



# FALCON FLIGHT PLAN

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Millennium Middle School!

What an exciting year we leave behind and looking forward to what lies ahead in the 2019-2020 school year! I look forward to our Falcons returning!

As we near the beginning of the new school year, let us take time to say one final thank you to the staff, students and entire community for a job well done in 2018-2019! At the time of this writing, we are anxiously waiting our school grade to be posted from the FLDOE. In the meantime, our staff is analyzing deep through the data and planning for next year! (Report cards and FSA/EOC scores are available on Skyward.)

In addition to our academic growth during this past year, our Falcons received many recognitions.

- ❖ Increasing number of advanced and Pre-IB students accepting the rigor to prepare them for the future.
- ❖ All Performing Arts programs rated Superior and Excellent at MPA and all groups showcased their talents on many occasions in our brand new facility
- ❖ Students were involved in All-County and All-State Band, Orchestra, and Chorus
- ❖ Thespians earned all Superiors and Excellent ratings at Junior Thespian Competition and received several other accolades
- ❖ The math team placed in many events, including engineering, at the SCPS Middle School Math Festival and science students placed at SCPS regional Science Fair and the Rube Goldberg Competition
- ❖ Our athletic teams did an awesome job in all four athletic seasons breaking several records
- ❖ Our amazing Step Team was present throughout the Sanford area in various parades and shows

We will continue to work to provide our students a safe learning environment and strong academics. It is vital that we build on all these positive trends and hold to the SCPS mission that ALL students can acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be productive citizens. As in the past, we are committed to continually provide students with positive reinforcements that acknowledge good behavior and academic achievement. Thank you to PTSA and SAC for supporting our students.

**Mark your calendar! Schedule pick up will be August 7 from 2:30 – 5:00.** This will be a time to pick up schedules, check transportation, take care of clinic needs, sample a few treats in the cafeteria, open lunch accounts, purchase PE uniforms, join PTSA, and purchase some spirit gear. **Open House will be held on September 12th** with first period **beginning at 6:00 p.m.** As always, please ensure your Skyward data is up to date so you receive all communications. You will want to access Skyward to regularly monitor your student's academics, attendance, and behavior.

The first day of school is Monday, August 12. The first bell on that day will ring at 9:25 AM (class begins promptly at 9:29 a.m.) with dismissal beginning at 3:57 every day except Wednesday when dismissal is at 2:57 PM. **Students are not permitted on campus until 9:10 a.m.** For the safety of our children, please do not drop them off earlier than 9:10. Gates will be opened at 9:10 a.m. If your child is a walker, they should leave in time to be here at 9:10 or later—not earlier! For your convenience, we do offer KidZone service for before/after school care. <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/extended-day>

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## ADMINISTRATION

### Principal

Dr. Margaret Gunderson

Monday - Friday  
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### Assistant Principals

Dan Thompson – 6th Grade

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Deborah Smith



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Our Mission

"Millennium Today...College Tomorrow"

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Educating Every Child

Every Day

Every Class



## Principal's Message

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We will have openings on our SAC (School Advisory Committee). If you are interested in participating, please contact Dr. Daniel Thompson at [Daniel.Thompson@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Daniel.Thompson@scps.k12.fl.us). Also, remember that everyone must **re-register as a Dividend after July 1**. If you would like to become involved in PTSA, please email [Millennium.MS.PTSA@gmail.com](mailto:Millennium.MS.PTSA@gmail.com). Your participation is important for our students – please consider being a part of Dividends, SAC, or PTSA!!

Again, we want to thank you for your support of the Millennium Falcons! We encourage you to follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter (you will recognize our crest--); and please take the time to register as a Dividend—we would love you to see you on our campus.

