

SWITZERLAND POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL



HOME OF THE RAIDERS

WELCOME



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Ms. Shelley Helfinstine, Counselor
Ms. Caryn Patterson, Counselor
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Switzerland Point Middle School strives to empower all students with a passion and a curiosity for learning as well as empathy for others. Each student's strengths, talents, and creative abilities will be recognized and nurtured.



CORE VALUES

Rigorous learning for
all students

Visible Learning

Growth Mindset

Creativity is essential

"Failure is an opportunity to grow"

GROWTH MINDSET

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try new things"

"Failure is the limit of my abilities"

FIXED MINDSET

"I'm either good at it or I'm not"

"My abilities are unchanging"

"I don't like to be challenged"

"I can either do it, or I can't"

"My potential is predetermined"

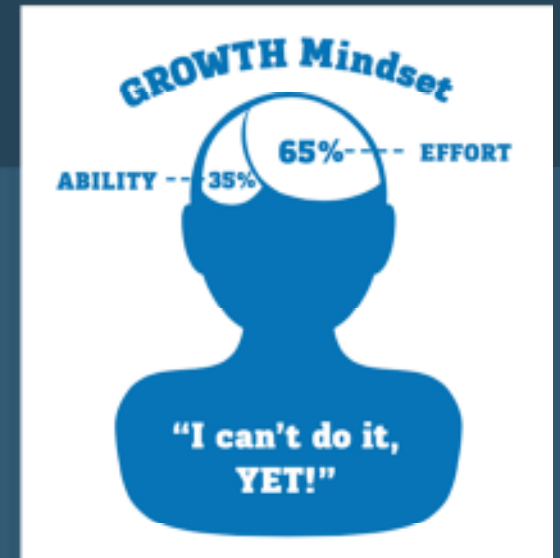
"When I'm frustrated, I give up"

"Feedback and criticism are personal"

"I stick to what I know"

Growth Mindset 101

- Perception of their ability plays a key role in motivation and achievement
- Students who believe their intelligence can be developed with GM outperform those who believe they have a FM
- Focus on the processes that lead to learning, like hard work, new strategies, creative problem solving, collaboration



Home Dynamics

Interaction

Physical Development

Importance of Self-Advocacy



Social Awareness

Cognitive Development

More Responsibility

Get
Connected!

SCHOOL
WEBSITE

RAIDER RAP

SAC

TWITTER
ACCOUNT
COMING
SOON!



EDMODO

SCHOOL
MESSENGER

HOME ACCESS
CENTER

PTSO

General FACTS

- Opened in 1991
- One of 10 middle/K-8 schools
- About 1,300 students
- Colors – Black & Silver
- Mascot – The Raiders



MIDDLE SCHOOL IN GENERAL



The State of Florida requires the following for promotion each year:

Passing grades in Language Arts , Math, Science and Social Studies.

Additional requirements:

- Support for students with FSA ELA Level 1 or 2
- Support for students with FSA Math Level 1 or 2

SCHEDULE



- Wednesday – 1pm dismissal
- Raider Hour one day a week either Tues./Thurs.

SKINNY Period (World History)	SKINNY Period (World History)
BLACK 1 (Math)	SILVER 1 (Band)
BLACK 2 (ICT)	SILVER 2 (Science)
BLACK 3 (ELA)	SILVER 3 (PE)

6th GRADE ACADEMICS



LEVELS

- Advanced
- Standard



ESE

- Gifted
- Support Facilitation
- Access Points



CORE

- Math
- ELA
- Science
- Social Studies

Non-Core Courses

3 non-core courses are taken each year

In 6th grade, ALL students take:

Physical Education (year-long)

ICT Essential 1 (year-long)

Choice non-core courses:

Band

Critical Thinking

MS Beginning Spanish (MUST have FSA ELA level 5)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

