Welcome 5th Grade Parents!

Transition Meeting
Hidden Oaks and Twin Oaks
Middle Schools

Middle School Staff

Twin Oaks Staff:

Dr. Dan Edwards:	TOMS Principal
Mr. John Dahl:	TOMS Asst. Principal

Hidden Oaks Staff:

Mr. Sasha Kuznetsov:	HOMS Principal
Mrs. Julie Siegle:	HOMS Asst. Principal

In addition to the fantastic teachers your child will encounter at HOMS and TOMS, we also have many great support staff that want to assist your child to have a successful middle school experience.

Middle School is a *Time of Great Change*

Your child will grow dramatically over the next three years…

- Physically
- Cognitively
- Academically
- Socially
- Emotionally

The middle school staff will collaborate with you to support this growth, guiding your child to learn the responsibility of added independence.

Prior Lake-Savage Middle School: A Partnership

Two Buildings...Two Schools...One Campus

- **Hidden Oaks** and **Twin Oaks** (*TOMS/HOMS*) staff collaborate weekly to ensure practices/content are similar
- Shared Busing - buses pick up by neighborhood, not by school
- Potential of traveling between schools for classes
- Staff monitor the crosswalk to ensure safety
- Shared sports/clubs

Daily Schedule

- School day is from *7:25 AM - 2:06 PM*
  - *Unless your child is staying after school with a teacher or attending an after school program, they need to get on their bus, get ride or walk home safely.*

- Six (53 minute) classes and an advisory/lunch period.

- Schedule allows 5 minutes passing time to accommodate for street crossing

- WIN Time on Wednesdays:
  - Shortened class schedule to allow for 30 minutes at the end of the day for extra support and flexible learning options

Current Daily Schedule-6 Period Day

Daily Schedule

Period 1	7:25 – 8:18	53 minutes
Period 2	8:23 – 9:16	53 minutes
Period 3	9:21 – 10:14	53 minutes
Period 4/lunch	10:10 – 11:12	53 minutes ** (30 minutes lunch/23 minutes Advisory)*
Period 5/lunch	11:17 – 12:10	53 minutes ** (30 minutes lunch/23 minutes Advisory)*
Period 6/lunch	12:15 – 1:08	53 minutes ** (30 minutes lunch/23 minutes Advisory)*
Period 7	1:13– 2:06	53 minutes

Lakers are Respectful, Safe, and Accountable

- Prior Lake Middle School (*HOMS/TOMS*) is a PBIS school
  - PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
  - Minnesota PBIS Sustaining Exemplar Recognition for the last 2 years.

* We expect students to be Lakers:

Respectful, ***Safe*** and ***Accountable***,

throughout the entire day at school

* We also celebrate all of the awesome things that our Lakers do each day!

Registration Steps

STEP 1:
Carefully review the course descriptions (on the web site) to make your selections.

STEP 2:
The week of March 4th and 5th, Middle School School Counselors will visit 5th grade classrooms. Students will receive a registration form. A parent signature is required on the form.

STEP 3:
Registration forms are to be returned to your child's 5th grade teacher by March 12th .

STEP 4:
Please submit a written request to your school's counseling office for scheduling needs or special accommodations for your student by March 12th.

Unique Features of Grade 6

- “Housed” in Separate Areas of the Buildings
- Student Responsibility
- Opportunities for elective classes (Art, Tech Ed, FACS, Health, Band, Choir, General Music, Coding, Spanish)
- 6th grade advanced course opportunities: Math, English, Science and MN Studies

6th grade Schedule

Course 1	Math 6/Advanced Math 6
Course 2	English/Advanced English
Course 3	Science/Advanced Science
Course 4	MN Studies/Advanced MN Studies (one semester, every day) Phy. Ed. (one semester, every day)
Course 5	Band/Choir/Music Exploration & Discover Coding (EOD) Spanish A (EOD)
Course 6	One quarter each: Health/Art/FACS/Tech Ed **quarter-by-quarter rotation*

Unique Features of 7th Grade

- Opportunities for Advanced Courses in English, Math, Science and US History
- Optional continuation of Spanish
- Expanded opportunities to choose from various electives (Art, Tech Ed, FACS, Business, Music, Spanish, PE)

7th Grade Schedule

*19 Elective **choices** (every other day):

Choir 7
Spanish B
Intro to French
Art & Crafts
PE BLAST
Personal Performance
Webpage Design
Cook It-Buy It-Sew It
Keyboarding

Drumming and Electronic Music
Intro to German
Design & Modeling
Trans & Aerospace
Art/Tech & Clay
It's More Than Cooking
Band 7

Unique Features of Grade 8

- Advanced Courses in English, Math, Science and Social Studies
- Extension Classes in Math and Reading
- Opportunities to choose from various electives (Art, Tech Ed, FACS, Business, Music, PE)
- Transition to the High School

8th Grade Schedule

*19 Elective **choices** (ED):

Band 8
Choir 8
Spanish I
Spanish II
German I
French I
Personal Training
Green Architecture
PE Attack (*can be chosen 1, 2, 3, or 4 times*)

Keyboarding
What's Your Budget
Graphic Art
Time Travel Art
Design Your Own
What's On The Menu
All Amped Up
Automation & Robotics

Course Placement Guidelines

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools is dedicated to and invested in each student's success.

- Advanced Courses are designed to meet the needs of students who are motivated, highly capable and require higher levels of academic challenge.

Course Placement Guidelines

ADVANCED COURSES (continued)…

- While in middle and high school, it is important that each student be provided with an appropriate level of challenge.
- To match students' academic readiness a placement consideration process is used.
- Variables considered to determine which students would be placed in each Advanced Course sequence
  - *the number of placed students*
  - *class size*
  - *staffing*
  - *previous classroom and assessment performance*

Course Placement Guidelines

ADVANCED COURSES (*continued*)…

Advanced Courses in English, Science and Social Studies:

- *Same outcomes and curriculum as mainstream courses*
- *Variations in pacing, depth and complexity of study*
- *Increased level of expectation regarding student work*

Advanced Math Courses:

- *Are designed to accelerate students through the curriculum*
- *Faster pace and added depth of content*

Spring/Summer Transition Events

In May:

1. Students will be sent a letter notifying them of middle school placement.

2. 5th grade students will get an introduction to their new middle school and have a Q & A session with school counselors and current students.

3. Spring parent meeting (TBD date) at each school to introduce families to their specific school and provide more information regarding student support and the transition to middle school.

Spring/Summer Transition Events

In August:

The week before school we will hold "Back To School Night", where students and parents/guardians can meet the teachers.

WEB program (***W***here ***E***verybody ***B***elongs):

- Summer orientation day for incoming 6th graders
- Pairs 6th graders with an 8th grade mentor.
- It is a morning full of fun activities and sharing of school information.

Additional information with the exact date/time will be sent in the spring.
(It is likely Thursday, August 22nd)

Q & A

We are happy to address any comments/questions. Please write your question on a note card and pass it to the end of the row.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to working together with you and your child in the Fall!