

Welcome to Seneca!



Home of the Jaguars!

Introductions

- Ms. Pirog, Principal
- Mr. Buccilli, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Swanson, Assistant Principal
- Ms. Maxwell, 6th Grade Counselor (2024-2025)

About Seneca...

Number of Students

- 1050 total students
- 325 sixth graders

Seneca Mission Statement

- The Seneca community creates a safe environment focused on learning, respect, and kindness.
- We are dedicated to students becoming successful citizens who achieve their highest potential.
 - Learning - Respect - Kindness - Success

JAGS Behavior Expectations

- **J**ust Be Kind
- **A**cademic Focus
- **G**otta Be Responsible
- **S**afe

Student Recognition

- Student of the Month
- Jaguar Spots



The Role of a Middle School Counselor

- Provide academic, social, and emotional support
- Visit classrooms to deliver counseling lessons
- Assist with student schedules
- Advocate for students
- Help as needed

Hero in the Hallway



- Anti-bullying program
 - Encourage bystanders to stand up and speak up
 - Encourage all students to spread kindness
 - Anonymous reporting of bullying and heroic acts
 - Student pledges

The School Day...

Daily Schedule

- 7:15 school opens - enter Door 6 or 7
- 7:30 students may enter through pod doors (Report to cafeteria)
- 7:58 students allowed in locker areas
- 8:05 first hour begins
- 2:49 end of day

Daily Schedule

- Six class periods per day
 - 6th grade core classes in the same area (6th grade pod)
 - 6th grade lockers located in 6th grade pod.
- 5 minute passing time
- Daily lunch approx. 30 min.

Four Core Classes

- **Math**
 - Accelerated Math (placement based on test scores)
- **Language Arts**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**

Two Exploratory Classes

(Three Possible Programs)

Band (year-long class) + 4 Additional Quarter-length Exploratory classes

or

Choir (year-long class) + 4 Additional Quarter-length Exploratory Classes

or

8 Quarter-length Exploratory Classes

- *See materials available on Seneca website for further information on band and choir selections.*
- *Families will make selection on form sent via email this evening.*

Schedule With Band/Choir

Exp	Trm	Crs-Sec	Course Name	Teacher
1(A)	S1	MS06021-10	SCIENCE 6 A	Hughes, Jeff
1(A)	S2	MS06022-9	SCIENCE 6 B	Hughes, Jeff
2(A)	Q1	MS06215-9	SUCCESS 101 6	WILSON, KRISTIN
2(A)	Q2	MS06120-2	ART 6	Frye, Janet
2(A)	Q3	MS06100-14	EXPLORING SPANISH 6	DEMURA, LANIE
2(A)	Q4	MS06130-2	PHYS ED 6	FERGUSON, TRACIE
3(A)	S1	MS06031-7	MATH 6 A	HUGHES, STACIE
3(A)	S2	MS06032-8	MATH 6 B	HUGHES, STACIE
4(A)	S1	MS06011-27	SOCIAL STUDIES 6 A	MARON, SHELLY
4(A)	S2	MS06012-28	SOCIAL STUDIES 6 B	MARON, SHELLY
5(A)	S1	MS06181-1	CHOIR 6 B1	Latowski, Erica
5(A)	S2	MS06182-2	CHOIR 6 B2	Kuhl, Nick
6(A)	S1	MS06001-1	ELA 6 A	GRAMMATICO, TAMMY
6(A)	S2	MS06002-2	ELA 6 B	GRAMMATICO, TAMMY
P7(A)	21-22	MS00100-3	Middle School Technology Course	Pirog, Jodi

Quarter Length Exploratory Classes Offered:

- Success 101
- Phys. Ed
- Art
- Tech. Ed.
- Spanish Exploration
- Poetry
- Fantasy
- Robotics
- Speech
- Math Success
(based on test scores)
- ELA Success
(based on test scores)

Student Technology

- Students will have a district laptop assigned to them at the beginning of the school year.
- Students are responsible for:
 - Bringing the laptop to school daily.
 - Being sure the laptop is charged.
 - Making sure the laptop is not lost or damaged.

Extra-curriculars...



6th Grade Extra-curriculars

- Student Council
- Jaguar Connections Club
 - Lego Robotics
 - Science Olympiad
 - Running Club
- Middle School Cheer
- Middle School Swimming
 - Bowling Club
 - Ski Club
- Youth for Christ
 - Yearbook
- Intramurals (planning to add 2024-2025)

Clubs vary from year to year.

7th and 8th Grade Additional Extra-curriculars

- Football
- Volleyball
- Boys' and Girls' Basketball
- Track
- National Junior Honor Society
 - Students with 3.8 GPA invited to apply in 7th grade.
 - Application includes listing examples of community service and leadership

Jaguar Jaunt

- One big school-wide fundraiser
- Spirit wear
- Incentives
- Fun event



Keys to Success...



Supporting Your Child

- Use the *Parent Portal*
- Talk with your child
- Look at your child's school work
- Communicate with teachers
- Call with questions and concerns
- Use the agenda
- Stay involved

School Communication

- Parent Portal
- Seneca/District Website
- School Messenger
- Telephone and email
- Agenda
- Seneca Schoology Page
- Report cards, attendance letters, other letters

Next steps

Check the 6th Grade Page on the Seneca website for information regularly.

Jaguar Days (Schedule Pick Up/Building Tours) is scheduled for August 21 and August 22.

Questions??

- See Information on Seneca's website
- Email:
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