

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

September 2026

ICMS REGISTRATION NUMBERS

ICMS	2024	2025	2026
6th Grade	41	49	49
7th Grade	49	42	48
8th Grade	48	55	41
TOTAL	138	146	138

OTHER NUMBERS

- **6th Grade Orientation** - 90% participation
- **Open House** - 86% participation

MATH AND ELA DATA MEETINGS

Middle School Math and ELA teachers met on September 11th for their first Data Meeting of the year. Data (STAR, grades, & attendance) was analyzed, then Math and ELA Lab Classes were altered to reflect those students that needed to be moved in for extra help. Our starting numbers are decreasing each year! We will report on official numbers when we have our administrative data presentation.

PBIS UPGRADES FOR 2026-2027

The Middle School PBIS team met at the end of the school year and reflected upon the purpose and success of PBIS. We noticed that the same students were not responding to the program each quarter, which is the main purpose of PBIS- to encourage positive behaviors. The team implemented a few changes this year. They moved to a shorter time frame between celebrations. Instead of each quarter, celebrations will be monthly. The celebrations will also be smaller, in order to conserve funds and be more manageable. (A lot of time and effort goes into planning them). Instead of quarterly field trips only for those that earned it through PBIS, the middle school is going back to the tradition of one main field trip per grade level at the end of the year, where all students will be able to attend, as a year-end celebration/tradition with their classmates.

- **August Incentive:**
 - Collect 20 tickets (rewarded for responsibility) and celebrate with a recess and ice cream treat.
 - You earned more than 20 tickets? Enter your extra tickets into a 2nd chance drawing for all kinds of goodies.
 - 100 of our students "bought their way" into their ice cream treat and recess on Sept. 8th.

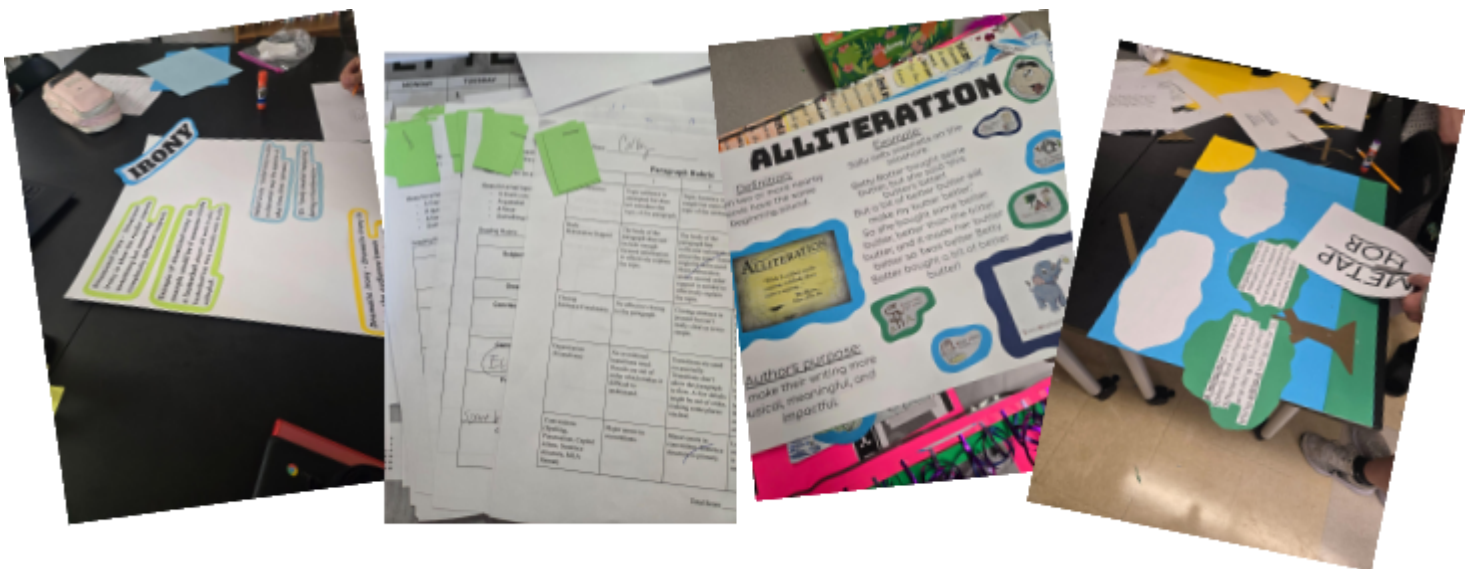
FROM THE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Giesler (7th and 8th Grade ELA) helps to keep her students motivated by having a quarterly drawing. Each quarter, students earn drawing slips to enter to win various prizes. The prizes sit on a cart in the front of the room, and students are allowed to put their tickets in to win any of the prizes they choose. At the end of each quarter, Mrs. Giesler draws the winners for each prize and the next quarter has different prizes up for grabs. Students earn drawing tickets by getting As, Bs, and Cs on homework, quizzes, and tests, as well as winning review games and doing extra special things in class.



ELA CORNER

At the start of each new school year, Mrs. Giesler has her 8th grade students act as the "teachers." Students are placed in small groups and assigned a literary element such as simile, allusion, plot etc. Their job is to create an informational poster about their element, plan how they will teach the class that element, and finally, create some type of practice to help the class identify, use, and interpret that element. After the lessons are taught and the activities are complete, the students' posters are put up on her classroom walls for resources all year. The students love this project because it gives them ownership in their learning as well as showcasing their artwork all year long.



TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS

Chestnut Health Systems out of Bloomington has started their annual "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum with our 6th and 7th graders. They are presenting 1 lesson each week, during Science and/Social Studies, for 12 to 13 weeks. Chestnut Health Systems is also a partner in CPAC, which provides the mentoring program for the sophomores.

DAY OF AWESOMENESS

Middle and High School Staff are having fun surprising their fellow staff members on their super secret "Day of Awesomeness". A day is set aside to show 2 to 3 staff members how awesome they are, but they don't know that it's their day to be celebrated until that morning. The staff members are honored with a sash and a crown that they enjoy wearing all day. The most exciting part is the small tokens that they receive from students and staff throughout the day to show how awesome they are. They might receive kind notes, favorite snacks or treats, or even a sticker that makes them smile. Random days are set up throughout the year that only Mrs. Baugher and Mrs. Fancher know (we have to keep it a surprise!). We've honored 6 staff members so far! So far, so fun!

Coming Events

9/16 - First LATE START Day for PD

9/30 - First home MS Girls Basketball Game vs Lewistown

10/7 - Family Conferences - 4 to 8 pm

10/8 - Family Conferences - 4 to 8 pm

10/9 - No School

10/12 - No School - Columbus Day

10/16 - End of 1st Quarter