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Welcome  
to  
6th Grade  
at  
Ghent Middle  
School

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# Introductions



Dr. Banks, Principal

Mr. Tooley, Assistant Principal



# Schedules: Odd/Even Days

## 2024-2025 Norfolk Public Schools Even/Odd Calendar

| AUGUST 2024 |                                       |         |         |         |         |    |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| S           | M                                     | T       | W       | T       | F       | S  |
|             |                                       |         |         | 1       | 2       | 3  |
| 4           | 5                                     | 6       | 7       | 8       | 9       | 10 |
| 11          | 12                                    | 13      | 14      | 15      | 16      | 17 |
| 18          | 19<br>E<br><i>First Day of School</i> | 20<br>O | 21<br>E | 22<br>O | 23<br>E | 24 |
| 25          | 26<br>O                               | 27<br>E | 28<br>O | 29<br>E | 30      | 31 |

| SEPTEMBER 2024 |         |         |         |         |         |    |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| S              | M       | T       | W       | T       | F       | S  |
| 1              | 2       | 3<br>O  | 4<br>E  | 5<br>O  | 6<br>E  | 7  |
| 8              | 9<br>O  | 10<br>E | 11<br>O | 12<br>E | 13<br>O | 14 |
| 15             | 16<br>E | 17<br>O | 18<br>E | 19<br>O | 20<br>E | 21 |
| 22             | 23<br>O | 24<br>E | 25<br>O | 26<br>E | 27<br>O | 28 |
| 29             | 30<br>E |         |         |         |         |    |

| OCTOBER 2024 |         |         |         |         |         |    |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| S            | M       | T       | W       | T       | F       | S  |
|              |         | 1<br>O  | 2<br>E  | 3<br>O  | 4<br>E  | 5  |
| 6            | 7<br>O  | 8<br>E  | 9<br>O  | 10<br>E | 11<br>O | 12 |
| 13           | 14      | 15<br>E | 16<br>O | 17<br>E | 18<br>O | 19 |
| 20           | 21<br>E | 22<br>O | 23<br>E | 24<br>O | 25<br>E | 26 |
| 27           | 28      | 29<br>O | 30<br>E | 31<br>O |         |    |

| NOVEMBER 2024 |         |         |         |         |         |    |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| S             | M       | T       | W       | T       | F       | S  |
|               |         |         |         |         | 1<br>E  | 2  |
| 3             | 4<br>O  | 5       | 6<br>E  | 7<br>O  | 8<br>E  | 9  |
| 10            | 11      | 12<br>O | 13<br>E | 14<br>O | 15<br>E | 16 |
| 17            | 18<br>O | 19<br>E | 20<br>O | 21<br>E | 22<br>O | 23 |
| 24            | 25<br>E | 26<br>O | 27      | 28      | 29      | 30 |

| DECEMBER 2024 |         |         |         |         |         |    |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| S             | M       | T       | W       | T       | F       | S  |
| 1             | 2<br>E  | 3<br>O  | 4<br>E  | 5<br>O  | 6<br>E  | 7  |
| 8             | 9<br>O  | 10<br>E | 11<br>O | 12<br>E | 13<br>O | 14 |
| 15            | 16<br>E | 17<br>O | 18<br>E | 19<br>O | 20<br>E | 21 |
| 22            | 23      | 24      | 25      | 26      | 27      | 28 |
| 29            | 30      | 31      |         |         |         |    |

| JANUARY 2025 |         |         |         |         |         |    |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| S            | M       | T       | W       | T       | F       | S  |
|              |         |         | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4  |
| 5            | 6<br>O  | 7<br>E  | 8<br>O  | 9<br>E  | 10<br>O | 11 |
| 12           | 13<br>E | 14<br>O | 15<br>E | 16<br>O | 17      | 18 |
| 19           | 20      | 21<br>E | 22<br>O | 23<br>E | 24<br>O | 25 |
| 26           | 27<br>E | 28<br>O | 29<br>E | 30<br>O | 31<br>E |    |

As a sixth grader, you will follow a block schedule.

