of the year.
- Practice opening a combination padlock.



What kind of supplies do I need?

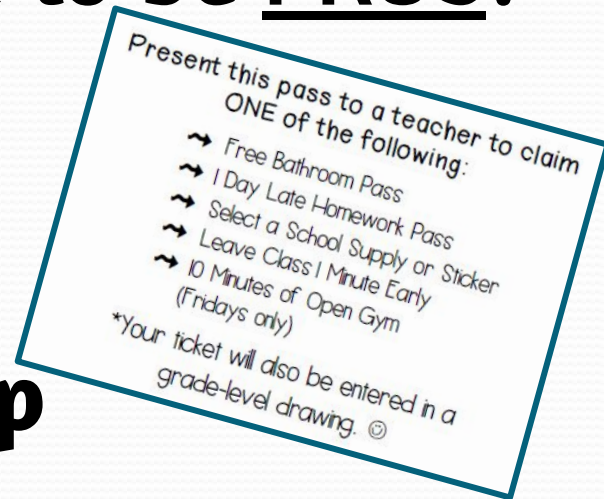
- You will need many of the usual school supplies: pencils, red pens, colored pencils, notebooks, folders, glue, etc . . .
- You will also need a backpack and pencil pouch to keep your things in.
- You will be issued a planner at the beginning of the year to help you stay organized and keep track of assignments.

What are the rules like at Mill Creek?

At Mill Creek, we want you to be PROS!



Be Prepared
Show Respect
Take Ownership
Act Safely



These are the school-wide Expectations
at Mill Creek that can earn you
PROS Passes!

Monthly PBIS Celebrations

Each month, students who are following the school-wide expectations and being Panther PROS will have the opportunity to celebrate!

- New Criteria each month
(No Detentions, No Tardies, etc.)
- Possible Celebrations:

- ◆ Movies
- ◆ Choose Your Own Adventure
(Chromebook Room, Movies, Art, Board Games, Open Gym, Origami, etc.)
- ◆ School Dance



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**What Else
do I Need
to Know?**

The Dress Code

- We want to teach students to prepare for the work force and society.
- No coats during the school day.
- No hats or hoods on during the school day.
- Clothing should not be overly baggy.
- No crop tops, spaghetti straps, or too-short shorts & skirts.
- No excessively torn or ripped clothing.
- Student dress should never have the potential to distract others from the learning process - please be very careful of written language on clothing.



Attendance Policy



- Research shows that students who miss 5 or more days of school in the middle grades are at greater risk of not being prepared for high school
- Even if your absence is excused, you are still missing important information when you are not here!
- By law, students who are habitually absent **MUST** be reported to the Truancy Office
- Excused Absences: illness, doctor/dentist appointments, family emergency, religious observations, funeral, death in the family
- Unexcused Absences: missing the bus, no ride, skipping class

Tardy Policy

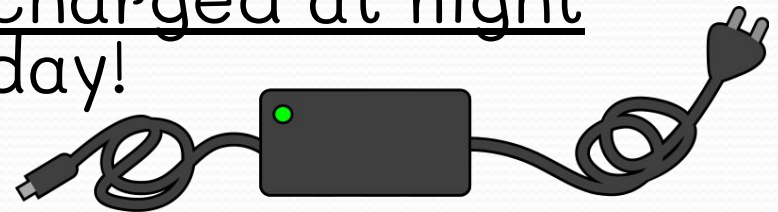


- Students are expected to be in class on time
- Warning Bell
- Any tardy is considered unexcused when a student arrives to class late without a pass
- After three tardies, students begin serving consequences:
 - 3-5 tardies -> lunch detention
 - 6-8 tardies -> after school detention
 - 9+ tardies -> parent meeting, consequences determined by administration

Electronic Use Policy



- Students may have cell phones and other electronic devices at school.
- They have to be turned OFF and kept in the locker during the school day.
- Be careful when bringing valuable items to school.
- Chromebooks need to be charged at night and ready to go the next day!