Dr. Margaret M. Gunderson  
Principal

*PS If you have a new neighbor with children who will attend Millennium, please encourage them to register ASAP!*

## Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Corner

Millennium Middle School is a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) school. Our focus with this program is to create an inclusive and welcoming school environment where all students can learn. PBS teaches school-wide expectations using a positive approach. At Millennium, we teach students to have PRIDE in Millennium and students are encouraged to show their PRIDE every day

By teaching and re-teaching these expectations, our faculty and staff are focusing on helping each student become part of our Millennium community. Students meeting these expectations in the classrooms and around campus can be rewarded with Falcon Bucks. These are given out by faculty and staff on campus to students who we “catch” exhibiting PRIDE in Millennium. The Falcon Bucks can be traded in as part of our token economy for small rewards or saved up to try for something even better! We want to reward our Falcons who are showing their PRIDE in Millennium EVERY DAY! When you come to Millennium for schedule pickup, make sure you get your Falcon Bucks reward sheet for this year – it'll get you started earning Falcon Bucks and let you know what some of the upcoming rewards will look like this year.

Take a look at the expectations we have for our students and encourage them to continue doing an excellent job showing their PRIDE in Millennium!

When we have PRIDE in Millennium, it means we:

- Prepare for Today
- Respect our School
- Interact Positively
- Do our Best, and
- Encourage Excellence

## Title I

Title I is one of the largest sources of federal aid to elementary and secondary schools. The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

Did you know that Seminole County Public Schools ensures that your child is taught by Highly Qualified Teachers?? The “Right-to-Know” requirement applies to all public elementary and secondary school teachers that are employed by local educational agencies and teach core academic subjects. Highly qualified means that each teacher has state certification and/or licensing, a bachelor’s degree or higher, and demonstrates subject matter competence in each of the academic subjects in which they teach.

Throughout the school year be sure to check Millennium’s Family Engagement Website (<http://www.millennium.scps.k12.fl.us/Parents/ParentsA-L/FamilyEngagement.aspx>) for important dates and documents such as the Parent Involvement Plan, the Parent-School Compact, and the School Improvement Plan.

### Falcons Have **PRIDE** in Millennium

Expectations	Classroom	Cafeteria	Campus Areas	Dismissal
<b>P</b> repared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrive on time</li> <li>Have necessary materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get what you need the first time</li> <li>Know your lunch number</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow dress code</li> <li>Know your designated area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know how you get home</li> <li>Know your bus number</li> </ul>
<b>R</b> espectful Behaviors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain quiet while others are speaking</li> <li>Follow teacher’s directions</li> <li>Take care of classroom materials</li> <li>Use school-appropriate language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Remain seated and raise your hand for permission to get up</li> <li>Put trash in trash can</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put trash in trash cans</li> <li>Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself</li> <li>Stay in designated areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow dismissal directives</li> <li>Walkers/bike riders exit campus immediately</li> <li>Bus riders and car riders go directly to your dismissal area</li> </ul>
<b>I</b> nteractions That Are Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect opinions of others</li> <li>Celebrate success</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use good table manners</li> <li>Say “please” and “thank you”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use school-appropriate language</li> <li>Be considerate of others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow directions with a positive attitude</li> <li>Only leave with YOUR designated group</li> </ul>
<b>D</b> oing Our Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set goals and strive to achieve them</li> <li>Participate in classroom discussions</li> <li>Ask for help when you need it</li> <li>Be on task</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be considerate to all students and staff</li> <li>Enter promptly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make good choices</li> <li>Stay on sidewalks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain seated until your dismissal group is called</li> </ul>
<b>E</b> ncouraging Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be proud of your work</li> <li>Look for ways to improve</li> <li>Promote PRIDE expectations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep area clean</li> <li>Promote PRIDE expectations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report unkind/unsafe acts</li> <li>Promote PRIDE expectations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report unkind/unsafe acts</li> <li>Promote PRIDE expectations</li> </ul>

**Schedule Pick Up**  
**August 7, 2019**  
**2:30-5:00pm**  
 Schedules will not be available again until the first day of school.

**1st Day of School**  
**AUGUST 12 2019**

*Millennium is on Facebook!*  
[www.facebook.com/MillenniumMiddleSchool](http://www.facebook.com/MillenniumMiddleSchool)



### Important Message! Please Read!

- No Outside Food Delivery to Students
- No Food Can Be Left for Students at the Front Desk



### Student Check out Policy

Photo ID must be presented every time a student is checked out from school. Students can only be checked out by a parent or emergency contact. We do not accept phone calls in advance and will not call students out of class until the parent has arrived.

When parents come sign out their student(s) before the end of the school day they need to go to the front office. The front office will then call the students out of class and they will come and meet parents in the front office. Parents are not allowed to go get students from their classrooms or from lunch.

