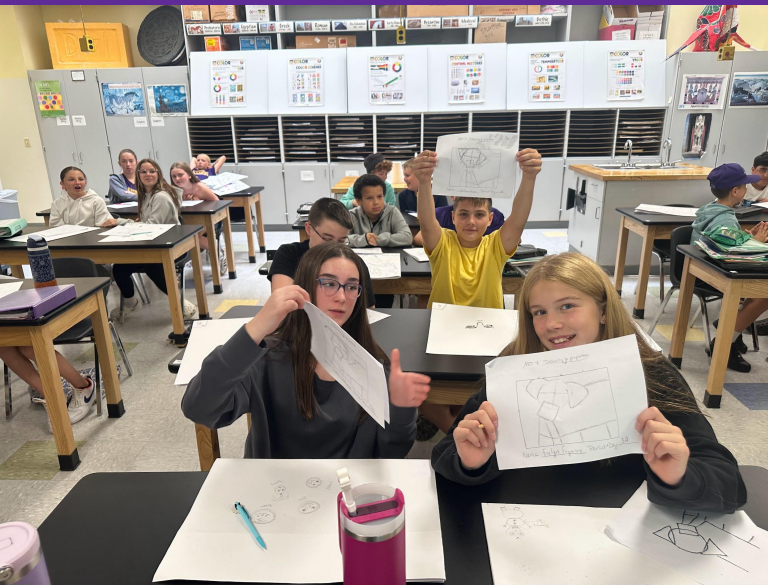




Welcome to Middle School:

Growing Curiosity, Character, and Confidence



Welcome to Middle School!

Objectives:

- Meet the 6th Grade Team
- Learn what to expect at VMS
- Explore the VMS Experience
- Discover how to stay connected



Meet VMS Staff

- **Bryan Wood** : Current Principal (bwood@voorheesville.org)
- **Cathleen Goodwin** : Assistant Principal/Future Principal (cgoodwin@voorheesville.org)
- **Amber Neidrauer** : VMS Secretary (aneidrauer@voorheesville.org)
- **Dan Bartoszek** : VMS School Counselor (dbartoszek@voorheesville.org)
- **Mariel Chu** : Social Worker (mchu@voorheesville.org)
- **Claire Marcus** : School cmarcus@voorheesville.org



Meet the 6th Grade Team

- **Dan Chaize:** Science
- **Emily George:** English
- **Jon Glisson:** Social Studies
- **Jennifer Hemming:** Special Education
- **Jamie Mercier:** Math
- **Shauna Worthley:** Digital Literacy





MEET MR. GLISSON



19 YEARS TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES IN VOOHEESVILLE

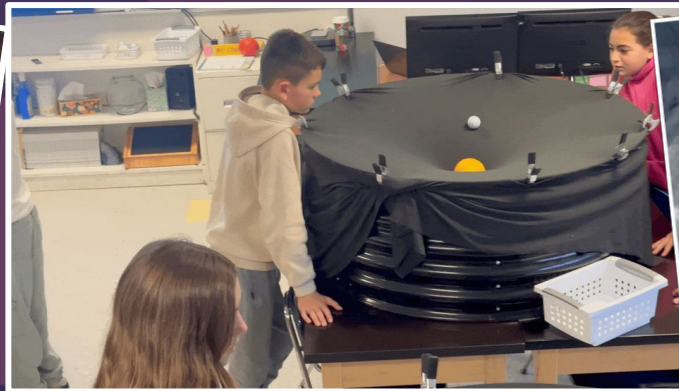
***FOCUS IN GRADE 6 IS ON BUILDING SOCIAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVES
AND SOCIAL STUDIES LITERACIES***

***CONTENT CENTERS AROUND ON HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMICS
OF THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE***



