



Robert Cushman  
Murphy JHS

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Parent Orientation 2023

# Murphy Administration

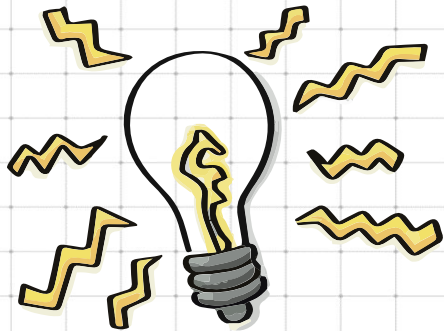
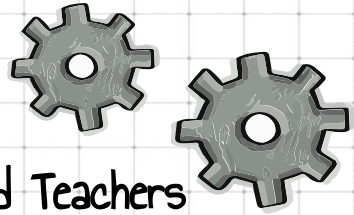
Vincent Cereola- Principal

Dawn Nachtigall, PhD- Asst. Principal

Chris Murphy- Dean

Department Chairs, Directors & Lead Teachers

- Amy Poulos, Guidance
- Anthony Pollera, Music
- Christina Driscoll, Health & PE
- Christine DiFede, Science
- Dean Kostis, Technology
- Ellen Dove, Information Center
- Gianna Pomponio, FACS
- James Geis, Special Education
- Jennifer Trettner, Visual Arts
- Jessica Metrio, English
- Kerri Golini, World Language
- Rocco Vetro, Math
- Tracy Beauchamp, History



# Grade 7 Bell Schedule

## 2023-2024

**Student Arrival: 7:30 AM**

**Period 1: 7:40-8:22**

**Homeroom: 8:22-8:25**

**Period 2: 8:28-9:10**

**Period 3: 9:13-9:55**

**Period 4: 9:58-10:40**

**Period 5: 10:43-11:25 LUNCH**

**Period 6: 11:28-12:10**

**Period 7: 12:13-12:55**

**Period 8: 12:58-1:40**

**Period 9: 1:43-2:25**

**\*\*LATE BUSES 4:10PM and 4:50 PM**

# What could a 7th grade schedule look like?



7th graders will take:

- English, History, Math, Science, and World Language everyday for the whole year
- FACS and Tech everyday for a half year
- Art, Music, Health and PE every other day for the whole year

## Sample 7R/7H Schedule

Period 1: Language  
Period 2: Science  
Period 3: English  
Period 4: Art/Music  
Period 5: LUNCH  
Period 6: History  
Period 7: FACS/Tech  
Period 8: Math  
Period 9: Health/ PE



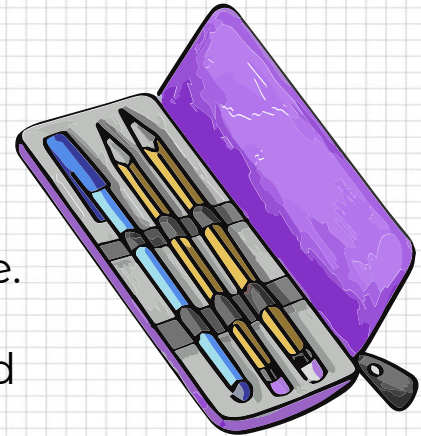
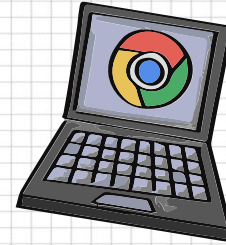
# HONORS CRITERIA FOR 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

The criteria for a student being considered for the Honors Programs in English, History, Math and Science will include but not be limited to:

- Instructional Reading Level
- AIMS Web
- I-Ready Assessment

This information will be used for student placement decisions that are made at the JHS during the months of May and June.

As always, there is an appeal process within that letter should you desire to review the placement.



# Guidance Department

Amy Poulos- Lead Counselor- 631-730-4840

## Guidance Department Google Site

Our counseling team assists students with academic success, career & college readiness, and personal/social development. We aim to give all students a supportive educational experience in becoming successful life-long learners, leaders, and responsible individuals.