Students can be signed out up to 30 minutes before the start of dismissal.

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday** - until 3:27 p.m.  
**Wednesday** - until 2:27 p.m.

### School Attendance Policy

A student enrolled in Seminole County Public Schools who is under the age of 16 is required to attend school regularly during the entire school year. It is the legal responsibility of the parent to ensure middle school student attendance. For more information, please see the Seminole County Public Schools Middle School Attendance Policy located on our school website. Any student who is absent must turned in a signed note to

### Cell Phones and Electronics

All cell phones and electronics should be turned off and put away in student's backpack or pocket during the school day. However, students are allowed to play games or read books on their electronics during lunch. Photographs and video are not allowed.

### Student Absences

If students are absent they need to turn in a note from a doctor or a Student Absence Notification Form (located on our school website) to the front office for the absences to be excused. The note needs to be turned in to the front office the next day back after a student has missed school with proper documentation attached. Excuses for absences will not be taken over the phone or by email because of the need for written documentation for the absence. We can only accept 10 parent excuse notes a year before we need medical documentation about absences.

### Parent Conferences

Conferences are held on Mondays and Fridays from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. Please call 407-320-6558 to schedule a parent teacher conference.

### Bike Riders

Students who ride a bike to school should wear a helmet and lock up their bike in the designated spots on campus.

### I Missed My Bus

Parents, please make sure to have an emergency plan for when your child misses their bus home in the afternoon. Students who miss their bus must be picked up promptly.

### Rainy Day Plan

Please discuss an inclement weather plan with your student. It will eliminate confusion at dismissal.

### Lunch Account

You can manage your child's lunch account online at <http://foodservice.scps.k12.fl.us/>.

### Skyward Family Access

This online program allows you to view your student's grades, attendance, and contact teachers. Come to the school and present photo ID to create an account. If you need to reset your password, use the link on the login screen to enter your email. All students can view their grades online at <https://skyward.scps.k12.fl.us> with Login: student ID # and Password: (birthdate) mmddyyyy.

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### Transportation

With the start of the new school year approaching many students who attend Millennium will ride a bus. Millennium has a large percentage of students who are assigned to a bus in order to get to school. Students who ride a bus will be assigned a bus by the transportation department and will not be available in early August. During Schedule Pickup on August 7th transportation information will be available for students and parents. Bus routes will be posted in the cafeteria. Also, representative from the Transportation Department will be present to assist with changes to your transportation needs.

If you have moved over the summer, it is important for you inform **both the school and the Transportation Department** of your move. You will need to turn in a Transportation Request Form with your new address. You must give the Transportation Department 7-10 business days to process this request. You can visit the school website to get a copy of these forms under the Parents - Parents M-Z – Transportation Information – Transportation Request Form.

### Medication Policy

Please contact our Clinic at 407-320-6503 if you have questions regarding the proper procedures and documentation for students who will need to take medication during the school day. **Students may not carry medication unless a form is on file with the clinic.**

### Parent Involvement Volunteer Program Opportunities

If you would like to become more involved in Millennium Middle School and the development of our students and our programs, please contact Ms. Rodriguez at 407-320-64400 to find out more about becoming a volunteer. You can register to become a Dividend at <https://dvd.scps.k12.fl.us/>. We would love to hear from you and discuss how you can share your time and talents with us!

SCPS VOLUNTEERS



We would love to have you volunteer with us at Millennium for the 2019-20 school year. Apply on the Seminole County Public School Website.

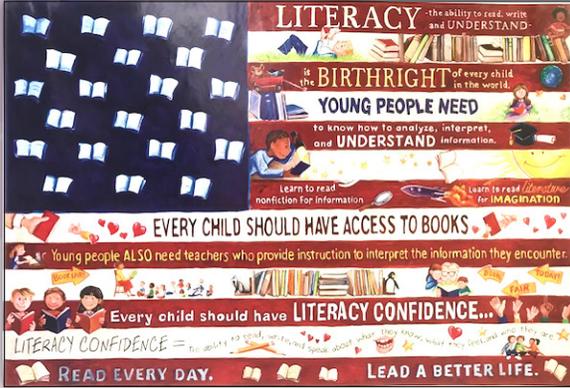
DIVIDENDS





# Department News

## Language Arts & Reading



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### Millennium Middle School Literacy