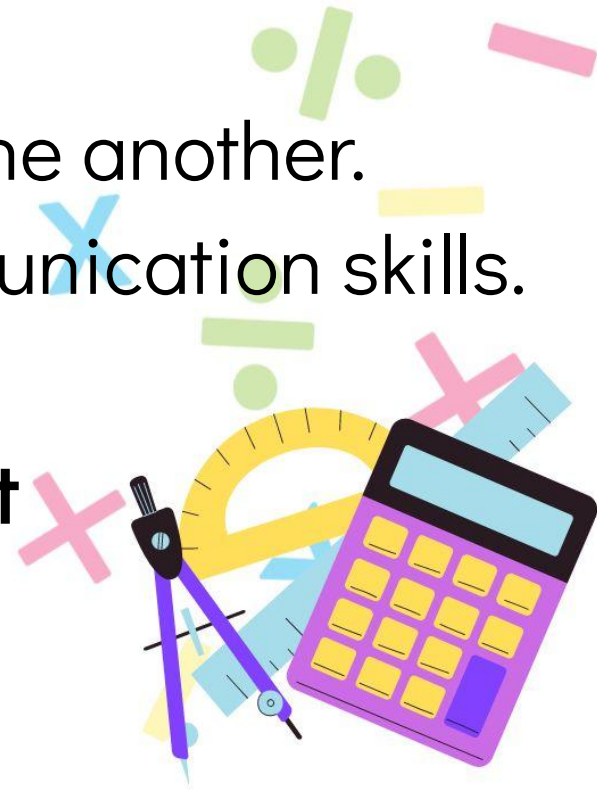
Meet Mr. Chaize

- Next year will be my 19th year in 6th grade
- Earth and space science!
- Science class should be fun, hands-on, and responsive to students' curiosity



Meet Ms. Mercier

- Next year will be my 9th year teaching sixth grade.
- Frequent group work
 - Allows students to learn from one another.
 - Builds collaboration and communication skills.
- Emphasis on process over product
 - Building an algebra foundation for future math classes.



Meet Mrs. George

- Next year will be my 16th year in 6th grade!

- **Goals for English:**

- Enjoy reading & writing!
- Independent choice
- Skill-based units
- Increased volume of reading & writing



Meet

Mrs. Worthley



ABOUT ME

I've been teaching in Voorheesville since 2008. I've taught Kindergarten, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. I also teach Technology to teachers. I'm excited to join the 6th grade team again to teach Digital Fluency!



GOALS FOR THE YEAR

- Google Workspace
- Digital Citizenship
- Media Literacy
- Keyboarding
- Collaboration with other core classes



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Meet Mrs. Hemming

- Special Education Teacher for 27 years, seven in 6th grade
- Co-teacher in English and Math
- **Resource Room Focus:** *Social/Emotional Growth, Study skills, ELA and Math Goals*



School Counselor

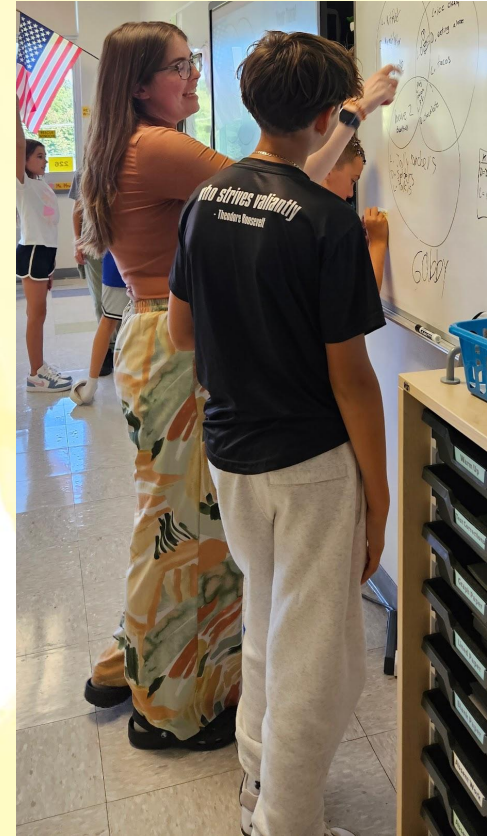
Mr. Bartoszek Supports Students By:

- Facilitating classroom lessons focused on social-emotional learning, goal setting, and peer relationships
- Assisting with peer conflict resolution and promoting positive school climate
- Collaborating with teachers to support student success and classroom community
- Coordinating with families to support academic and behavioral communication



Middle School Goals:

- Academic & Organizational
 - Agenda Planners; Establish Routines
- Personal Responsibility & Time Management
- Growing Socially and Emotionally
- Explore interests and take healthy risks



What to expect:

- **New Routines**
 - Switching classes, lockers, managing multiple teachers
- **Greater Independence**
 - Students are expected to take more ownership over their schedule, materials, and assignments
- **Bumps in the Road:**
 - All middle school students struggle at some point with something- it's completely normal!