- Individual Counseling
- Scheduling Support
- 7th Grade Orientation
- 8th Grade Four Year Plans
- SchoolLinks
- College & Career Day
- Peer Mediations
- Connections Cafe
- SEL Programs (Unity Day / PS I Love You Day)



# English

Jessica Metrio -Chairperson- 631-730-4862



**Aim: Foster creativity, critical thinking, empathy, and lifelong readers and writers, per NYS Learning Standards.**



## 7th Grade Curriculum

### Literature

may include, but not limited to:

- *A Christmas Carol*
- *A Wrinkle in Time*
- *A Long Walk to Water*
- "After Twenty Years"
- Non-fiction
- Poetry



### Writing

may include, but not limited to:

- Narrative
- Argumentative
- Literary Analysis
- Journals
- Reflections



## The Writing Center

### Support center for all students with any writing assignment:

- Essays
- Research papers
- Lab reports
- Creative writing
- Writing Contests

Students may come at any stage of the writing process:

- Brainstorming & organizing ideas
- Revisions
- Edits

**Located in the Library. Open during lunch periods 5, 6, and 7.**

## Contests

### We encourage students to participate in:

- Scripps National Spelling Bee
- NCTE Promising Young Writers
- LILAC
- Scholastic
- Helen Stein Shack Picture Book





# Mathematics

Rocco Vetro- Chairman- 631-730-4871

## Course Pathways

<u>Math 7</u>	<u>Math 8</u>	<u>Math 9</u>
Math 7 with Lab	Math 8 with Lab	Algebra I with Lab
Math 7	Math 8	Algebra I
Math 7 Honors	Algebra I Honors	Geometry Honors
*Algebra I Honors Theory	Geometry Honors Theory	Algebra II Honors Theory

**\*NOTE - Honors Theory in 7th Grade is only offered to a select group of advanced students**



Science

Christine DiFede - Chairperson 631-730-4868

# RC Murphy JHS Science Course Sequence

7th Grade

8th Grade

9th Grade

Science 7

Science 8R

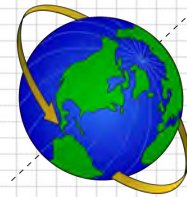
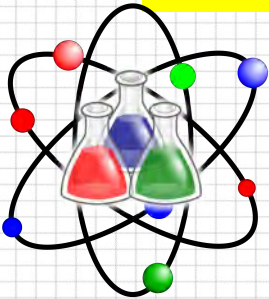
Earth Science 9R

Science 7H

Earth Science 8H

Living Environment 9H

Living Environment 9R



# Science Electives and Clubs

~Farm to School

~Natural Disasters

~Science Research I

~Science Research II

~Science Olympiad

~Science Bowl

~Ecology Club



# VISUAL ARTS AT MURPHY JHS

Jennifer Trettner, Coordinator

631.730.4399

**GRADE 7 OR 8 ART  
OFFERED FULL YEAR -  
EVERY OTHER DAY**

**CREATIVE STUDIO  
GRADE 8 ELECTIVE**



**9TH GRADE ELECTIVE  
CREDIT OFFERING**

**CREATIVE CRAFTS  
MEDIA ARTS  
STUDIO ART  
THE ART OF ANIMATION**



**Concepts taught:**  
Color Theory  
Perspective  
Elements and Principles of Design  
Career Introduction  
ELA Connections -  
Reflective Writing & Analysis



# TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE TECHNOLOGY - 20 WEEKS (1 SEMESTER)

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TECHNOLOGY – 20 WEEKS (1 SEMESTER)



## FOCUS ON:

PROBLEM SOLVING

HANDS-ON & COMPUTER ACTIVITIES

MATH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

## UNITS:

MEASUREMENT

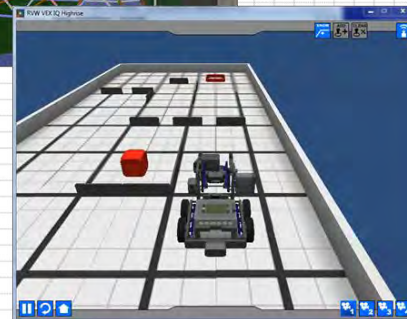
LAB / MACHINE SAFETY

HANDS-ON PROJECTS

3D DRAWING & 3D PRINTING

PRE-ENGINEERING STRUCTURES

ROBOTICS & DRONES



9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ELECTIVE CREDIT OFFERING:  
**COMPUTER DESIGN & WOOD SYSTEMS**



# History Tracy Beauchamp- Coordinating Chairperson- 631-730-4923

## GRADE 7 - Program of Study

### **U.S. History I - 1450 - 1865**

- The Americas Before 1500
- European Exploration & Colonization of North America
- The Colonial Period
- Causes & Effects of the American Revolution
- Experiments in Government
- The Early Republic
- Westward Expansion
- The Causes & Effects of the Civil War

