

**Questions, Fast Facts
about
Boynton Middle School
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Welcome to the Boynton Middle School. We wish you a happy and exciting stay in our cozy school. We all get nervous transitioning from elementary to middle school, but relax. Boynton is a lot of fun, with a diverse population, excellent teachers, strong parent involvement and a rich activity choice for each student; in a safe environment. Here are some of the questions that come up every year from the newcomers:

What is the population of Boynton Middle School?

About 600 students, 90 staff.

What are the school hours? How early can the students be dropped? What happens when the students get dropped early? Where do they go?

9 am to 3.25 pm. Doors open at 8.30 am and students can buy breakfast or go to the library or gym or cafeteria between 8.30-9.00 am.

How is the transportation to the school?

School buses, walking (popular among Fall Creek residents) or dropped by car. Please do not park in bus drop spaces. Best way to drop by car is through the Lake Street/East Shore Drive entrance. Follow the car lane (to the right as you enter) for dropping students. You can also park in the parking lot and walk to the door if you prefer.

What are the Boynton Teams?

6th graders: Wind & Earth. 7th graders: Blue & Gold. 8th graders: A & B. Each team has different core teachers.

Do different grade students interact with each other?

Not too much in school hours (cafeteria hours are different). Students interact in musical & play rehearsals, at dances, in modified teams, some band concerts, and PTA events (International Night, Variety Show).

What are some of the activities that PTA sponsored this past year?

International Night, Dances, Chicken BBQ, Math Day, Variety Show, Pizza on Thursdays, Speakers.

What are the music program choices that the students have?

Boynton offers a very strong music program: You can choose from General Music, Chorus, and/or Band and/or Orchestra. More than 1/3rd of the students are in a chorus, band or orchestra. 7th and 8th graders in chorus, orchestra and band have an annual trip to Hershey Park for a competition followed by rides and fun in the park.

What are the Boynton dances like?

2 hours (7-9 pm) Fridays, usually once a month. There is a DJ (students can also suggest songs), parent and teacher chaperones, \$3 entrance fee and pizza, chips, popcorn, baked goods, soda/water at a reasonable price. Lots of fun in a safe environment. Sometimes there is a theme (for example; Carnival, Halloween).

What are some of the after-school activities?

Musical and play for all grades (there is an audition but everyone gets in). Rehearsals are almost every day after school hours. You can also join modified sports (in 7 and 8th grade), intramural sports, math clubs (all grades), and after-school homework. There is also a structured after-school program. .

Are there lockers at school? What can students bring in? Cell phones?

Yes. Each student receives a lock with a combination assigned. First day of school is for only newcomers (6th graders) when they learn how to use the lockers. Cell phones are not allowed in classrooms. Students can bring the cellphones and lock in their locker if they want to.

What if a student needs to take medication during school hours?

School nurse should be contacted at the start of the school year who will arrange and make sure that the student takes his/her medication.

Who is the principal? Who is the assistant principal?

Mr. Trumble. Ms Rosero. They are cool!

When can you play in a school sports team?

Starting 7th grade with modified sports.

What are some of the math activities at Boynton?

MathCounts. Math Olympiad. Math Day.

Do students get a computer account?

Yes. You can access it through school computers. You can also access your e-mail through school or home. You can use the account for some homework.

What is the Boynton Newsletter? What is the Boynton Buzz?

Biweekly newspaper with Boynton announcements, sent to each student and families. Boynton also has a student-run newspaper called the Boynton Buzz.

Who are the current PTA executive Board members?

Pat Wasyliw, Olus Boratav, Jian Tan, Sue Brower, Tom Farrell, Dan Szpiro, Milagros Hernandez

Does PTA need new members and help?

Definitely. PTA welcomes newcomers with fresh ideas. We also need help in many of the activities sponsored during the year. Contact Olus Boratav (boratav@mac.com) for more information.

Where else can I find information on Boynton?

Student handbook that the students receive the first day of school. For more details, contact the principal Jason Trumble (jtrumble@icsd.k12.ny.us) or PTA co-presidents Olus Boratav (boratav@mac.com) or Pat Wasyliw (PW36@cornell.edu).

When is the first ice-cream social?

June 18th Wednesday, 5.30-7.00 pm at Boynton Cafeteria. All welcome, including the incoming students and families. This is the end of the year event.