It is hard to believe that school is just around the corner. As your scholar enjoys the summer, please remember to complete your Summer Reading Projects. Your ELA teachers will collect these projects when we return in August. Current Millennium students received a copy of the Summer Reading Project and a book during the last week of school in May. All incoming students can read a book of their choosing that they own or borrow and is on their current level and complete the assignment. **You can find the Summer Reading Project on our Facebook page or school website, as well as an enrichment packet that you can do to avoid the summer slide.**

Do not forget to be on the lookout after school begins in August for emails and messages for *Read to Lead*, *Battle of the Books*, and *Tutorial* opportunities. Each of these opportunities is a chance to grow in friendships and academics, as well as earn prizes and have a lot of fun! In the meantime check out these 7 tips below and enjoy a great book until school starts!

Happy Reading!

## World Languages

Millennium Middle School's World Language Program teaches tangible language skills through task-based activities and interactive exercises. The courses feature content and authentic materials that teach culture in addition to language skills. Each of our courses:

- Are grounded in the development and integration of the four key language and literacy skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Introduce students to vocabulary themes, grammar concepts, sentence structure and culture through explicit instruction, guided learning and adaptive pacing
- Reinforce real-world communication skills, allowing students to apply language in common situations
- Feature highly interactive activities that reinforce skills in differing contexts and foundational language knowledge
- Utilize authentic materials, which build student confidence and comfort in the target language

## Science

This year all grades will be taking Comprehensive Science. Students will experience Earth, Life, and Physical Science throughout the year. Scholars will study Hierarchy of Organisms, Variation, Homeostasis, Change Over Time, Interaction of Spheres, and Beyond Our World. The science classroom will be blended with online digital content and traditional classroom methods including hands-on labs.

Students will be creating and using Interactive Notebooks – they are a great way to help our students develop their organizational skills and interact with knowledge over the course of a school year. With that, your child will need one composition notebook (not spiral) per semester. Students will also be asked to bring in the following to use in class (please see your child's individual teacher for specifics on schedule pickup day) colored pencils, #2 pencils, blue/black ink pen, highlighters, Elmer's glue.

Millennium will be going to Pigeon Key Marine Science Camp again this year! All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend. The informational meeting will be held in September. Stay tuned for more information that will be sent home with your student. There is limited availability so plan to save your spot quickly.

We want every child to be successful this year. There are a few easy ways to monitor your child's progress and help them be successful in school this year. Please communicate frequently with your child's teachers if you have any concerns, be sure to set up your online accounts so you can monitor grades on Skyward and join your child's classes on eCampus to view work and assignments. If you do not have a Skyward account yet, please make sure you bring your driver's license to schedule pickup, so you can get your account set up. Instructions on setting up your eCampus account will be provided at the beginning of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see your child's teacher at schedule pickup or email the Department Chair, Mrs. Jaimee Borrero at [Jaimee.Borrero@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jaimee.Borrero@scps.k12.fl.us).

## Social Studies

Happy Summer!

For Social Studies, 8th grade U.S. History students will be using a newly adopted textbook. When school starts students should have access to the textbook through ePassport. In all Pre-IB Social Studies courses we are excited about this year's National History Day project. The project is an at-home research project that will be assigned during the first few weeks of school and will be due during the 2nd Quarter. Students get to choose the product to show their work like a historical paper or a museum exhibit. Students also get to choose their subject as long as it pertains to the topic. Students who place at the school fair will go onto the county competition. We are very excited to see how our falcons will soar this year!

### Tips For Establishing A Solid Home-Study Routine

Encouraging and supporting this vital daily activity will improve your student's attitude and performance at school and instill a work ethic that endures for a lifetime.