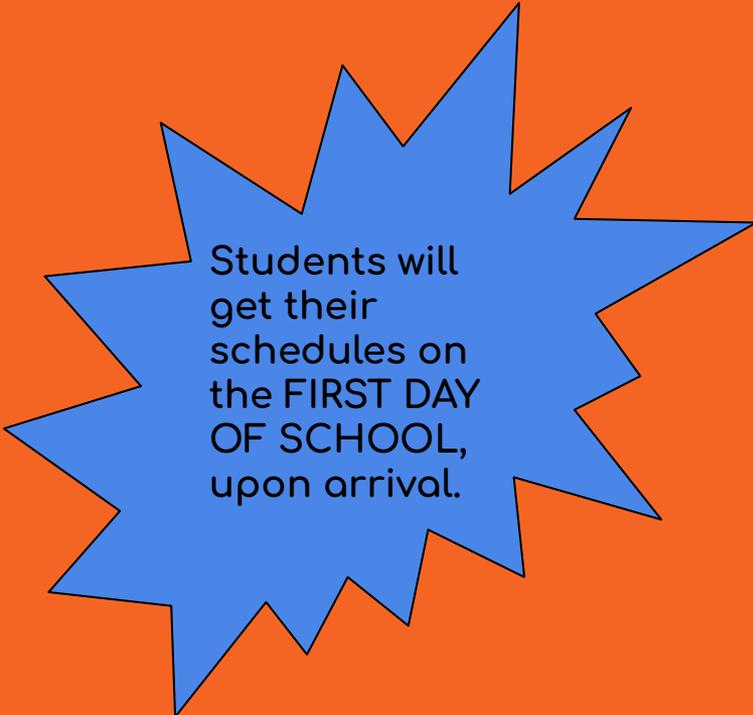
| EVEN Days | ODD Days |
|-----------|----------|
| Block 2   | Block 1  |
| Block 4   | Block 3  |
| Block 6   | Block 5  |
| Block 8   | Block 7  |

Blocks last approximately 90 minutes each.

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!**

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# Sample Daily Schedule



Students will  
get their  
schedules on  
the FIRST DAY  
OF SCHOOL,  
upon arrival.

## Middle School Daily Schedule

8:00 - Arrival & Breakfast

8:15 - 9:45 AM - Block 1/2

**9:45-9:48 - Rotate Classes**

9:48 - 11:15 AM - Block 3/4

**11:15 - 11:18 AM - Rotate Classes**

11:18 AM - 1:15 PM - Block 5/6

**1:15-1:18 - Rotate Classes**

1:18 - 2:45 PM - Block 7/8

**2:45 PM - Dismissal**

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# Every Minute Counts

#AttendanceCounts



How much does a few minutes matter?

- Grab your cell phone.
- Let's do some quick work!
  - 3 minutes/day
  - 5 minutes/day
  - 10 minutes/day

Failing to plan is planning to fail!

Plan for your success by preparing the night before.

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Oh no! How am I going to manage the new even/odd day schedule?

How am I going to keep track of everything?

I am so nervous!



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# Tips to Manage the Even/Odd Schedule

Have different backpacks for even and odd days.

Use a daily planner to record assignments.

Check Canvas consistently for assignments.

Sign into StudentVue regularly to check your grades.

Do not wait until the last minute to complete work.





Ghent Middle School  
students are --

Respectful...

Responsible...

and Safe!

What are  
some  
examples of  
respectful,  
responsible,  
and safe  
Ghent Rocket  
behavior?



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Ghent Middle School students arrive to school on time,  
**READY TO START THE DAY ON A POSITIVE NOTE..**

1→ Arrive to school & **be in class no later than 8:15.**

School begins promptly then.

Doors open at 8:00.



2→ Turn your cell phone **off** and place in your backpack.

Remove any hoods or earbuds (put away) as well.



3→ Report **directly** to breakfast in the cafeteria.

Do not go to class to drop off materials.



4→ **Go directly to class** with your breakfast.

Avoid roaming the hallways and visiting other classrooms.

