

Saranac Jr/Sr High School

7th Grade Orientation

May 15, 2013

Schedule and Promotion

- Students have four core classes, two exploratory classes and Guided Academics
- 60 Minutes per period/5 minutes passing
- Students may not be failing more than one CORE class to be promoted to 8th Grade.
- Promotion, Placement or Retention

Jr/Sr High Grading Policies

- **Based 80% on SUMMATIVE Assessments and Projects**
- **20% Based on Homework, Practice and FORMATIVE Assessments**
 - **Student responsibility**
 - **Collected, graded and documented in gradebook**
 - **Practice (and feedback) for assessments**
- **Retakes allowed on all assessments – often required to meet with teacher prior to a retake, complete all homework assigned prior to the assessment and any additional requirements (teacher discretion)**
- **Retakes may be taken for two weeks after the assessment has been returned to the student**

Handbook Highlights

- Attendance/Student Responsibilities
- Tardies
- Cell Phones
- Dress Code
- Discipline Steps
- Food and Drinks
- PDA
- Eligibility for Clubs/Sports
- Lunch Detention, ALR, suspensions
- Read your Handbook!

Lunch!

- 7th/8th graders eat lunch separately from the high school students (likely 12:00 PM)
- Multiple options available
- \$2.25 per lunch (Free/Reduced available)
- Gym, Library and Commons available

Activities

- Athletics
- Band
- Student Council
- Chess Club
- Destination Imagination
- FFA
- Dances
- Reward Trips
- Homecoming
- Pando

The Building

- East wing of the building primarily for 7/8 classes and lockers
- Students in grades 7-11 have locker partners
- Arrive 10-15 minutes prior to school starting
- Drop off/Pick up behind the school
- Buses drop off and pick up out front
- Students must be out of the building by 3:00 PM unless with a teacher or coach (or remain in the supervised computer lab to read or do homework).

Communication

- E-mail Individual Staff Members
- Principals' e-mail Lists
- Phone – 642-1100
- Skyward Student Information System for Grades and Discipline
- “Smoke Signals”
- School Website

Upcoming Events

- 6th Grade Visit to Jr/Sr High School –
Wednesday, May 29th
- Smart Start – End of August
 - Information to come home in summer mailing
 - Pictures, Schedules, Lockers, etc.
- Feel Free to Visit the Building With Your Student!

Good luck!