Middle School– Constant Self-Battle

Do you ever think that middle school is hard? What’s been posted on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, or Google Plus? Did I do all the assignment on time to turn in? Not to mention the drama, hormones and the emotional imbalances we wake up to. Are we doomed to failure? I don’t think so. Keep in mind that life is full of changes and challenges. We enter middle school looking up to the other students and we leave middle school looking eye to eye with adults and high school students. We start middle school with cute faces that everyone wants to pinch and we leave looking attractive and hot. Middle school gives us self confidence and attitude. It starts us with the rest of our lives and with a little hard work it will take us to places we never imagined!

Poll: Funniest Teacher in the Middle School

Who is the funniest teacher in the Middle School? We have really great teachers, but who is the funniest? Tally up your votes by going to the office and sticking your vote in the YOUR VOICE POLL box. Votes will be tallied up and the answer will be announced on the next edition of Your Voice. Deadline: Before next edition.
The New Teachers  By: Riya Desai, 7th

It’s a new school year, and we have many new teachers too. Let’s meet the 5 new teachers, and find out some more about the people that give so much to our school!

Ms. DeCapua is the new dance teacher. She went to MSU (minored in Dance, Majored in Education) and right away you can tell she’s really passionate about dance. She started dance at a very young age, and instantly clicked. One of the classes she teaches is 8th grade dance technique, where you improve your dance and learn new styles of dancing. You can also join the dance team, in the winter, or the dance club. Ms. DeCapua encourages kids to come and join dance!

Mr. Keatley is the new 6th grade English Teacher. He also helps out with Study Skills, and Real Life. Mr. Keatley really loved the energy and motivation at DCDS. He loved how all the kids were ready to learn! He taught at Plymouth High School, and is really excited to get to know everyone here at the middle school. Mr. Keatley coaches 7th and 8th grade football/track, and is a big baseball fan!

Ms. Brady is the new 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Latin teacher. She chose DCD because she enjoys teaching middle school, and Country Day is one of the few schools that offer Latin. She’s taught at Emmerson Middle School, the University Prep Academy High School. She also has a thing for traveling! Ms. Brady has been all around Europe; England, Scotland, Ireland, France, and Italy! One thing she wants to do is see all 7 Wonders of the World.

Mr. Drougel is the new 8th grade chemistry and science teacher. He taught at the Monroe High School and the Knabusch Math and Science Center. He came to DCD because he thought it was a good opportunity, and because DCDS has a good academic reputation as a school. Mr. Drougel coaches cross country and track, and play a lot of golf. He travels a lot to places like Alaska, and one of the oldest cities in the U.S. He also likes to do a lot of hands on science-the fizz boom bang kind of thing! In his class, they’re currently blowing up pumpkins for Halloween.

Mr. Roach is the new 7th grade World Religions, Heroes & Villains, and the new 6th grade geography teacher. Mr. Roach just came from a teaching job all the way from South America, in El Salvador. While teaching, he wanted to go out and see the world, so he did! He’s taught middle schools in North Carolina, El Salvador, and South Korea. He said he liked North Carolina because of the kids, and would only teach back in Michigan if he worked at 2 schools- one of which is DCD. If he didn’t come to one if the 2 school (DCD and Ligget) then he would’ve gone out of country again. He coaches soccer, and follows soccer, hockey, football, and ONLY college basketball.

So, here are the new teachers in the Middle School!
Congratulations to everyone who got National Junior Honor Society

Grade 6 (2011-2012)

Grade 7 (2011-2012)

*People who got NJHS in Grade 6

For those of you who don’t know what NJHS, it is a certificate you get by doing the following requirements: 93% or above average, 10 or more community service hours inside and outside of school, and 3 or more academic enrichment points. The requirements change throughout the years. Congratulations once again to everyone who got the

TOP 5 MOST POPULAR BOOKS TODAY

5. Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
4. The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan
3. Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins
2. Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
1. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

What about in OUR own middle school library???

1. The Mark of Athena by Rick Riordan
2. The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
3. The Rise of Nine by Pittacus Lore
4. Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card
5. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
6. I’d Tell You I Love You, But Then I’d Have to Kill You by Ally Carter
Thanksgiving Apple Square Dessert

An easy dessert you can make for your family Thanksgiving dinner. They do so much for you, why don’t you do something for them? There is a lot to be thankful for, especially at this time of year. Show them you care with this easy step-by-step amazing Thanksgiving dessert!