Procedures & Policies

- **Drop-Off Before School: 7:20 am**

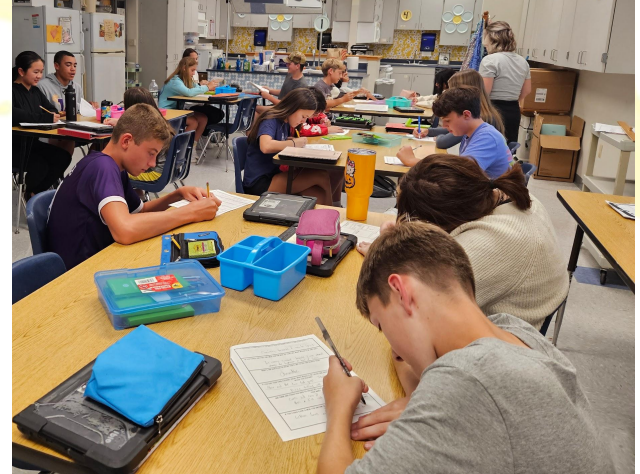
- Parking lot by the VMS Wing
- School begins at 7:40am
- Pickup begins at 2:25pm

- **Electronic Devices**

- Cell Phones & Tablets, Watches
“Internet-enabling devices”
- Best option: Left home or locked in locker all day

- **Notes (early dismissal/absences)**

- Brought to the VMS Main Office in the morning



Town Halls and Executive Functioning

- Quarterly Town Hall Meetings
 - Discuss Anti-bullying Initiatives
 - Executive Functioning
 - Go over different issues within the building
- Executive Functioning Topics
 - Time Management
 - Task Initiation
 - Organization
 - And many more!



Stay Connected:



- **Purple Newsletter** (sent on Friday,
- **Parent Square**
- **Contact your child's teacher directly.**
- **Feel free to reach out to other staff as needed with questions or concerns** - school nurse, school counselor, assistant principal, principal, etc.
- **Join the PTA or volunteer at events.** Your child may beg you not to volunteer. Do it anyway- trust us!

Stay Connected:

- **Check-in with your child regularly**
 - Ask about their day and check their agenda daily. Celebrate small wins!
- **Stay aware of your child's homework and school demands**
 - [Team 6 Site](#)
 - Parent Portal
 - Login ID and password received in elementary school
 - View students grades (updated at the 3 and 6 week mark) and report card grades
- **And again, check your child's agenda daily!**



The Benefit of Clubs

- Builds a sense of belonging
- Supports social-emotional growth
- Encourages responsibility and leadership
- Sparks curiosity and passion
- Boosts academic engagement

We offer: Art Club, Dance Club, Jazz Band, eSports, Drama Club, Guitar Club, Builders Club, Sources of Strength, Student Council, Visibility Club, and more!



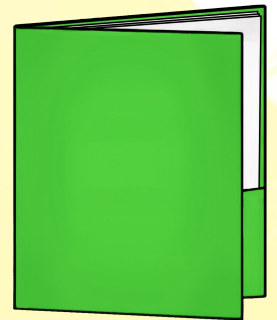
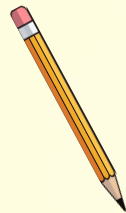
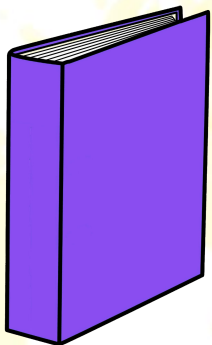
After School Homework Center

- Homework Center is open on days we have late busses
 - Usually Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- Students can stay after for support and take the late bus home between 3:30 and 3:45pm



Supply List

- VMS will supply a chromebook and agenda
- Look for sales, reuse items, go to the dollar store
- If you need assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Goodwin (cgoodwin@voorheesville.org)
- Will be posted online shortly!



Chromebook

- Each student is issued a chromebook
- Responsible for charging each night
- Responsible for maintaining Chromebook, and any wear and tear



How to Prepare This Summer:

- **Practice Organization:** Help your child get comfortable using a planner or calendar.
- **Encourage Responsibility:** Give them small tasks at home to build independence
- **Foster a Growth Mindset:** Talk about trying new things, asking for help, and bouncing back from mistakes



Transition Events

- **Grade 6 Ambassadors to VES**
June 12th
- **Grade 5 students visit VMS**
June 15th
- **Locker Afternoon**
TBA - First Week of School



Thank You!