1. **Set A Schedule:** Establish a regular timeslot for this important daily activity. Seek your child's agreement and commitment to reserve this time each day for homework and study. Encourage this discipline. In many ways, it's his/her job and should be an important part of the daily routine. Your support and involvement in your student's home-study effort makes a huge difference in the high school experience.
2. **Create The Environment:** Students can be easily distracted. Create an atmosphere conducive for concentration. Minimizing social media/phone access, loud music, and other detractors will improve effectiveness and retention. If you notice distractions or deterrents, suggest possible remedies. Having a defined study area works with some students but not all. The most important factor is the discipline of doing it every day.
3. **Observe And Engage:** Psychologists suggest that it takes three weeks to break or establish a habit. When school resumes, commit three weeks to observing your students daily routine. Make good homework practices a habit for both of you. Your daily assistance and attitude toward school have a huge impact on your child's success.

# Department News

## Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department would like to welcome you to another year of exciting opportunities! We are setting the stage for the great performances and experiences in which our students will participate. We make it our mission to offer every student a well-rounded fine arts education full of opportunities to cultivate knowledge, skill, and confidence. Through academic practice within performing arts classes, students are simultaneously refining core class knowledge as the arts incorporate mathematics, ELA, social studies, and science in every lesson. As performing arts instructors, we strive to give students a developed and meaningful skillset to help them navigate to a successful future.

We are excited to announce we are going forward with our Musical Theatre, Tech, and Set Design trip to New York City from June 2-5, 2020. Only students in these 3 classes will be eligible for this trip. Musical Theatre auditions for NEW incoming students and ALL boys (returning 7th and 8th grade boys included) will be Thursday, August 22nd, after school in the Chorus Room. We will have a parent and student MANDATORY Musical Theatre/Trip meeting on Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:30 pm. Students auditioning should mark this on their calendars so they are prepared IF selected for the class.

We understand that the start of the school year can be hectic with lengthy lists of “things to do.” Therefore, we want to keep our performing arts students and families as up to date as possible. If your student is planning to participate in a performing arts class, please pay close attention to these upcoming dates:

- Orchestra Parent Meeting** - August 19th at 6:30 pm
- 6th Grade Dance!** - August 21st at 3:00 pm
- Musical Theatre Auditions** - August 22nd, 4:15 pm - 6:30 pm in the Chorus Room 2-014
- Dance 4 Fall Auditions** - August 22nd, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

## Art

The Visual Arts Department is excited to greet our budding artists for the 2019-20 school year. Parents, each of our visual arts teacher will provide you with a supply list of materials your child will need at Schedule Pickup. Should you want a list before then, please email the Visual Arts Department Chair, Mrs. French at [Melissa\\_French@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Melissa_French@scps.k12.fl.us).

## Math

The Math Department has been busy this summer attending many different workshops from differentiated instruction, standards-based lesson planning and blending learning. Our teachers are taking their summer to prepare lessons using the best instructional strategies for your students. Our teachers are excited to see who will be in their classes.

We are hoping that your students will take some time to refresh their skills. Khanacademy.org is a great resource for students to practice online. Students can log on through the SCPS Epassport portal. We are encouraging students to work through the grade level mission statement. If your student is entering the 7th grade, we are recommending that they work on the 6th grade mission statement to revisit skills that are prerequisites for this upcoming year. Also, if your student is entering 6th grade we are recommending that they master their multiplication facts.

Incoming GEM students must begin the “6th Grade Mission” in Khan Academy over the summer. After starting the sixth-grade mission, Khan Academy’s adaptive software and instant feedback will guide students on their virtual individual learning path. This will allow students to practice skills, understand which ones they have truly mastered, and focus their effort on the standards they have yet to master. Students will link their work to their GEM teacher at the start of the 2018-2019 school-year. **Students who have not completed 50% of the 6th Grade Mission by September 1st WILL BE REMOVED from the GEM course and scheduled into 6th Grade Advanced Math.** Please check the school’s website for more details.

Most importantly, we hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you in August.

## Physical Education

PE uniforms will be available for purchase during schedule pick up on Wednesday, August 7th. Purchase may also be done through the My School Bucks website (<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>). Only cash will be accepted. The cost is \$15.00 for the set, \$10.00 for a pair of shorts and \$8.00 for a t-shirt if purchased separately. Please encourage your son/daughter to write their name on their uniform. It is very helpful for getting lost uniforms back to the owner!!

We also recommend that students bring a Master brand combination lock to secure their valuables during class time. A locker will be assigned to them for the semester only after they bring a lock to class. We do not allow key locks to be used.