6th Grade Sports

- District Sponsored:
 - > Cross Country - Fall
 - > Sideline Cheer - Fall
 - > Competitive Cheer - Winter 1
 - > Wrestling - Winter 2
 - > Track - Spring
 - > Tennis - Spring
- Students must have an MHSAA Physical to participate.
 - *After April 15, 2025 for Fall Sports.

Physicals Available at CPHS - May 29th from 5-7pm,
FREE

- Contact Robb Hurt with any athletic questions.



6th Grade Extracurricular Activities

- Student Leadership
 - Application Process
 - Organize Spirit Days & Weeks
 - Popcorn Days
 - Movie Nights

- Green Team
 - Anyone is welcome
 - Recycling
 - Creating a Michigan Garden in the courtyard
 - Awareness lesson & contests

- Drama Club
- Rubix Cube Club
- e-Sports

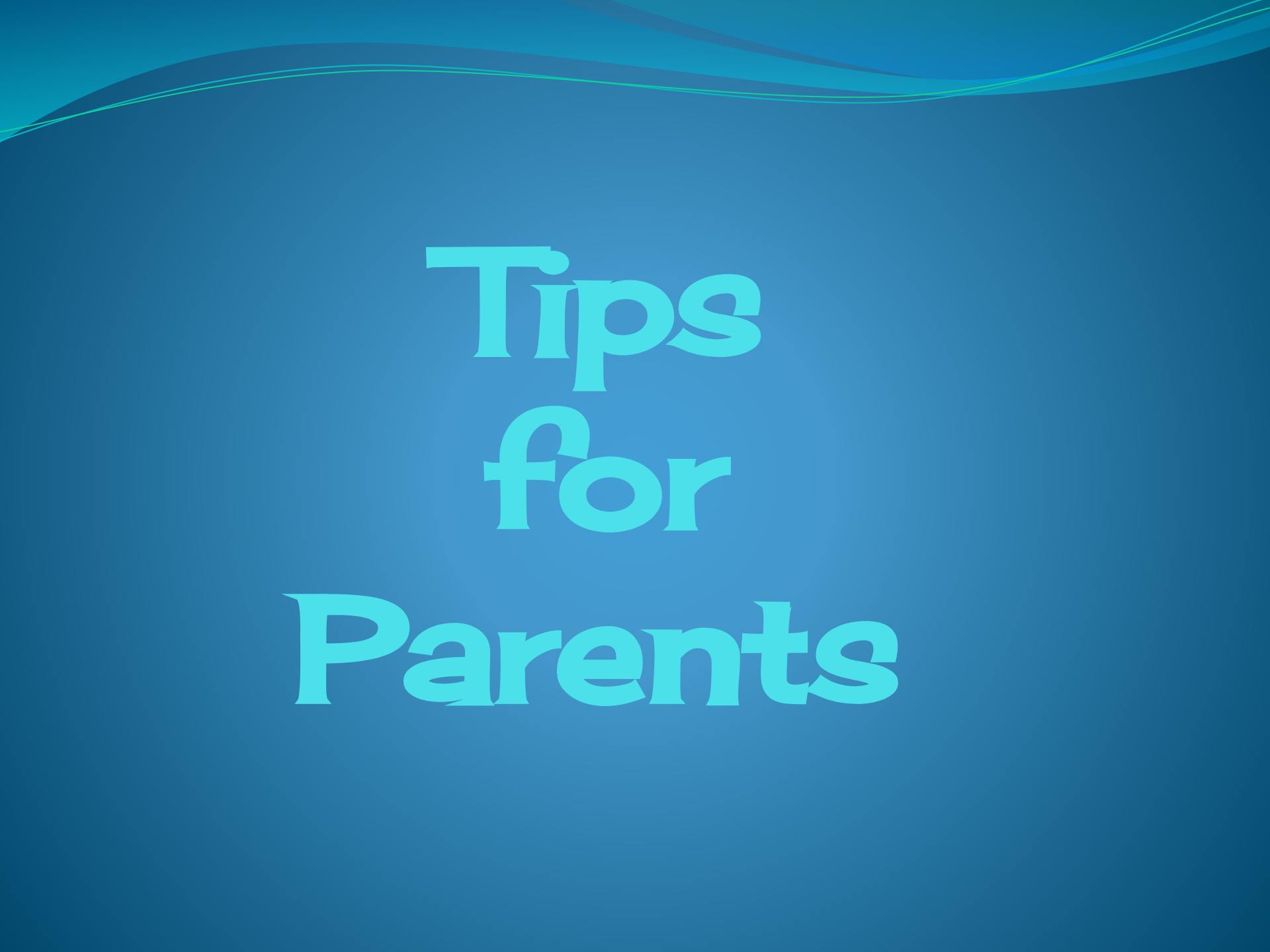


We also offer groups that meet during lunch and Advisory (Girls Club, Boys Club, and P.A.C.K.)

School Safety

- Mr. Hurt ensures doors are locked and secure by 8:00 a.m. - this is the first priority every day!
- Backpacks/bags/purses must be stored in lockers during the school day
- Staff members are stationed at the doors every morning and afternoon to monitor students as they enter and exit the building.
- The following drills are conducted yearly:
 - 5 fire drills
 - 2 tornado drills
 - 4 lockdown drills





Tips for Parents

Increasing Student Responsibility

- Middle School is a time of increased responsibility.
- Parents and teachers begin the process of giving students more ownership and responsibility for their school work.
- Help your son or daughter become more accountable by having consistent expectations for them to do quality work.



Communication



Google Classroom

- Communicate all concerns and questions you have with teachers as soon as they arise.
- Utilize PowerSchool to keep track of student grades.
- Follow through with communication suggestions by teachers. Example: Remind, Google Classroom
- Encourage your sixth-grader to use their student planner and to share it with you as well.
- Check your email for Bright Arrow communications.

