

## **Houghton Middle School**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Things You Need to Know**

**Camp Nesbit** – This year Camp Nesbit is tentatively set for **October 3-4-5**. Parent cost will be approximately \$65.00 per student. Please send a white t-shirt with your child for an art project.

**Camp Middle School** – Held on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30. Registration is from 8:15-8:30. Orientation begins promptly at 8:30. It is an opportunity to get comfortable with the Middle School, meet your teachers and get your class schedule! The calculators and templates for Math will also be available to purchase at this time for \$15.00.

**Core Classes** – Core classes are the four basic school subjects: Math, Social Studies, Language Arts and Science.

**EnCore Classes** – These are the non-Core classes: Art, Family and Consumer Skills (F.A.C.S.), Physical Education, Tech Explorations, Band and Choir.

**Homeroms** – Students are assigned a homeroom and travel together to Core classes and STAR. We do not accept requests for specific homeroom teachers, as they are only with that teacher for two class hours a day and possibly study hall.

**S.T.A.R.** – Stands for Students Taking Active Responsibility. See the Course Booklet for more information.

**Assignment Books** – Students are provided at the beginning of the school year and they are expected to use them throughout the year. Students should write down their daily assignments in them. They are also referred to as agenda books or planners.

**Houghton Middle School Website** - [www.hpts.us](http://www.hpts.us) provides the daily homework assignments, faculty and staff, academic information, student handbook, calendar, photo gallery, athletics and special events.

**Scoop Board** – The Scoop Board is a bulletin board located in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade area that posts the daily homework and other important information.

**Homework** – Students have homework in 2 – 3 subjects on most days. Some teachers provide work time in class. Teachers try to coordinate tests and quizzes to fall on different days. Students are marked down for late work.

**Study Hall** – This is a 1-hour study session each day. It is held in one of the Core classes and you have the opportunity to go to the library or ask teachers for help.

**Honor Roll** – The Honor Roll is a list of students that have earned a B average or better in all classes. The Honor Roll is published twice yearly in the newspaper. Honor Roll students are recognized at the Academic Award Assembly each May.

**Lunch** – Students can purchase a lunch (menu available online) or bring their own.

**GRIT** – GRIT is the Middle and High School Positive Behavior Acronym that stands for Goals, Respect, Integrity and Teamwork

**Middle School Month** – This takes place in March. The Middle School Senate sponsors a ton of fun activities.

**MS/HS Library** – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend Library Orientation and will receive a library card. Students can access the Library before school, after school until 4:00 p.m. at lunchtime and during study hall, using a pass.

**Lockers** – Every student will have their own lockers and combination. All books, supplies and jackets will be stored in the lockers. Students should keep their combinations private. Students are expected to keep lockers clean and organized.

**Electronics** – Students can use electronics before school (until 8:00 a.m.), at lunch in the multi-purpose room, after school (3:30 p.m.) and with teacher permission. When not in use, electronics should be stored off and in lockers.

**Absences** - Our most successful students are on time and in school. They miss fewer than 5 days per marking period. If you need to be absent, tardy or early pick-up, your parents must call the attendance line at 482-0450. Students must sign in and out of the office.

**Tardiness** - A tardy is defined as any time you report to any class without a valid excuse after the second bell has rung. If you are late for a class, you will be marked tardy. The only exception to tardiness is when a student has a pass. One lunchtime detention is assigned for three tardies in a marking period.

**Physical Education** – Sixth grade PE students will be assigned a locker and combination lock. They are expected to change clothes in the locker room. Swimming is a part of the PE curriculum.