## Sports Program

- 1st 9 Weeks** - Volleyball
- 2nd 9 Weeks** - Cross Country
- 3rd 9 Weeks** - Track
- 4th 9 Weeks** - Basketball

Announcements will be made before each sport begins to notify students of tryouts or informational meeting times.

Girls’ and Boys’ Volleyball Tryouts will be held in the gym August 19 – 23.

Volleyball Parent Meetings will take place September. 2 -6. All games will be held on Wednesdays.



## All Pro Dads

This year’s kickoff for All Pro Dads will be on Tuesday, September 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the Media Center. Our goal is to provide opportunities for fathers to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship, as well as benefiting our school and the entire community. Please come and enjoy some time with your son/daughter. Check out our chapter of All Pro Dads at <https://allprodadday.com/chapters/10903>.





## PTSA

If you're bumping up from elementary school with your freshly minted 6th grader, and this is your first experience with middle school, you may be giving the PTSA a serious side eye and trying to avoid eye contact in general. PTSA in middle and high school is very different than PTA in elementary school. In fact, if you've got older kids here at Millennium, you may even be wondering: what exactly does the PTSA even do?

At the National and State level, the main mission of PTA/PTSA is to provide support to our students, their families, and our school staff, and to advocate for what our families want to see happening in our schools to make them safer and better environments for student success. When you become a member of your local PTSA (signing you, your parenting partner, and/or your student up as a PTSA member), included in your membership fee is membership to your state and national PTA. Some of the money we collect from our members each year is submitted to the county PTA, the state PTA, and upwards to national PTA.

I often field the question, particularly at the beginning of the year, during our main membership drive held during schedule pickup: what's in it for me? What do I get when I sign up for PTSA here? We do try to get a hold of some "perks" in the form of coupons and freebies from local businesses, but to be honest, it's more about what YOU are giving US. By becoming a member of the PTSA here at Millennium, you are providing us with the opportunity to treat our staff to one or two meals or small treats during the school year, showing our appreciation for how hard they work and how well they care for our kids. You're helping us support the PBS program here, by being able to purchase incentives for the students who are working hard and achieving personal goals. And you're helping us build a stronger community, by making an effort to attend family events here at the school, or by donating items that help to support these events.

There are three really easy ways to help support the PTSA and the projects we undertake: first, consider becoming a member. Look for our table at Schedule Pickup. Second, download the Boxtops for Education app, select Millennium Middle School as your school choice, and snap a pic of your grocery store receipt each week (we will still be accepting clipped Boxtops through December, send them in a ziplock bag with your student with "PTSA" written on the outside, they can give them to any teacher, who will put them in our mailbox for us). Third, please consider purchasing a Tshirt or Spirit Wear item from the PTSA, and also consider attending one of the spirit nights we set up at one of our local restaurants. We can only fund what we have the funding for, your support helps us do this. You can find us on Facebook (@millenniummiddleschoolptsa) or you can email our President, Mandy Burkhart, at mandyburkhart@gmail.com with questions or to get more involved.

## Important Information for Parents of Rising 7th Graders

An additional immunization is required for all students entering 7th grade next school year. A Tdap booster is required before your child can begin the 2019-20 school year. Any student without such documentation will not be given a schedule during Schedule Pickup day nor on the first day of school. We highly recommend that you get the up-to-date form turned in to Millennium as soon as possible.

**Attention Parents of Rising 7th Graders**



Turn in your child's immunization form now!  
All students entering 7th grade must show proof of receiving the Tdap immunization.  
**\*No Tdap no schedule**

## 6th Grade Health Screenings



Seminole County  
Public Schools  
WALT GRIFFIN Ed.D.  
Superintendent

Date: July 3, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On November 5, 2019, Seminole County Public School's Health Services in collaboration with the Seminole County Health Department will be conducting health screenings for all sixth graders at Millennium Middle School. Students will be screened for scoliosis (curvature of the spine), height, weight, BMI (body mass index), dental, vision and hearing.

Scoliosis screening will be conducted by Registered Nurses and will be done in a private room. The students will be separated by gender so the nurse can view each student's back for any curvature of the spine. Girls are asked to wear sports bras or the top of a two-piece bathing suit under their clothing. Boys are asked to wear t-shirts only. Children that wear glasses or contact lens must wear them for the screenings.

