

# Introduction to Junior High School



# Welcome to Roth or Burger!

- Junior High School covers grades 7, 8, and 9.
- It will be a time to make new friends and to take exciting new classes!
- You will be able to have some choice over the classes you take, too - more choice each year of JHS.
- You will also be able to take part in school-sponsored sports and join a variety of after school clubs and activities or get extra help with homework after school.
- You will be able to change classes every period and will have 7-8 different teachers!



# **After this presentation you should:**

- 1. Better understand what to expect in junior high school next year**
- 2. Understand how to select classes for 7th grade**
- 3. Understand what resources are available to help you pick your 7th grade classes**
- 4. Know what the 7th grade schedule looks like**
- 5. Know who some of the people will be that you'll be working with**
- 6. Have more information about lockers and 7th grade teaming**



# Scheduling For 7th Grade

- [Secondary Program Course Guide](#) - use this to read about the required courses and the elective courses (courses that you can choose to take) for 7th grade.
- A Google form will be sent by your 6th-grade counselor the last week of Dec.
- All forms must be completed and turned in by January 21st!



# 7th Grade Scheduling

- Once you're turned in your Google course selection form, your 6th-grade counselor will meet with you to discuss your courses for next year. These meetings will start in early January. After that meeting, your counselor will input your course selections into SchoolTool. In early March, you and your parents will be able to log into SchoolTool to see the list of your course requests.
- We will do our best to make sure you get the World Language and elective classes you request, but sometimes we have to give you second choices, based on class sizes, staffing or course changes, or scheduling conflicts. If you receive extra support in reading or in math, you may also have limitations in the elective classes you can take.

# 7th Grade Required Courses

- Every student will be scheduled for these five **core** classes:
  - ELA 7
  - Social Studies 7
  - Science 7
  - Math 7 or Math 7/8 Accelerated
  - PE (Physical Education)
- Students must pick one of these **World Language** courses, along with a backup, in case you can't get your first choice:
  - Spanish 7
  - French 7
  - German 7
  - American Sign Language 7

# 7th Grade Elective choices

- 7th grade students will take **Art 7** and **Junior High Health** and may choose **two** of the following elective courses (these courses are every day for half the year and then change to a new class halfway through the school year):
  - Family and Consumer Science
  - Technology 7
  - Computer Science and Digital Fluency
- Students must choose **one\*** music course (these courses are every other day for the whole year and alternate with PE):
  - Chorus
  - Band
  - Orchestra
  - General Music

\* Students may take Chorus **and** Band or Chorus **and** Orchestra, but will have to give up another elective class to do so. Students not taking Chorus, Band, or Orchestra will take General Music.

# Typical 7th Grade Schedule

## A Day

Period 1 ELA 7

Period 2 SS 7

Period 3 Math 7

Lunch

Period 4 PE

Period 5 Health 7 (semester 2 - FACS)

Period 6 Spanish 7

Period 7 Science 7

Period 8 Tech 7 (semester 2 - Art)

## B Day

Period 1 ELA 7

Period 2 SS 7

Period 3 Math 7

Lunch

Period 4 Band 7

Period 5 Health 7 (semester 2 - FACS)

Period 6 Spanish 7

Period 7 Science 7

Period 8 Tech 7 (semester 2 - Art)



# 7th Grade Schedule

- There are 8 periods a day, each lasting about 45 minutes.
- There is 4 minutes passing time in between periods.
- The first class begins at 7:25 and the last class ends at 2:33.
- Lunch for 7th graders is early - 10:00, and lasts for half an hour.
- There is an activity period after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays - until 3:30. This is for students who want to take part in clubs or afterschool homework help. There will be late buses that will take you home.



# Teaming in 7th grade

- There are two 7th-grade teams at both Roth and Burger. The **Green Team** and the **Gold Team** at Roth and **7-1** and **7-2** at Burger. You will be assigned a team randomly by your counselor (please don't ask to be on a certain team - we can't honor those requests). Each team has an ELA teacher, a math teacher, a social studies teacher and a science teacher.
- You will be in classes with other students on your team for ELA, math, SS, and science. For PE, world language, and all other elective classes (art, music, tech, etc.) you will be mixed in with students from both 7th-grade teams.



# Lockers

- Every student will be assigned a locker (your locker number and combination will be listed at the top of your schedule when you get it in August). You will be given time on the orientation day or the week before school opens to come in and practice opening your locker. There will be adults around to help you if you need it. Do not share your locker combination with anyone else!!



# Hallways

- Each grade level has its own hallway. All 7th-grade lockers are located in the 7th-grade hallway and that's also where 7th graders have most of their core classes (like ELA, math, science, and social studies).
- You will travel to different parts of the building for PE, World Language, music and other encore classes. Remember, you have four minutes passing time to get to your next class and you walk to your classes independently. Don't be late!

# Other Important Information

- Phones are permitted in school but must be kept in your locker at all times! You may use your phone on the bus ride to school and home, not during the school day.
- Book bags must be kept in your locker at all times.
- You will be given a Chromebook on orientation day - take good care of it!
- Check out our R-H school counseling website [Transition Tab](#) - this tab on the Rush-Henrietta School Counseling webpage has other useful information about next year, for both Roth and Burger!
- You will be using Google Classroom for most of your classes next year. Get comfortable with how to organize yourself in GC - using the “to do” tab for homework, using the Google calendar to help keep track of tests and long-term projects, and going to the individual classroom pages for HW, study guides and videos from your teacher.
- You will also be given a password to log into SchoolTool - this will help you to manage your schedule and course requests. This is also where you can look up your grades throughout the year.

# Important People in 7th Grade

- 7th Grade School Counselors
  - Roth - Ms Prinzi
  - Burger - Mr Neary
- School Social Workers
  - Roth - Mrs Sewruk
  - Burger - Mrs Maysick and Mrs Kosachook
- School Psychologists
  - Roth - Mrs Harding
  - Burger - Mrs Sullivan
- Assistant Principals
  - Roth - Mrs Windover and Mrs Kemper
  - Burger - Mrs Stephens and Mr Nowak
- Principals
  - Roth - Mr Hussain
  - Burger - Mr Lane



# School Counselor

- Will check in with you periodically throughout the year.
- Is available to offer support if you're having a bad day or struggling with making friends, making good choices, fitting in at school, among many other things.
- Will help you to identify what's getting in the way of your success in school if you're struggling in your classes.
- Will lead you through some career development activities and help you plan for your future.
- Will talk to you about your grades/attendance, if necessary.
- Will assist you in creating your schedule each year.
- Will work with you all three years of JHS!



# Summer Orientation Day

- Both Roth and Burger will each host an orientation day the last week of August.
- This event is hosted by our 9th grade WEB leaders - students who have been specially trained to help you become comfortable with Junior High School.
- During this orientation you will:
  - Receive your schedule
  - Be given your Chromebook
  - Get your locker info and be given a chance to practice
  - Take a guided tour of Roth or Burger
  - Experience fun team-building activities
  - Learn how to be successful at Roth or Burger
  - Meet some of your teachers
  - Make new friends!