Social Media



- Pay attention to your student's social media activity.
- Many issues we see at school begin at home on social media.
- Advice: Limit social media usage in the evenings during the school week.
- Encourage your sixth-grader to use their school issued Chromebook for school use only!

Medications

- Medications at school:
 - Parents must fill out a form & bring the medication in. (It cannot be sent in with your student.)
 - Prescription medications will require a Dr. signature
 - Over the Counter medication will require a Dr. name and phone number
 - Forms can be found on our website.



6th Grade Summer Opportunity

Set your daughter up for success with GLITTER, a group for girls entering 6th grade next fall.

Snacks, crafts, activities to build self-esteem, positive relationships, and healthy ways to express yourself!



For girls entering 6th grade in Fall 2025

GLITTER

Girls Group

Discover how to let your true self shine and overcome obstacles in middle school!



1:00-2:00PM

Program Room at
KDL-Comstock
Park Branch

Questions? Contact
gboscarino@cppschoools.com

Dates:

Monday, 6/16
Monday, 6/23
Monday, 6/30

OFF
7/7 AND 7/14

Monday, 7/21
Monday, 7/28
Monday, 8/4

Register here 



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Set your son up for success with The Next Play, a group for boys entering 6th grade next fall.

Topics include positivity, conflict resolution, building healthy friendships.

Games, sports, hands-on activities.



THE NEXT PLAY

A group for boys entering 6th grade in fall 2025

Wednesdays 2:00-3:00pm

REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND



June 18 & 25
July 9, 16, 23, 30

Learn how to:

- MAKE A GAMEPLAN**
- CRUSH YOUR GOALS**
- WORK WITH YOUR TEAM**
- AND GET READY FOR THE MAIN EVENT (MIDDLE SCHOOL!)**

LOCATION: DWIGHT LYDELL PARK AND HDL COMSTOCK PARK
DROP OFF AND PICK UP IN HDL PARKING LOT



Questions? Contact gboscarino@cppschoools.com

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