**A student will be exempt from any of the screening services if his/her parent/guardian requests an exemption in writing to the principal at the latest 5 days before the screening date.**

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Carpenter at 407-320-6579.

Thank you,

Dr. Maggie Gunderson  
Principal



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First Our Work Site  
www.seps.essss



## Guidance

The Guidance Department welcomes our newest Falcon families! Millennium Middle School has three counselors to meet our students' needs. Counselors are assigned by grade level:

Grade	Counselor	Office
6th Grade	Betsy Miller ( <a href="mailto:betsy_miller@scps.k12.fl.us">betsy_miller@scps.k12.fl.us</a> )	04-313
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8th Grade	Brett Marshall ( <a href="mailto:brett_marshall@scps.k12.fl.us">brett_marshall@scps.k12.fl.us</a> )	04-016

- If you have not yet registered for Skyward, please bring a photo ID to the office to sign up. Skyward allows you to check your child's grades, attendance, schedule, and more daily.
- We hope you will be able to enjoy the afternoon on the Millennium campus meeting our friendly teachers during Schedule Pickup. The only allowable schedule changes are for academic reasons. Some examples of these reasons are: incorrect grade level class, duplicate courses, incorrect level (standard vs. advanced).
- You may notice that your child has either Intensive Reading or Intensive Math on his or her schedule. These classes are required to support their skills and were added based on the score your child earned on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).
- Algebra 1, Geometry, and Spanish 1 are high school credit courses. If your students are enrolled in any of these, they cannot drop the course after the first quarter so please monitor their grades closely via Skyward before report cards come out and schedule a parent-teacher conference if you have concerns.

We know this will be a wonderful year for your child and look forward to working with you!



## Greetings from the Admin Team!

### Ms. Grenon, Assistant Principal

Greetings Parents and Families of Millennium Middle School, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all returning and incoming families to the 2019-2020 school year at Millennium Middle School! We are determined and eager to provide students with the most engaging and enriching school experience possible. Through high expectations for behavior and academics, we will guide students as they acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that foster deeper learning, a respect for self and others, and the ability to become responsible citizens.

Most of my teaching and administrative years have been working with students and staff of the middle school age group. This is an important time of transition – moving from the elementary experience and preparing for the challenges of middle school then high school. What happens during these few short years at Millennium will have a lasting impression on the growth and development of each student.

During the course of the year, it is my hope that we will work together to provide the students of Millennium Middle School the best possible opportunities in preparing them to be world class citizens ready to master the challenges of the 21st Century with a solid foundation created here at our school. I welcome your input. Please feel free to email, call, or make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this the best school year possible!

### Dr. Hyatt, Assistant Principal

Welcome to MMS for another fabulous school year! As we begin this new school year, I ask all Millennium School students to set academic goals for the 2019-20 school year. Strive not only to pursue personal excellence, but also to demonstrate your perseverance and integrity. You can be assured that our entire staff is here to support and encourage you as you explore different options and mature as learners.

The beginning of a new school year is such an exciting time; the year is open to every possibility. Sports teams have yet to be formed, clubs and other on-campus organizations are seeking membership, and every student has every opportunity to be as involved as he or she wishes to be in all of the intramural activities available to MMS students. Families, too, are welcome to join us on campus each day. Our teachers and staff are grateful for every dividend hour logged, and we invite each of you to register as a dividend online and contact your child's teachers or our front office to see how they may use your help. I would like to personally thank you for all you do to ensure your child's success, it helps us tremendously in our mission to do the same.

### Dr. Thompson, Assistant Principal

Sixth grade Students and Parents, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Millennium Middle School! My name is Dr. Thompson and I am excited to begin both my sixth year as a Millennium Falcon and my eighteenth year in education. This year I will continue as the 6th grade Assistant Principal. Every year I look forward to welcoming our new students and helping them feel at home at Millennium. My goal is to support you during what will surely be an exciting and enriching year. The rigorous coursework we offer, combined with our PRIDE expectations, will help students build a strong foundation as they begin their middle school years. Please do not hesitate to contact me this year if you have any questions or concerns—students are welcome to visit me in my office on the third floor of Building 4 or stop me around campus; parents can reach me at [daniel\\_thompson@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:daniel_thompson@scps.k12.fl.us). Go Falcons!