**Grade 8:** U.S. History II - 1865 - Present

**Grade 9:** Global History & Geography 1

**Grade 9 Elective:** News You Can Use

On Level 7 Regents	7 Honors
Skill Building	Recommended Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Gather &amp; use content &amp; historical documents to develop <b>historical thinking skills</b>.</li><li>● Begin to build <b>critical thinking skills</b></li><li>● Learn to construct written and verbal <b>historical arguments</b></li><li>● Learn about citizenship (Civics)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>4's</b> in 6th Grade Social Studies</li><li>● Strong reading &amp; writing skills (ELA)</li><li>● Independent spirit</li><li>● Teacher Recommendation</li><li>● Maintain a 90+ by week 15</li></ul>



**NEW YORK STATE  
CIVIC SEAL OF READINESS  
7-12**

**Goal:** Civic readiness is the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and actions, mindsets, and experiences.

<b>Civic Knowledge</b>	<b>Civic Participation</b>
<p><b>Demonstrate a fundamental and functional knowledge of government, law, history, geography, culture, economics, and current events.</b></p> <p><b>Research Project</b></p>	<p><b>Participate in developmentally appropriate civic experiences that engage students in relevant experiences and include students as active participants.</b></p> <p><b>Middle School Capstone Project</b></p>

*What is?*

# Civics

THE STUDY OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP

*Why?*

## Study

**1. IT'S COMPELLING**  
Civics education allows us the opportunity to become well-informed, active citizens within our community and government, while also empowering us to communicate effectively.

**2. IT'S AUTHENTIC**  
It helps us understand the ideals of democracy and encourages us to become a vital part of the process, while understanding our Constitution. Civics education highlights connections between ourselves, other active citizens and democracy.

*Where?*

## Engaged

Embedded into Social Studies Curriculum 7 - 12  
Through extracurricular programs  
Independent multidisciplinary interests and actions

*How?*

## Managed

Students need to earn **6 points**

(2 from each column) and a minimum of 40 hours of community service

*What is?*

## Criteria

The Seal is earned through a flexible points-based system. Students must earn points in both **Civic Knowledge** and **Civic Participation**.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS STATE INITIATIVE, PLEASE VISIT THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE OR CONTACT [TRACY\\_BEAUCHAMP](mailto:TRACY_BEAUCHAMP). SECONDARY COORDINATING SOCIAL STUDIES CHAIR [TBEAUCHA@3VCSO.ORG](mailto:TBEAUCHA@3VCSO.ORG)

# Special Education

James Geis- Supervisor PPS- 631-730-4541

- Placement and services are determined on an individual basis by the Committee on Special Education and detailed in an Individualized Education program (IEP).
- Programs and services follow NYS educational regulations.
- All students with an IEP or declassified support plan have a case manager.
- Transition service support is provided by Ms. Kelly Sullivan (WMHS office) for all students with an IEP.
- If you believe your child has a disability and needs special education, please send your referral for evaluation to:

James Geis, Supervisor PPS  
[jgeis@3villagecsd.org](mailto:jgeis@3villagecsd.org)

100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, NY 11790



Special Education

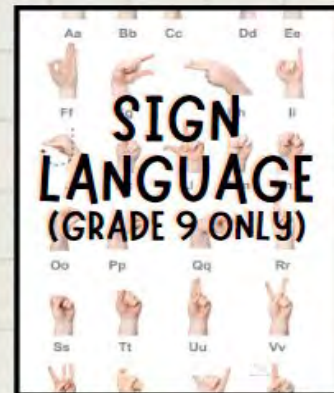
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## Additional Supports

- R.C. Murphy JHS has a full-time psychologist and social worker.
- Some disabled students who do not qualify for special education may require some accommodations through a 504 Plan. If you have questions about that, please contact Ms. Lolita Portal-Pfeffer, the 504 Committee Chair at Murphy.

# WORLD LANGUAGE

KERRI GOLINI- DIRECTOR 631-730-4567



*Students begin to take Level One of the language for High School credit in Grade 8*

World Language

Kerri Golini- Director-631-730-4567



## Sequence of World Language Study



Students will take Introduction, Level I and Level II language study for the first 3 years at Murphy Junior High School. After successfully completing Level II students will be recommended to continue in the Regents sequence of study at Ward Melville or may be eligible for the Honors Program to begin in grade 10.





