

HOME PACKET

PALEZMO SCHOOL
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
6TH GRADE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019



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August 2019

Dear 6th Graders and Families,

Welcome to 6th grade and your first year at Palermo Middle School. Get ready to Make Your Mark! We hope you are as excited as we are to get this new school year started. We are thrilled to be your teachers and are looking forward to a fun and productive year together.

Be ready to bring your “A” game. As a 6th grade student at Palermo, you will have many expectations and responsibilities. One of the biggest adjustments for students is having a bell schedule with 7 classes and multiple teachers. We will help students learn and understand the schedule. An important factor to success in sixth grade is the ability to stay organized, keep track of your belongings, and be prepared and on time for each class.

In sixth grade, we work hard to promote a tight-knit community. We believe in a safe environment. We work hard all year long building classrooms that encourage risk-taking, thinking, respect, trust, and a sense of ownership among students. We truly understand the enormity of our jobs, and we relish in the responsibility and the rewards. We also believe that parents, teachers, and students must work as a team to achieve our highest potential.

Make it a great year, or not; the choice is yours!

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Team

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TEACHER CONTACT LIST

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SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

6th Grade students need to come to school prepared with the following:

1. Backpack or Book bag (labeled with student name)
2. Two-inch binder with dividers or folders
3. Pencil pouch
4. Basic function calculator
5. Steady supply of sharpened pencils... Remember students need pencils all year long. Having 3 or 4 working pencils at a time is more beneficial than one giant pack at the beginning of the year. Pencils easily get used up, lost, or broken.

The following supplies are provided in class, but many students enjoy having their own to access as needed:

1. Colored markers and/or pencils
2. Highlighter
3. Small sticky notes
4. White-out tape
5. Personal pencil sharpener

Teachers will provide students with the following:

1. Student Planner for recording assignments and upcoming events
2. Subject Textbooks checked out to the students and returned at the end of the year. (Students are responsible for lost and/or damaged books.)
3. Subject specific notebooks and/or workbooks which vary by class.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES & IMPORTANT DATES

August 13, 2019: Back to School Night

August 14, 2019: First Day of School

September 13, 2019: Dot Day

September 27, 2019: Grade Level Shirt Order Forms due

November 1, 2019: End of First Trimester

November 18-22, 2019: Conference Week (12:40 Dismissal)

November 2019: Reward Day: Bowling

December 19, 2019: Christmas Rotation

January 30, 2020: Egyptian Tomb Night from 6:00-6:50pm

March 1, 2020: End of Second Trimester

March 5, 2020: Reward Day Rotations at Palermo School

May 2020: Open House

May 29, 2020: Top Dogs GPA Reward Trip

June 1-5, 2020: Greek Week

June 8, 2020: Forebay Grade Level Trip

June 9, 2020: City of Ember Day

June 10, 2020: End of Year Awards Assembly/Testing Reward Day

June 11, 2020: Last Day of School/Graduation/Reward Day Palermo Pool

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REWARD DAYS POLICY

6th Grade holds one reward day towards the end of each trimester. The purpose of these days is to allow students to experience positive consequences for consistent choices that lead students to behavioral excellence. Reward days could be special field trips or a day of special rotations that usually consist of outdoor activities, indoor games, art/crafts, electronics, and movies. In the 2019-2020 school year, students who qualify for reward days can expect to:

- **Trimester 1:** Bowling
- **Trimester 2:** Experience reward rotations
- **Trimester 3:** Go to Palermo Park for a pool party

Any student who receives **two** or more referrals in a trimester will be ineligible to participate in the reward day for which they are present at school. For example, if a student is absent for the reward day he/she is ineligible for, the student would be ineligible for the next trimester's reward day.

Usually two teachers will supervise ineligible students on reward days. In these classrooms, students can expect to have regular classroom work.

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES POLICY

The 6th grade team believes that field trips and other special activities give students the unique opportunity to learn in a natural environment and experience knowledge first hand from primary sources. Exposing students to a world outside of their own allows them to access knowledge in new ways-touching, feeling, building, and creates a more realistic understanding of topics taught inside the classroom.

Field trips and special activities the 6th grade plans to experience include:

- Forebay
- Bowling Alley
- Greek Week
- City of Ember Day

Any student who receives 2 or more days of suspension in a trimester and/or is determined to be a safety risk will be ineligible to participate in one or more of the field trips/ special activities, which will be determined by the 6th grade team and administration. Students who are ineligible for these trips and/or activities will participate in regular classroom work.