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# Ghent Middle School students arrive to class **READY TO LEARN.**

Students have --

- A backpack with notebooks, folders, and textbooks needed for either an **EVEN** or an **ODD** day
- Their assigned chromebook and charger [plug in to charge before leaving class each block]
- Supplies (pencils, pens, etc.)
- Completed assignments
- A positive attitude!!



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# Cell Phones in the Middle School



- ***NPS Cell Phone Policy***
- NPS Consequences for Policy Violations

| Violation Number | Consequence   |
|------------------|---|
| 1                | Phone returned at the end of the day                          |
| 2                | Confiscated for 2 school days; parent must pick up            |
| 3                | Confiscated for one <b><u>month</u></b> ; parent must pick up |
| 4                | Confiscated until the <b><u>end</u></b> of the school year    |



**Is it  
worth  
it?**

# NPS Dress Code



| GREEN LIGHT  | RED LIGHT                               |
|---|--|
| 1. Private areas and midriffs covered in opaque fabric  | 1. Items with violent images or language, hate speech, profanity, pornography, drugs, or alcohol                           |
| 2. Shirt/Dress worn with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms)          | 2. Any clothing that reveals undergarments including ripped or see-thru clothing (no rips or holes above knees w/o tights) |
| 3. Pants/Shorts/Skirts or the equivalent  | 3. Hats and hoods in the building; anything that covers the face and ears  |
| 4. Shoes-- <u>athletic shoes for PE</u> ; backstraps for safety ("sports mode")               | 4. Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment   |
| 5. Religious headwear   | 5. Slides, Clogs w/o a strap, Pajamas, Flip flops, Slippers, Swimsuits   |
|   | 6. Accessories that could be dangerous   |

# Ways to Participate in Middle School



## Clubs

Dungeons & Dragons, STEM, Courtroom Law, Math Challenge

## Athletics

With Blair Middle School or Intramurals

## Yearbook

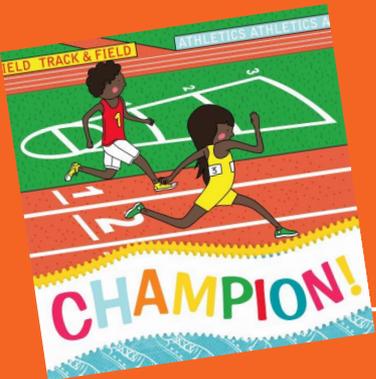
## SCA

Student Government

## NJHS

Invitation to join based on your 6th/7th Grade Grade GPA

## Safety Patrol



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## How Parents Can Help IGNITE & INSPIRE!

Know that we are also here to support your child and help them achieve growth & success!

Join the Ghent PTA and attend school events as possible.

Check the gradebook through ParentVue often.

Contact the teacher if you notice your student struggling.

Sign your student up for FEV tutoring.

Periodically ask your student if there are any needed supplies or materials.

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## Contacting Teachers

Do you have a question for your child's teacher? Would you like to schedule a Parent Teacher Conference? Please don't hesitate to email the teacher!

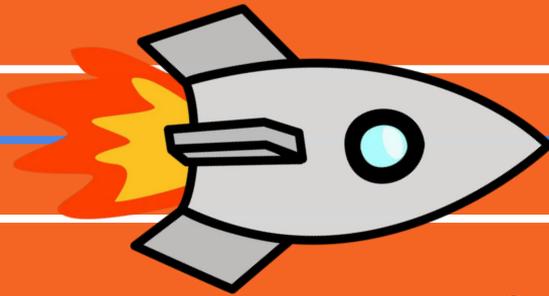
| Teacher                              | Email  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Mrs. Thompson, Math                  | <a href="mailto:dmthompson@nps.k12.va.us">dmthompson@nps.k12.va.us</a> |
| Ms. Moore, English                   | <a href="mailto:mmoore462@nps.k12.va.us">mmoore462@nps.k12.va.us</a>   |
| Mrs. Cohen, Science & Social Studies | <a href="mailto:mcohen620@nps.k12.va.us">mcohen620@nps.k12.va.us</a>   |





What questions  
do you have  
about middle  
school?

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We are looking forward  
to a successful  
& exciting year! Are you  
ready? Is it in you?