### **Rooms You Need To Know**

Door #9 is the MS Entrance

To the left of the Middle School Entrance – MS Office (Ms.Filpus & Mrs. Maki)

MS Counselor's Office (Mrs. Bishop)

600 – Computer Lab (Mrs. Laplander)

601 – Science (Mr. Belmas)

602 – Language Arts (Mrs. Laplander)

603 – Social Studies (Mr. Nolan)

604 – Math (Ms. Marttila)

605 – Resource Room (Mrs. Hoduski & Mrs. Wiitanen)

601 – Art (Mr. Belmas)

110 – F.A.C.S.(Mrs. Sayen)

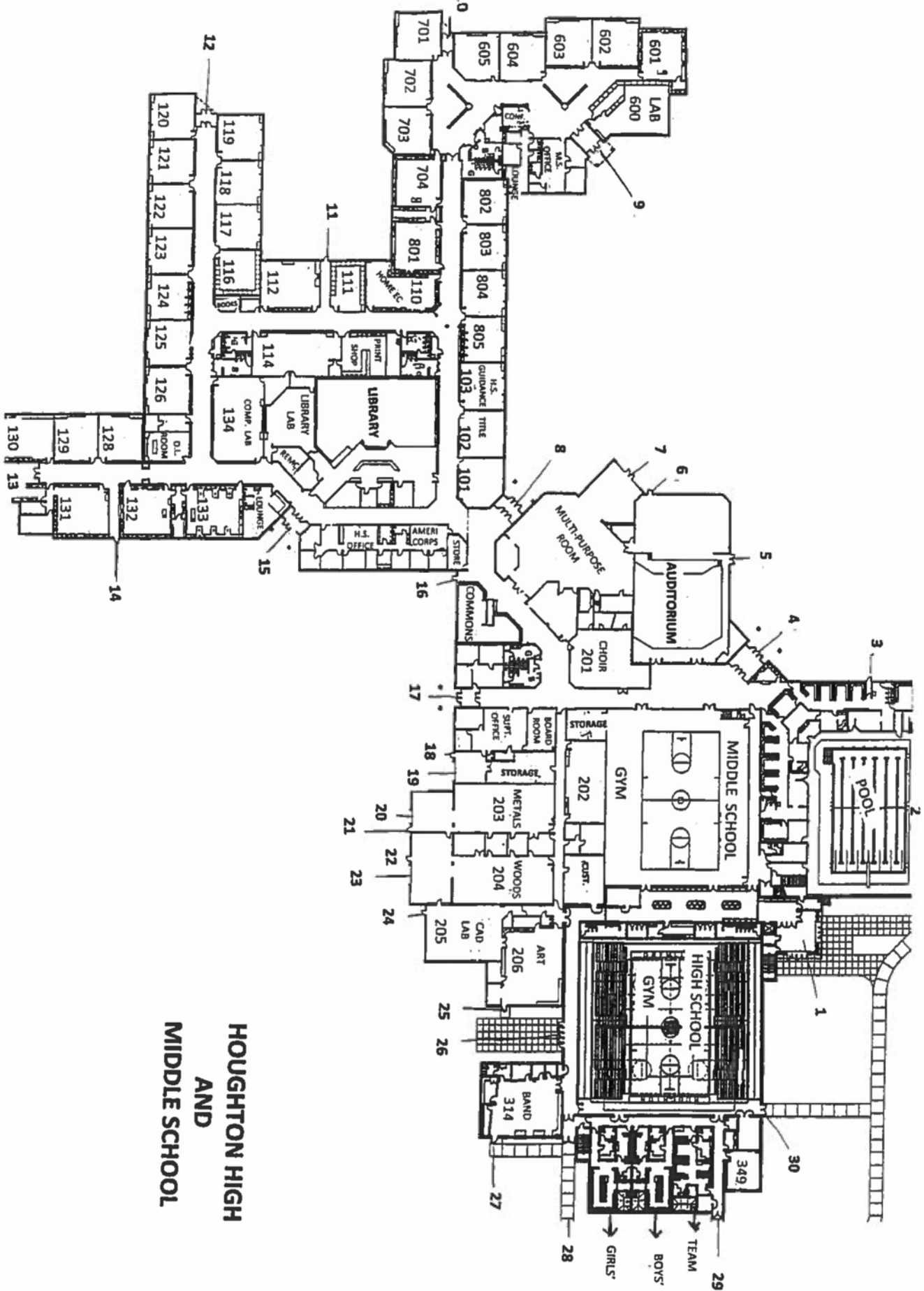
314 – Band 6 & Choir 6 (Mrs. Fontaine)

Auditorium – For Assemblies

Gym & Natatorium – Physical Education/Swimming (Mr. Hauswirth)

Media Center – Library

Multi-Purpose Room – Lunch Room



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