

New to NEMS – Frequently Asked Questions

What about Registration for 6th grade?

Registration sheets are due in early January. Mr. Julian Marasigan, the 6th Grade Counselor for 2018-2019, will work with your elementary counselors to collect these. The deadline for having completed registration forms back to your child's elementary school is Friday, January 12, 2018.

Course Verification Sheets are sent home in May. Final Schedules are available in Infinite Campus just prior to the first day of school in August 2018.

Will there be extra support for our newest Vikings on the First Day of School?

Sixth Grade teachers, administrators, and counselors will be providing extra assistance during the first days and weeks of school.

Finding a bus after school, using a cafeteria PIN, opening a locker... all of these things take time to learn. Your child's teachers understand this and provide extra care so that each child finds a bus, gets lunch, and opens his or her locker. Of course, unique situations often arise. We have an especially adept sixth grade staff experienced in handling a variety of unique situations.

How do we know what our bus route will be?

Bus Route information and pick up times will be made available by Parkway Transportation online through the Parkway website in August 2018. If you have questions or concerns regarding transportation, the number for Parkway Transportation is (314) 415-8400.

What about my student with special needs?

If your student has an IEP or is unusually anxious about middle school, navigating the building, his or her schedule, after school activities, or making friends, please let Mr. Marasigan know. The grade-level counselor will schedule a time for a tour, a conversation, or a discussion with you and/or your child.

Where can I find general school information and resources?

We strive to keep you as informed as possible about what is happening at Northeast. Please visit our website at: <https://www.parkwayschools.net/Domain/27>.

The Principal's Newsletter and all back-to-school information are sent out electronically. Please make sure your email address is up-to-date with your elementary school. Information about the beginning of the school year, school supply lists, and 6th grade orientation will be sent out over the summer via the electronic newsletter.

Find Parkway Northeast Middle School on Facebook and Twitter:

www.facebook.com/ParkwayNortheastMiddle

www.twitter.com/NewsFromNEMS

How is the school organized?

We organize our school in the following ways:

- **By Team**

Each student is randomly assigned to one of the sixth grade teams. Teams attend core classes together, experience outdoor school (camp) together, and enjoy team activities and celebrations.

- **By Grade-Level**

Dr. Sebold is the building principal. She will be one of the team members supporting your child through their middle school years. There is a 6th grade principal and a 6th grade counselor. Your child will have the same grade-level principal and counselor from sixth to eighth grade.

How can I help my child transition to Northeast Middle?

Summer School is a great opportunity to help your child transition to middle school. (Northeast Summer School will be held at Central High this year due to science classroom renovation at NEMS.) In addition to a variety of academic, enrichment, and exploratory classes, the summer school class called “So This Is Middle School” is available specifically for incoming sixth grade students.

Once school begins, exciting opportunities for making connections include a variety of after school activities and intramurals. Please encourage your child to get involved.

How can I get in touch with Northeast Middle School?

Our friendly receptionists are happy to answer your general questions about Northeast Middle. The main number is (314) 415-7100. For more specific questions about your child, please contact Mr. Marasigan at (314) 415-7116 or jmarasigan@parkwayschools.net.

What should I expect from my Middle School child?

Middle School students will surprise you! They often experience what seems to be constant and rapid change. Be flexible and aware of your child during this process.

Middle school students are **learners**. They want to feel **important, unique, and connected**. They are also **emotional** because they are learning to connect to a broader world view with their own experiences.

We recognize that this often dramatic shift from being a child to becoming a young adult can be tumultuous. Therefore we focus on:

- **Achievement:** Each child will achieve and be supported in the learning process. We seek to develop a sense of responsibility and value for learning.
- **A Caring Community and Connectedness:** We want students to be eager to attend school. We seek to help our students make positive behavioral choices while they are here.
- **Character Education:** At Northeast Middle, we have adopted the following Viking Values: Compassion, Grit, Integrity, Respect, and Responsibility.