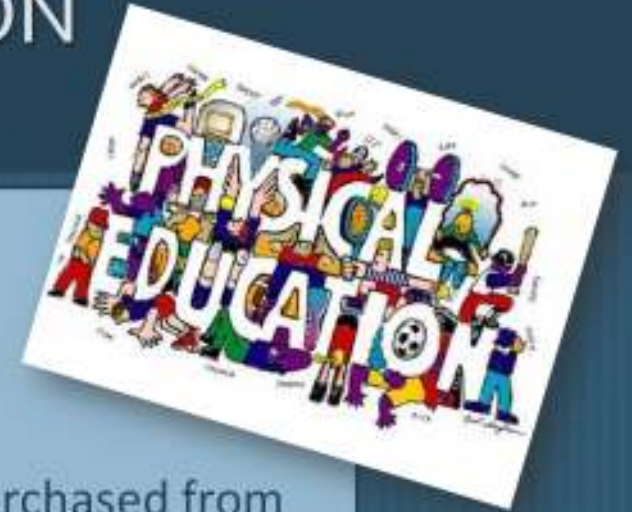
2 semester courses:

1st semester – Comprehensive Fitness

2nd semester – Gymnastics and Dance

Students wear a uniform of t-shirt & shorts purchased from Swiss Point on our Saturday “Get Ready for School” event (items are \$10 each)

Students are in dressing room and warm-up with 7th & 8th graders, but then grade levels are split



ICT ESSENTIALS 1

Students learn core concepts associated with computers and their use while creating template-based webpages and basic computer programs

End of course certification test in cybersecurity, word processing, and multimedia



SPANISH

MS Beginning Spanish = 1st semester of HS Spanish 1

MS Intermediate Spanish = 2nd semester of HS Spanish 1

MS Beg & Int. Spanish are equivalent to HS Spanish 1

If both MS courses are taken, the final grades can be averaged and placed on the transcript for HS Spanish 1.

Parents must chose this option before the winter break.

If HS credit not chosen, students can take Spanish 1 in 9th grade.

Hola!



SUPPORT FOR LEVEL 1 OR 2

Intensive Reading blocked with Science and World History (extra 55 minutes of class).

Language Arts 1 paired with Writing 1 for 90 minutes of Language Arts each day.

Intensive Math blocked with Math 2 for 90 minutes of math every day.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE)

ESE services may include:

- Reading support with ESE teacher in ELA 1 or ELA 1 blocked with Writing 1
- Math support facilitation with ESE teacher in Math 1 or Math 1 blocked w/Intensive Math
- Consultation

GIFTED SERVICES

- EP written at end of 5th grade and is good for three years.
- Gifted students generally take all advanced classes
- Math placement will be based on 2016-17 FSA Scores

Middle School Clubs and Activities

- Art Club
- B6 Club
- Dreams Come True Club
- Math Counts!
- Science Olympiad
- International Thespian Society
- Student Council
- Art Club
- Garden Club
- Dances
- Basketball
- Winterguard
- Road Raiders
- Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Yearbook



6TH GRADE CAMP



- 2 day camp - \$65, which includes locker, lunch, & snack.
- Registration MUST be received by Friday, May 5th
- Monday July 31st & Tuesday August 1st
- 7:40am to 2:00pm – drop-off begins at 7:15am

BEYOND THE BELL



- Extended Day from 2-6pm; 1-6pm on Wednesdays
- Housed in the Media Center
- Certified teacher(s) from 3-6pm to assist with homework
- 2 options available:
 - Daily usage
 - 10 payments of \$240
 - \$75 registration fee
 - Occasional usage
 - 20 visits for \$340
 - \$35 registration fee

Who do I ask for assistance?

- Specific class questions - Classroom Teacher
- General academic questions or emotional and social concerns - Ms. Patterson, Guidance Counselor
- Behavioral concerns - Dean Burney, Dean Abbatinozzi
- Reading Plus/Literacy - Language Arts Teacher/Administration
- Home Access Center - Ms. Miller

we can
help

INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

We are here for you!!!

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd
2:00-4:00pm

