New Student Handbook

Pleasantville
MIDDLE SCHOOL
A State and National School to Watch
Dear Student:

Welcome to Pleasantville Middle School. We are pleased to have you join our school community. We are very proud of our middle school and we hope that you will be too.

This handbook will help you become acquainted with our school, its programs, and activities. We want the years you spend with us to be characterized by academic, social and emotional growth. How you spend your time in the middle school will influence your future achievements in many positive ways.

This handbook is a quick reference guide to help you find your way around Pleasantville Middle School. Please don’t hesitate to ask for help any time you need it. Make the most of your middle school years!

Sincerely,
Middle School Staff
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GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Mascot ~ The Panther
School Colors ~ Green and White
Grades ~ 5 - 8

BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Six Day Cycle: A – F Schedule

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Please refer to the District website, www.pleasantvilleschools.com, to access the bell schedule in the event of a delayed opening.
As a new student, it is often difficult to get to know WHO the important people are and what they do. The following list should be helpful:

Superintendent - Mrs. Fox-Alter
The Superintendent oversees the entire Pleasantville School District. Office Location: District Office, High School

Principal - Mr. Marra
Chief Administrator in the Middle School
Office Location: Middle School Main Office

Assistant Principal - Dr. Chagares
The Assistant Principal is responsible for student management and is available to assist students and parents/guardians.
Office Location: Around the corner from the Main Office.

Curriculum Coordinator - Mrs. Melissa Brown
The Curriculum Coordinator assists in the development and oversight of curriculum across all grade levels. She also coordinates all extended learning opportunities and after school clubs.

School Nurse - Mrs. Slattery
The nurse signs students in and out for lateness, illnesses and for any other reason they need to leave school early. She coordinates sports physicals, screens students for visual or hearing difficulties, dispenses medications, and assists students who become ill or injured during the day.
WHO CAN HELP?

School Counselors  
Mrs. D’Agostino  
Mrs. Leyden
The School Counselors are available to see students and/or parents/guardians regarding academic, social or personal issues. Appointments are not necessary. Each counselor is assigned two grades. They remain with their assigned grade for all four years of Middle School. Office Location: Around the corner from the Main Office.

Psychologists  
Mrs. Einhorn  
Dr. Cunningham
The psychologists are also available to see students and/or parents/guardians regarding personal issues or concerns.

Middle School Office Staff:  
Mrs. Alpern - Secretary to the Principal  
Ms. Salzano - Secretary
Office Location: Middle School Main Office
A WORD TO THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

All school personnel can be accessed by calling (914) 741-1450 followed by an extension. If you do not know your party’s extension you will be able to access the school directory.

The school nurse can be reached at (914) 741-1436. Please dial extension 30507 for the Attendance Office.

Principal Mr. Donald Marra – 30510
Assistant Principal Dr. Adam Chagares – 30520
Curriculum Coordinator Mrs. Melissa Brown – 31520
School Counselors Mrs. Pamela D’Agostino – 30610
          Mrs. Susan Leyden – 30611
School Psychologists Mrs. Andrea Einhorn – 30613
          Dr. Megan Cunningham – 30612
School Nurse Mrs. Julie Slattery – 30700
Main Office Mrs. Marybeth Alpern – 30511
          Ms. Lisa Salzano – 30501

It is imperative that telephone numbers, email addresses and emergency information is updated regularly on the Parent Portal.

Please go to the District’s website at: www.pleasantvilleschools.com to sign up for the District’s K-12 Alerts. It is a highly efficient means of receiving important District communications, particularly those of a timely nature such as emergency school closings or delays.

The following items must be completed and returned to the Main Office ASAP.

• Student Emergency Card - First day of school
• Medical Forms

Students’ lockers must remain locked at all times. School locks must be purchased from the main office on the first day of school.
EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND SPORTS

The following is a list of extended learning programs offered either during the school day or after school. These programs are subject to change and additional PTA offerings may become available throughout the year. Specific details regarding our after school and sports offerings will be communicated in one or more of the following methods: weekly newsletters, school e-blasts, website postings, daily announcements or PTA e-blasts.

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Our Green Panther Academy is a collaborative partnership between our middle school PTA and Curious-on-Hudson (see link to learn about our partners (https://curiousonhudson.com/about/who-we-are/). Curious-on-Hudson will coordinate and facilitate the majority, but not all of our after school programs.

Green Panther Academy Program Information:
Our PTA and Curious-on-Hudson will offer programs during three terms—fall, winter and spring. The specific details about our offerings each term will be communicated through PTA e-blasts and all online registration communications will be sent via the PTA and Curious-on-Hudson.

School-Run Program Information:
Our school makes every effort to reach our diverse learners so some of our teams include interscholastic tournaments, while others tap talents and promote more informal collaborative engagement. It should be noted that we welcome creative community volunteers and field experts who often-times inspire new or enhanced programs. Our community field expert volunteers are instrumental in the success of many of our programs. The following programs are offered through the school:

- Jazz Band
- Olympics of the Visual Arts
- Theater Arts Productions
  *(Fall Grades 5 & 6 / Winter Grades 7 & 8)*
- Select Chorus
- Science Olympiad
- Yearbook

7TH & 8TH GRADE SPORTS

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