



## BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Home of the Bears*

August 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The beginning of the 2025-2026 school year is less than a month away. It is my hope that you and your family are having an enjoyable summer.

All of the staff members at West are dedicated to providing our students with the best education possible. Our goal is to provide an environment that will be positive and supporting for all students. Our staff is well-trained, our curriculum is well-written, and we have the Board and community support to effectively educate our students. To best serve our students' needs, we assign the school counselors based on grade level. The sixth-grade counselor is Mrs. Grace Turnbull. She is your first point of contact. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns. We ask that you encourage your student to do his/her best in the classroom, during activities, and at home while doing homework. Your participation in the educational process is invaluable. Without your help, it is very difficult to succeed.

Effective at 4:00PM on August 8, 2025, you will be able to view your child's schedule in Infinite Campus. The schedule is organized in block format. We suggest that you review the block schedule to ensure that your child's schedule is accurate. Also, please take the time to review the schedule for the following items:

1. Every sixth grader should be scheduled for two periods of ELA 6 and two periods of Math 6. Additionally, sixth graders will have two periods of science or social studies every day for a semester. Students who start the year with science will complete the course in January and switch to social studies for the remainder of the year. Students who start with social studies will switch to science at the semester break.
2. Every sixth grader should have art, business, health, or tech ed every day for one period. They will begin the year in one of those classes and then rotate to another one once the class has been completed.
3. Three periods of physical education should be on the schedule as well as two periods of either Music 6 or Chorus 6. There should also be one period per cycle of REACH for the Future. Students enrolled in band, chorus, or orchestra will not have general music. Instead, they will have a study hall.
4. All students should be scheduled for a period of lunch each day.

If you find that the schedule does not include the above items, please call the office as soon as possible to discuss it. We want the schedules to be as accurate as possible for the beginning of school. If we made a mistake, we need to know so we can correct it before the beginning of school.

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 25, 2025. There will be several orientation programs before that for new students to our building (sixth graders as well as transfer students). The first will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, from 9:00AM-11:00AM and the second on Monday, August 18, 2025, from 1:00PM-3:00PM. At this program, you will be given time to locate classrooms and practice opening lockers. A copy of the locker assignment and combination will be provided during the program. We will provide a map of the building. Bear Ambassadors will be available as guides and helpers. Teachers will not be present at these orientations.

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On Wednesday August 20, 2025, we will hold the formal orientation program for sixth graders and parents/guardians. The program will begin at 6:00 PM in the auditorium. Mr. Schmaldienst and I will speak regarding different programs at the school and then you will have more time to locate classrooms and practice the locker routine.

Please note that our district continues to use Infinite Campus for our student information system. As you have done in the past, we will need you to verify all student demographic, emergency and medical information for your child before the start of the new school year through the online student data validation system. The software package also will provide you with a grade portal where you will be able to check your student's grades online at any time. You will also receive your transportation information through the portal on or around Thursday, August 14, 2025.

All sixth graders will receive a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year. District technology should be used for educational purposes only.

The activity fee of \$100 continues to be in place for students involved in certain extra-curricular activities. The fee is annual and covers all activities that your child chooses to participate in for the entire school year. A family cap of \$300 is also in place. See our webpage under the Activity/Clubs tab for more details. If your child participates in one of the activities, you will receive a letter from the activity coach or leader with specific information on how to pay the activity fee.

A weekly digital newsletter will be sent to your e-mail and Infinite Campus portal to keep you informed regarding upcoming events at Middle School West. We recommend that you take a few minutes to review the document weekly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at (610) 369-7471. Attached to this letter are the 2025-2026 calendar and supply list. Live versions of these documents are posted on our school website.

Finally, below are the names of several key members of the MSW team:

Mrs. Amy Dombrowski – Principal  
Mr. David Schmaldienst – Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Grace Turnbull – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor  
Ms. Julia Williamson – School Nurse  
Officer James Gresh – BASD School Police

Mrs. Brittany Algeo – Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Jan Benfield – Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Sharona McDowell – Attendance Secretary  
Mrs. Stefanie Palopoli -- Librarian

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in just a few weeks.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Amy Dombrowski, Principal