# MUSIC EDUCATION

ANTHONY POLLERA - DIRECTOR 631-730-4594



GENERAL MUSIC  
BAND 7 & 8  
CHORUS 7 & 8  
ORCHESTRA 7 & 8

\*\*GROUPS MEET  
EVERY OTHER DAY



9TH GRADE ELECTIVE  
CREDIT OFFERING:

BAND 9  
CHORUS 9  
CHAMBER CHOIR 9  
ORCHESTRA 9



CONCEPTS  
TAUGHT:

- Sight Reading
- Notation
- Harmonizing
- Music Theory
- Internalizing Rhythms



## Family & Consumer Science

Gianna Pomponio- Lead Teacher- 631-730-4800



The Family & Consumer Science curriculum is designed to prepare students to meet their personal responsibilities and understand their roles as members of families, communities, and a variety of work environments in the continually changing technological world. Instruction is accomplished by emphasizing hands- on learning experiences. This is a NYS required curriculum for all 7th & 8th graders in the Three Village Central School District.

# Family & Consumer Science- Program of study

## Home & Careers- 7th grade

20 week course (1 semester)

- Decision making, problem solving, and goal setting through critical thinking in all units
- Sewing skill development
- Nutrition and Food Preparation
- Knowledge of nutritional needs for teenagers
- Safety and basic food preparation skills
- Hands- on experience in a kitchen lab setting
- Personal/ human development
- Understanding of self and relationships to others and community



## Home & Careers- 8th grade 20 week course (1 semester)

- Introduction to the world of work, economy, and financial literacy.
- Schoolinks assignments and entries related to the following:
  - Understanding the relationship of their individual traits to various careers
  - Understanding different careers through research on Schoolinks
- Goal setting, time management, and the use of resources to complete sewing projects and personal lifestyle bedroom design plans.
- Understanding the role of family related to school, work, and homeland it's impact on the well- being of themselves and others.
- Nutrition and food preparation experience incorporating family background.



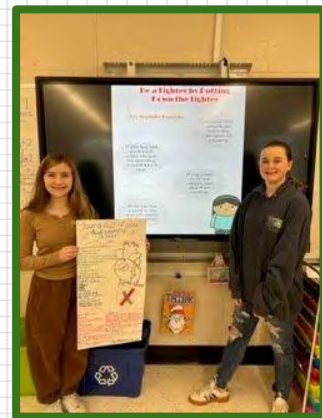
# Health Education

Christina Driscoll- Chairperson- 631-730-4988

Our health classes provide students with age appropriate, comprehensive information and skills that encourage them to make healthful decisions now and in the future.

Throughout the course, students will participate in group activities, health related projects and discussions. In addition, students will act in role playing scenarios to demonstrate effective decision making skills.

The emphasis of this course is to promote personal responsibility and accountability for one's personal health and wellness. It stresses respect for self and others, the importance of self-confidence, resistance of peer pressure and assertiveness.



Health is a New York State requirement for all students in seventh grade. Students meet every other day for a full year.

The 7th Grade Health Education course covers the following topics:

- Mental, physical and social health promotion
- Use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- Communicable and non-communicable disease prevention
- Human Sexuality

# Physical Education

Christina Driscoll- Chairperson- 631-730-4988



Physical Education is a state mandate course offering students a variety of opportunities to be in an active, safe and positive learning environment.

Students will participate in traditional-team, cooperative, and individual activities promoting lifelong fitness and sport appreciation.

Students may participate in the following activities:

Flag Football, Volleyball, Softball, Soccer, Aerobics, Tennis, Backyard Games, Badminton, Fitness Testing, Basketball, Team Building Activities, Circuit Training, Weight Training, Tchoukball, Floor Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee

Students will be assigned an individual locker for the school year. Students should keep appropriate exercise clothing in their locker including T-shirt, shorts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, sneakers & socks. All items will fit in the PE locker and will better prepare students for indoor and outdoor activities



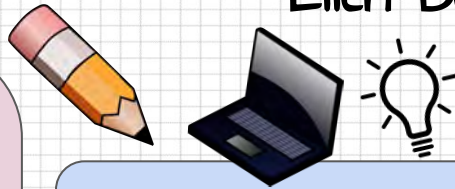


# Information Center

The Murphy Library supports students and staff by collaborating and focusing on:

- Information Literacy Skills
- Research Techniques
- Digital Citizenship
- Curriculum support
- Developing a love of literature!

Ellen Dove- Librarian- 631-730-4820



Volunteer Hours are offered in the library.

Students are welcome in the library during lunch or study hall. Passes are issued before the start of the school day. After School library is held Mon-Thur from 2:30-4.

