

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENTS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

How will my child know where to go on the first day of school?

Sixth graders will be directed into the auditorium where they will meet their homeroom teachers and be led up to their classroom.

Where do I pick up my child at dismissal time?

You should arrange a meeting spot with your child ahead of time. Children are dismissed at 2:20pm from multiple exits depending where their homeroom class is located, so you will not know where they will be coming out of the building.

Does my child need to bring in all of their supplies on their first day?

No, do not send in everything that was on the supply list. Most subject teachers will provide handouts with specific supplies needed for their class. A couple of folders, pencils/pens, 2 composition notebooks and a binder with looseleaf paper & dividers should suffice.

Will my child be with their homeroom class for all of their classes?

Yes, all students in the same homeroom will travel to the same classes each day. Students will receive their program schedule on the first day of school indicating their classes and the rooms where they meet.

CLASSES

What classes will my child be taking?

All students will take four major subjects which meet every day - ELA, Science, Math, and Social Studies. Gym and Foreign Language (Spanish) are also taken. In addition, students will take some 'talent' classes such as drama, dance, chorus, music, law, and debate. Talent classes meet once a week in 6th grade.

How can I contact my child's teacher if I have a question?

At the start of the school year, MS67 will host a "Back to School Night" and you will have an opportunity to meet many of your child's teachers. Most teachers will provide an email address for you to contact them, or offer an alternate preferred method.

Note - Your child will also receive a 'contract' from each of their teachers during the first week of school which outlines policies on grading (homework, tests, quizzes & projects) participation, and behavioral expectations. You and your child are expected to sign this contract and keep it for future reference.

Will my child need to wear anything special for gym class?

Yes, as part of their preparation grade, students need to change into proper gym attire. A white shirt, shorts or sweatpants and sneakers are required. Children will be assigned a locker and need to bring in a combination lock to secure their belongings. Children will be told when to bring in their locks.

GENERAL

What time does my child have to be at school?

The school day begins with AM homeroom which is from 8:00 to 8:09am. Children arriving after 8:03 will be marked late. Children will wait outside on the ramp near 52nd Avenue prior to being let into the building each morning. There is free breakfast available to all students- this program begins at 7:35 AM.

*Note - On days of inclement weather, children will be directed to wait by the main entrance, which is covered by an overhang. They will be allowed into the auditorium until it is time to proceed to AM homeroom.

Will my child have a place to store his/her belongings during the school day?

Yes, jackets and lunches will be stored in the closet of your child's homeroom class in the morning and closets will be locked during the day. Their backpacks and books will remain with them throughout the day (except lunch). Children visit homeroom before and after their lunch period to pick up/drop off lunch, jackets, etc. Backpacks are left in homeroom closets during the lunch period.

Will my child be in the lunchroom with other grades?

No, each grade has their own lunch period. Sixth graders will all eat together during 6th period which is from 11:57 - 12:39. Weather permitting, students will get to go outside for recess during their lunch period.

Are there social activities for students to participate in during the year?

Yes! The student organization has dances both after and during school a few times a year. Traditionally there is an SO Installation dance in November, a holiday dance in December and a Valentine's Dance in February. Students are encouraged to become members of the SO for a fee of \$20, which entitles them to attend all SO events for no charge. Non-members may attend events, but will pay a separate fee for each event they attend. Food and drinks are sold at events by the PTA and all proceeds directly benefit the school.

Are there after school activities like clubs & teams?

Yes, MS67 offers clubs & teams that meet after school. In the past the school has offered a boys basketball team, girls volleyball team, Journalism club, Drama club, Chess, Jazz Band, ELL Program & a Genetics club just to name a few. Clubs typically meet once a week for about an hour and are announced at the start of the school year. Please note, some clubs require a fee, while others do not.

MS67 is also known for putting on a wonderful full-scale musical production each year. Past shows have included *Peter Pan*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and, most recently, *Anything Goes*. Students must audition for a role and commit to a serious rehearsal schedule which includes many weekdays and some weekends.

Do the students go on any school trips?

There is usually one school trip per grade during the year. Sixth graders typically go to Medieval Times in New Jersey in the spring.

How can I get involved at MS67?

The best way to get involved is to join the PTA and attend the monthly meetings. A member of the administration is always available at the meetings to answer questions and report on school news and upcoming dates to remember. Guest speakers are also invited to educate parents on relevant topics.

Volunteering to sell snacks at school events like SO dances is also a great way to get a glimpse into your child's social world and connect with other parents, all while helping to raise money for MS67. Volunteers are also needed for the Scholastic Book Fair and School Photos each year.

Q6. How does the PTA help MS67?

Through fundraising efforts, the PTA is able to support school clubs, provide students with planners at the start of each school year and offer additional funds when needed.

