



## Thorne Middle School

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### 1. When is Homeroom?

- Homeroom is from 8:00-8:05, and is the same classroom and teacher as your Block 1 class.

#### 2. How long are classes?

- For a full day schedule, your classes are 1 hour.
- For a shortened day schedule, your classes are 40 minutes.

#### 3. How long do I have to get from classroom to classroom?

- Students have 2 minutes to get to their next class. Do not worry, it is enough time :)

#### 4. Will I be able to choose my World Language class?

- All 6th grade students take half a year of Spanish and half a year of French.

#### 5. When is Lunch?

- All 6th grade students have lunch at the same time, which is Block 3 at 10:07-10:32.
- All 7th grade students have lunch at the same time, which is Block 4 at 11:09-11:34.
- All 8th grade students have lunch at the same time, which is Block 5 at 12:11-12:36.
- If students have a ½ day, there is no lunch served.

#### 6. What clubs are at Thorne?

- [Click here to see all of the clubs we offer!](#)

## 7. What sports are at Thorne?

- In **6th grade** students can tryout for the following sports:
  - i. Boys and Girls Cross Country (Fall)
  - ii. Wrestling (Winter)
  - iii. Boys and Girls Track (Spring)
  - iv. Intramurals (organized recreational sports)
- In **7th & 8th grade**, students can tryout for the following sports:
  - i. Boys and Girls Cross Country (Fall)
  - ii. Field Hockey (Fall)
  - iii. Boys and Girls Soccer (Fall)
  - iv. Boys and Girls Basketball (Winter)
  - v. Cheerleading Wrestling (Winter)
  - vi. Wrestling (Winter)
  - vii. Baseball (Spring)
  - viii. Softball (Spring)
  - ix. Boys and Girls Track and Field (Spring)

## 8. How do I know who my Guidance counselor is?

- The Guidance Counselors at Thorne are chosen by your grade! You will have the same Guidance Counselor all 3 years at Thorne.
  - i. 6th Grade: Mrs. Christina McQuillan: [mcquillanc@middletownk12.org](mailto:mcquillanc@middletownk12.org)
  - ii. 7th Grade: Ms. Chelsea Kacmarsky: [kacmarskyc@middletownk12.org](mailto:kacmarskyc@middletownk12.org)
  - iii. 8th Grade: Mr. Cory Tirpack: [tirpackc@middletownk12.org](mailto:tirpackc@middletownk12.org)

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## 9. Where is the nurse's office?

- The nurse's office is right across the hall from the main office, and the main office is right next to the front door. Nurse Nolan can be reached at:  
[nolank@middletownk12.org](mailto:nolank@middletownk12.org)

## 10. Where do I go if I need someone to talk to?

- There are so many resources for you at Thorne!
- You can always talk to your teachers.
- If you need your Guidance counselor, the Guidance office is right next to the Nurse's office. Our CST, Dr. Kabay, Mrs. Wagner and Ms. Frees are also here for you!
- We have a Student Assistance Counselor, Mrs. Wessels, who is always there to help.
- Our Principal, Mrs. Smith, and our Assistant Principal, Mr. Homiak, are also there for you if you need them.

#### 11. How do I know where my bus is at the end of the day?

- There will be teachers and other staff outside to help you find your bus.

#### 12. What doors do I use to enter in the morning?

- 6th grade will enter through doors 4 & 7 (front - left side of the building) and 7 & 8th grade will use the main entrances in the front of the building doors 2 & 3. Staff will be outside directing you where to go!

#### 13. Can I decorate my locker?

- You can decorate the inside of your locker, but you are not allowed to use stickers inside of the lockers. Everything needs to be removable (i.e. magnets).
- Students sometimes decorate their lockers with book organizers, pictures, pencil holders, etc.
- You will not be able to decorate the outside of your locker.

#### 14. How do I open my locker?

- Turn Clockwise (to the right) a few whole turns to your first number
- Turn Counter-Clockwise (to the left) one whole turn to get back to your first number, then keep turning to your second number
- Turn Clockwise (to the right) and stop at your third number
- Pull to open! Your teachers will be there to help you if you need assistance and we will use homeroom the first two days of school to practice!

#### 15. PE Class

- You will NOT need to bring a change of clothes the first two days of school. Your physical education teachers will be distributing your PE lockers and going over procedures the first two days of school. Follow their instructions for when to bring a change of clothes!

#### 16. Cafeteria

- You will be assigned a side of the cafeteria to sit on. [Click here](#) to see if you are on the window side or the mural side. DON't worry - staff will be there to assist you!

#### 17. Chromebooks

- Students are required to bring their chromebooks to and from school each day. Please ensure you charge your laptops the night before. Charging stations will be available in the cafeteria during lunches and outside the media center.

Mrs. Smith & Mr. Homiak will be going into PE classes the first week of school to go over all rules and procedures for the school year with our students. We are looking forward to a great school year!

*Go Lions!*