

# PANTHER PRIDE NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent of Schools

## Welcome Back

strong civic values, tradition and innovation. Our dedicated staff and students take great pride in the excellent education and environment they create on a daily basis. We call this Panther Pride!

The Middle Township School District provides its students with a foundation that prepares them for academic challenges and personal enrichment. This opportunity provides equitable access to academic subject areas, as well as exposure to the arts, athletics, and other activities, all of which are available to every student. We believe exposure to these different pillars of instruction is essential to produce well-rounded students. As a school district representing the diverse needs of our students,

our educational community is dedicated to creating a nurturing environment that not only challenges all students, but also provides them with the necessary skills to become successful active citizens.

Please take the time to peruse our website [www.middletpwp.k12.nj.us](http://www.middletpwp.k12.nj.us) and our Facebook pages to join in the conversation of making our school system great.

Thank you for taking the time to read the *Panther Pride* and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the district further.

**Dr. David Salvo**  
**Superintendent**  
**Middle Township Public Schools**

## Back To School Nights

September

8 - Elementary #2

14 - High School

19 - Middle School

20 - Elementary #1

Our school calendar can be viewed on our webpage [www.middletpwp.k12.nj.us](http://www.middletpwp.k12.nj.us) and on individual school Facebook pages.



Dear Educational Community:

Welcome to the first edition of the Panther Pride Superintendent Newsletter. This newsletter will be published quarterly. Our educational community has been defined by its

## Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Middle Township School District. I hope you and your family enjoyed the summer break. A new school year presents opportunities for various beginnings – new classes, new faces and new opportunities. I hope you are all ready to take advantage of them.

According to Family Involvement Partnership for Learning (1998), “When parents and families get personally involved in education, their children do better in school and grow up to be more successful in life.”

Stay connected with your child’s education and partner with our teach-

ers to make this school year a wonderful experience. Your child’s future is in the hands of all of us.

**GO PANTHERS!**



## High School News

***“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”***

***Nelson Mandela***

The high school is implementing a new instructional schedule this school year. Class periods will be longer, allowing more time for more rigorous assignments and assessments. Six periods (55 minute classes) and a community lunch will rotate using a four day schedule.

This new instructional schedule provides for a better school environment, enhanced socialization and co-curricular op-

portunities, better use of facilities, more professional learning communities, and scheduling flexibility which allows students to take additional courses during their high school career.

All students will benefit from this new high school schedule. If you have any questions regarding your child’s schedule, please contact the Guidance Office at 465-1852.

## Middle School News

***“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”***

***Anthony J. D'Angelo***

The Middle School is also instituting a new instructional schedule this school year. The new schedule will include Science and Social Studies daily, a rotation of elective courses, and Gifted & Talented Courses.

This new schedule aligns more with that of the high school. Additionally, teachers can become more familiar with

multiple grade level curriculums, and students will have more opportunities to take high school level courses.

Core subject area classes will be 60 minutes in length, while special area courses will be 44 minutes in length. Questions regarding your child’s schedule should be directed to a school guidance counselor at 465-1834.

## Elementary #2 News

***“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself”***

***John Dewey***

This year selected 5th Grade students will be able to participate in a research-based Gifted & Talented program.

The purpose of our Gifted & Talented Program is to allow students to provide learning opportunities beyond the regular educational program. Students will immerse themselves in Math and Language

Arts with enrichment activities that will challenge their intellectual capabilities.

Our job as educators is to give our students the tools they need to be successful in a global society. The 5th Grade Gifted & Talented program will allow us to better meet the needs of individual students.

## Elementary #1 News

***“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”***

***Benjamin Franklin***

The staff at Elementary #1 is excited to meet all the new students. We certainly hope that, as a parent, you become involved in your child’s education by meeting with teachers, volunteering for classroom activities/field trips or joining the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization).

Elementary #1 will also host many community events, such as Reading and Movie Nights, to recognize the achievements of its students. We want to contin-

ue to build a strong School/Family Partnership by having more families participate in school programs.

So come out and join the Elementary #1 students and staff as we begin our journey on a great school year.

Contact your child’s classroom teacher or call 463-1900 ext. 1200 with any questions about how to get involved with school programs.

## New Teachers

### High School

Anthony Farmer—Special Areas  
 Howard Trout—Special Education  
 Jodi Lamoreaux—Special Education  
 Janina Perna—Health/PE  
 Sarah Roberts—English  
 Vicki Boyer—Math  
 Morgan Phillips—Dance

### Middle School

Jessica Douglass—Math  
 Chris White—Social Studies

### Elementary #2

Nancy Polt—School Nurse  
 Katie Britton—Part Time Basic Skills  
 Chris Evans—Part Time Music

### Elementary #1

Patricia Attenborough—School Nurse  
 Allison Pfander—Special Education  
 Elizabeth VanTrieste—Special Education

## Board of Education

### Members

Dennis Roberts, Board President  
 George DeLollis, Vice President  
 Calvin Back  
 Robert Bakley  
 Burgess Hamer  
 Edward Dagney  
 Gloria Hodges  
 Patricia Taylor  
 Stephanie Thomas  
 Jeff Trout (Dennis Township Rep.)



### Meeting Dates

September 15  
 October 20  
 November 17  
 December 8

*\*All meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Building*

## Administration

Dr. David Salvo, Superintendent of Schools  
 Diane Fox, School Business Administrator  
 Robert Johnson, Director of Special Education  
 Kathleen McDonald, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
 Christian Paskalides, Principal, Elementary #1  
 Donald Robertson, Assistant Principal, Elementary #1  
 Douglas Penkethman, Principal, Elementary #2  
 Melanie Lisitski, Assistant Principal, Elementary #2  
 Dr. Toni Lehman, Principal, Middle School  
 Jeffrey Ortman, Assistant Principal, Middle School  
 Constance Chabok, Academic Supervisor, Middle School  
 Frank Riggitano, Principal, High School  
 Nancy Loteck, Assistant Principal, High School  
 Scott Lodgek, Athletic Director, High School  
 Victoria Villano, Academic Supervisor, High School  
 Rita Willis, Academic Supervisor, High School  
 Director of Security, William Scott Webster

Director of Facilities, Gary Coram  
 Director of Transportation, Dawn DeVico  
 Director of Performing Arts Center, Kay Aspell  
 Food Service Coordinator, Dawn DeCamillo

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## Thank You Township Residents

Thank you to the residents of Middle Township for supporting the Bond Referendum last March. The passing of the referendum allows our district to enhance, renovate and replace facilities as part of our long range facilities and strategic plan. Our Board of Education, community members, administrators and staff are to be commended for their efforts in the planning of this initiative.

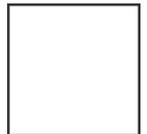
Our students and staff deserve a school environment that maximizes their learning potential. This referendum will certainly provide us with the infrastructure to maintain safe and secure facilities, to increase curriculum opportunities and to work collaboratively with the community in sharing resources.

Work should begin on the first phase of this initiative at Elementary #1 in the late fall.



We're on the Web!  
[www.middletpw.k12.nj.us](http://www.middletpw.k12.nj.us)

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