# Middle School West Calendar at a Glance 2025-2026

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
8/13/25	New Student Day 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	1/24/26	Inter-County Band
8/18/25	New Student Day 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	2/4/26	Coffee with the Principal -- 8:00AM
8/19/25	No School (Professional Development Day)	2/6/26	Dance (Snow Make Up Date)
8/20/25	No School (Professional Development Day)	2/13/26	No School (Professional Development Day)
8/20/25	6th Grade Orientation 6:00 PM	2/16/26	President's Day -- School Closed/Offices Open
8/21/25	No School (Professional Development Day)	3/4/26	End of 2nd Trimester
8/25/25	First Day of School for Students	3/5/26	Parent/Teacher Conferences -- 4:00PM-7:00PM
8/28/25	Picture Day / Health Screenings	3/7/26	Music League Chicken Dinner
8/29/25	No School -- School Resumes 9/2/25	3/11/26	No School (Professional Development Day)
9/4/25	Back to School Night - Grades 7 & 8 -- 6:30PM	3/13/26	West One Acts
9/12/25	6th Grade Team Building Day (Rain Date TBD)	3/14/26	Boyertown Jazz Fest
9/17/25	Early Dismissal - PM PD	3/31/26	Early Dismissal - PM PD
9/27/25	Cavalcade of Bands	4/1/26	No School -- Offices Open
10/1/25	Coffee with the Principal 8:00 AM	4/2/26	School Closed -- Offices Closed -- Resumes 4/6
10/6/25	Picture Retake Day	4/10/26	Student Council Dance 7:00PM-9:00PM
10/10/25	Student Council Dance 7:00PM-9:00PM	4/11/26	Jr. County Music Festival @ Muhlenberg
10/13/25	No School (Professional Development Day)	4/15-4/18	TSA State Conference
10/15/25	Early Dismissal - PM PD	4/16-4/19	YAG State Conference
10/16/25	PA Philharmonic	4/21/26	ELA PSSA (through 4/23/26)
10/18/25	Boyertown Halloween Parade	4/27/26	Math PSSA (through 4/28/26)
10/20/25	Bally Halloween Parade	4/29/26	Science PSSA (through 4/30/26)
11/9/25	MSE/MSW Veteran's Day Performance	4/30/26	MSW Art Show 6:30PM
11/11/25	No School (Professional Development Day)	4/30/26	MSW Chorus Concert 7:00PM
11/20/25	Book Fair 6:30PM	5/1/26	No School (Professional Development Day)
11/20/25	Chorus Concert 7:00PM	5/4/26	5th Grade Visitation to MSW
11/20/25	End of 1st Trimester	5/5/26	No Place for Hate Day
11/24/25	Early Dismissal - PM PD	5/8/26	8th Grade Visitation to BASH
11/24/25	Parent Conferences 1:00PM-3:00PM/4:00PM-7:00PM	5/8/26	8th Grade East/West Dance at BASH
11/25/25	Early Dismissal - PM PD	5/13/26	MSE/MSW Orchestra Concert 7:00PM @ BASH
11/25/25	Parent Conferences 1:00PM-3:00PM	5/14/26	Band Concert 7:00 PM
11/26/25	Early Dismissal -- 11:35AM	5/18/26	Algebra Keystone (through 5/19/26)
11/27/25	No School -- School Resumes 12/2/25	5/21/26	8th Grade Project (through 6/4/26)
12/4/25	Ned Hector (Grade 8)	5/25/26	No School -- Memorial Day
12/5/25	East-West Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM @ BASH	5/25/26	Memorial Day Parade
12/10/25	Coffee with the Principal 8:00 AM	6/2/26	Early Dismissal -- PM PD
12/12/25	Dance (YAG) 7:00PM - 9:00 PM	6/3/26	Early Dismissal -- PM PD
12/15/25	Band Concert 7:00PM	6/4/26	8th Grade Project Presentations
12/22/25	Holiday Music Assembly	6/4/26	Senior Graduation Walk
12/23/25	Early Dismissal -- 11:35AM	6/4/26	Early Dismissal -- PM PD
12/24/25	No School -- School Resumes 1/5/25	6/5/26	Awards Assembly
1/13/26	West Spelling Bee	6/5/26	Early Dismissal -- PM PD
1/14/26	West Spelling Bee	6/5/26	Last Student Day -- End of T3
1/16/26	Early Dismissal - PM PD		
1/19/26	No School -- MLK Day		
1/20/26	Start of Semester 2		
1/22/26	8th Grade Parent Presentation at BASH 6:00PM		
1/23/26	Dance (TSA) 7:00PM-9:00PM (TENTATIVE)		

# Welcome to Sixth Grade at MSW!

Your sixth grade teachers will be very busy over the summer preparing for the upcoming school year. They are eager and excited to work with you and hope to have a great year! This letter contains important information to help you as you begin your journey at Middle School West! Please be sure to share the information found below with your parents/guardians and keep a copy of this information for future reference.

## Expectations for a Successful Year

- Arrive on time with all needed materials
- Complete all assignments on time
- Participate in class
- Communicate with your teacher if you have a question or problem
- Treat others as you would like to be treated
- Be respectful
- Follow all school rules
- BE AWESOME! (This is our school's motto, so you will be hearing it a lot next year!)

Turn over to see the supply list!



What supplies will I need?

## General List:

### **Required:**

- ✓ 1 box of #2 pencils
- ✓ 1 box colored pencils
- ✓ 1 pack of cap erasers
- ✓ Pens for signing out of a classroom/making corrections
- ✓ 1 pack of highlighters
- ✓ Wired Earbuds/Headphones (Please keep your AirPods at home!)
- ✓ 2 Glue sticks
- ✓ Zippered Pencil pouch (no pencil boxes, please!)
- ✓ 1 box of tissues (donation to the homeroom classroom)

## Subject List

### **ELA:**

- ✓ (1) Plastic 2 Pocket Folder
- ✓ (2) **Marble** composition notebooks



### **MATH:**

- ✓ Calculator -Casio FX-300ES Plus
- ✓ (1) Plastic 2 Pocket Folder
- ✓ (1) 1 inch 3 ring binder
- ✓ (1) Single subject spiral notebook

### **SOCIAL STUDIES:**

- ✓ (1) Plastic 2 Pocket Folder
- ✓ (1) Spiral bound single subject notebook

### **SCIENCE:**

- ✓ (1) **Marble** composition notebook
- ✓ (1) Plastic 2 Pocket Folder

### **Other Reminders!**

- No trapper keepers
- Metal or plastic no-spill water bottles preferred!