Directions

1. Whisk whole-wheat flour, all-purpose flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, salt, and baking powder in a large bowl. Cut butter into small pieces and quickly rub them into the dry ingredients with your fingers until smaller but still visible. Add oil and toss with a fork to combine. Whisk water and egg yolk in a small bowl. Add to the flour mixture and stir until it begins to come together. Knead the dough with your hands in the bowl a few times until it forms a ball. Divide the dough in half and shape into 5-inch disks. Wrap each in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

2. Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray and line the bottom and sides with parchment paper.

3. Combine apples, the remaining 3/4 cup sugar, and cinnamon in a large bowl.

4. Roll one portion of dough between sheets of parchment or wax paper into a 9-by-13-inch rectangle. Peel off the top sheet and invert the dough into the prepared pan. Peel off the remaining paper. Trim the dough so it covers just the bottom of the pan. Spread the apple filling evenly over the dough. Using the parchment or wax paper, roll out the remaining dough, invert it over the filling, and trim the edges so it just covers the filling. Whisk the egg white in a bowl until frothy and evenly brush over the top crust. Lightly sprinkle the crust with additional sugar, if desired.

5. Bake until golden brown and bubbling, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool for at least 1 hour before cutting into 12 squares.


Ingredients:
- 1 1/4 cups of whole wheat pastry flour
- 1 1/4 cups of all purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 3/4 cups of sugar
- 3/4 tablespoons of salt
- 1/4 teaspoons of baking powder
- 4 tablespoons of cold unsalted butter
- 5 tablespoons of canola oil
- 1/3 cups of ice water
- 1 large egg, separated
- 4 cups of thinly sliced firm tart apples
- 1 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
7TH GRADE SURVEY: PROS AND CONS OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

There are many pros of the middle school, here are some students opinions.

Akash Rau- In the Middle School, I like that we socialize more. I don’t like the lunches
Vijval Patel– I like that we have more freedom, but I don’t like the amount of HW we get.
Nisreen Bahrainwala– I think the teachers are very nice, but I don't like that we get a lot of home-work.
Alice Palmer– All the teachers are all pretty nice, and some of them are really funny, but I don’t like the amount of homework we get.
Jessica Patnaik– I like Late Start Mondays, and I dislike cafeteria food.
Alexandra Soo– The food is 40% good. I like how nice all the teachers are.

6TH, 8TH GRADE, and TEACHER SURVEY; WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVE AT LUNCH?

8th graders:
Missy Morgan– I think we should bring the lemonade back, and we should have more variety of food.
Abby Morrow– When we have pasta, we usually don’t have Alfredo sauce anymore… I’d like more Alfredo and I want the lemonade to come back too.
Jacqueline Spizizen– I think we should have more bananas and more chicken, also, more oyster crackers.
Erinn English– More chicken tenders, breadsticks, and Italian Wedding Soup.
Zainalabidin Alsaadi– More bread bowls, get rid of the stir-fry.
Alex Hardin– No ginger carrot soup.
Noreen Khan– more pizza and breadsticks, less popsicles, and get ride of the French toast.

6th graders:
Sabriya Imami– I think we should have a desert bar. Also, I would like if the lemonade came back.
Julia Kearney– It would be great if the lemonade and punch drinks came back! I think we should have more variety of drinks.
Elbert Yi– more chicken tenders

Hassan Siddiqui– more pizza every week and better vegetarian options.
Michael Simon– more breadsticks.
Megan Guo– desert bar.

Teachers:
Anonymous teacher– I think we should have ice cream every Friday, and a cappuccino machine for teachers.
Ms. Brady– Ice tea and hot tea for teachers.
Ms. Borninski– All options of salad bar everyday.
Mr. DuRoss– The food is really good, but it would be nice if they brought back the iced tea and lemonade.
Mrs. Dobbs– I would want fresh cut fruit everyday. I wish that they would season the entrees and vegetables a more. The chicken fingers more, and the hot dogs less.
Comic Strip Contest!

Are you a great artist? Writer? Do you think you can come up with the next best thing? Enter the COMIC CONTEST!

Rulers: Draw or use your computer to create the ultimate comic strip story. It can be about anything and be as long as 1 full paper.

Winners; Winners will be determined by 3 teachers.

Prize; To be published in the next edition of YOUR VOICE and a special treat!

How to enter: go to the office and stick your comic strip into the YOUR VOICE box.

GOOD LUCK AND MAY THE BEST COMIC STRIP WIN!