Murphy Library offers a variety of fiction and nonfiction materials, as well as e-book and database resources for students and staff.

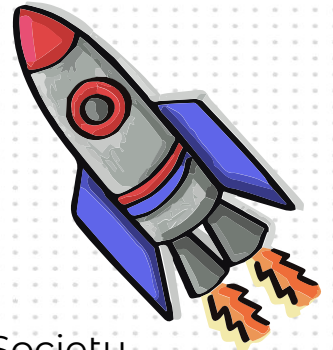
Fun scavenger hunts are offered each month to promote Information Literacy Skills.

Murphy Library Game Day  
The last Friday of the month and before each school break.



# Club Offerings at Murphy

- ★ Around the World
- ★ Art
- ★ Badminton
- ★ Book
- ★ Chamber Orchestra
- ★ Color Guard
- ★ Community Connections
- ★ Crochet
- ★ Ecology
- ★ Girls Select Choir
- ★ Jazz Ensemble
- ★ Key
- ★ Literary Magazine
- ★ Math Team
- ★ Mock Trials
- ★ Model UN
- ★ Murphy Ambassadors
- ★ National Jr Honor Society
- ★ National Art Honor Society
- ★ Pickleball
- ★ PRIDE
- ★ Science Bowl
- ★ Science Olympiad
- ★ Sewing
- ★ Strategy Games
- ★ Student Government
- ★ Wellness
- ★ Wind Ensemble
- ★ World Language
- ★ World Language Honor Society
- ★ Yearbook





# RC MURPHY PTO

Some of our events:





# Our PTO runs the school store

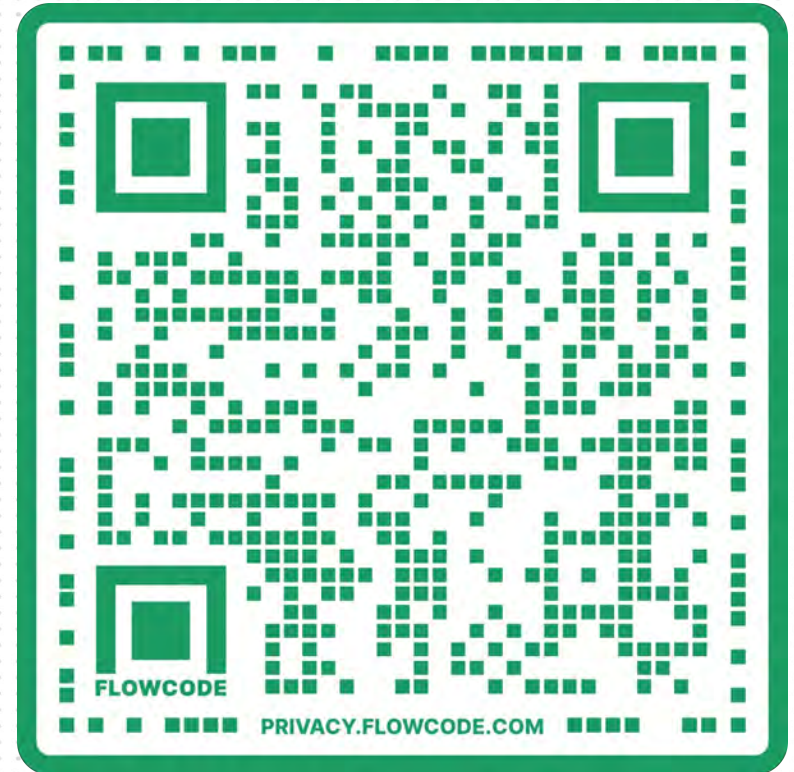
- Open Lunch Periods daily  
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
(everyday that we have a parent volunteer!)
- All sales support our kids!
- Flexible schedule  
(but terrible pay!)
- No experience needed!



# Want to learn more?



Visit our webpage to join and don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page to always be in the know!



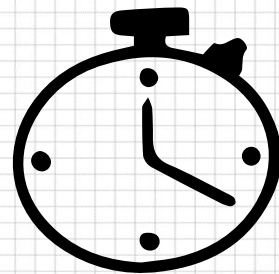
COMING SOON...

**Student Schedules  
Available on the Portal mid-August 2023**

**7th Grade Walk Through and Orientation  
End of August 2023**

**Open House Late  
September 2023**

**Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 2023**







## Numbers to take note of...

Main Office	631-730-4800
Nurse	631-730-4810
Attendance	631-730-4852
Guidance	631-730-4840



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