### Ms. Dukes, Assistant Principal

I want to welcome all new students, staff, and parents to Millennium. I am the 8th Grade Assistant Principal over ESOL, iSeries, Science, and World Languages. This is second year with the Falcon Family. My first year was full of building relationships with our wonderful stakeholders, especially the students. This year, I am looking forward to working with our teachers and students so we can continue pursuing academic excellence and having our school be the best in Central Florida.

### Ms. Robinson, Dean

Greetings Falcon Family! Prior to becoming a Dean, I taught Chemistry here in Central Florida and in my hometown, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. In addition to being a proud graduate of the Florida State University, I'm an avid traveler, pianist, shopper, and reader. Most of all, I love learning. I look forward to instilling that love of learning in our students and learning from them as well. Let's make it an AWESOME school year, Falcons. See you soon!

### Ms. Smith, School Administration Manager

Welcome Falcon Students and Families! This is my 10th year at Millennium Middle School and my 16th year with Seminole County Public Schools. Every year during this time I get excited. I am committed to keeping parents informed about activities at MMS. Therefore, you will receive messages from me throughout the year. Please take a few minutes to read over each message.

I also oversee the Sports Program. Volleyball season is right around the corner. If you have a son or daughter interested in being a part of the MMS volleyball team, please make sure they plan on attending tryouts during the week of August 19 - 23. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [deborah\\_smith@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:deborah_smith@scps.k12.fl.us) or 407-320-6504.

I can't wait to see all of you and work with you this year! My goal is to provide support and encouragement for each of you in your journey to improve the world. Don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything I can do to help during the process. Have a GREAT start to the school year and I am so glad you're here!

### Dr. Carpenter, Dean

Greetings Falcon Family! I hope that you all are enjoying your summer break and getting plenty of rest! In a few weeks, we will embark on another school year. As the 6th grade Dean, I am looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential both behaviorally and academically. At Millennium Middle, we recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she meet the P.R.I.D.E expectations at Millennium:

- P** - Be PREPARED for school daily
- R** - RESPECT the school and others
- I** - INTERACT Positively
- D** - DO their best and put forth maximum effort
- E** - ENCOURAGE excellence

With P.R.I.D.E expectations being met daily, your child will SOAR to SUCCESS!

## SAC

Seminole County Public Schools and Millennium Middle School are committed to serving and supporting the diversity of our community. Parents and community members are invited to partner with us to ensure that each student, regardless of background, is challenged to their fullest potential and is provided a caring environment. Millennium Middle School is currently seeking members to serve on the School Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2019-2020 school year. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 4:30pm (prior to Open House) in the Principal's Conference Room in the front office. If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact Dr. Thompson at [daniel\\_thompson@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:daniel_thompson@scps.k12.fl.us).





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## *7 Tips and Tools to Keep your Scholar Engaged in Learning all Summer Long!*

- 1. Encourage your scholar to sign up for Goodreads:** For the scholar who is “too cool” to sign up for your local library’s summer reading programs, although they should, because some libraries offer special YA lit package incentives! Literary social media sites like Goodreads are a great platform to track your reading, share your thoughts about books — thereby practicing writing skills — and find new books to read in the future. Encourage them to use the site for personal use and fun: they might discover some great books, and will definitely find a wonderful literary community!
- 2. Suggest using their Instagram or Facebook account to document their summer reading journey:** Literary-specific sites are not the only platforms to share reading experiences. Instagram and Facebook are full of young readers, posting artsy pictures of their favorite books, making recommendations, and connecting with other readers across the world. Literary blogs function the same way: for a generation fluent in the art of digital communication, parents should take advantage of the opportunities available on social media, and encourage their teens to incorporate their reading experiences with their social experiences. It’s an exciting new way for young readers to share their passion for literature, and inspire others!
- 3. Host a trivia night or book club with your scholar:** Keeping your scholar locked away in the house all day away from friends just isn’t going to happen. So instead, take advantage of your child’s social life. Hosting a teen trivia night at your house will get your more competitive kids—and their friends—motivated to study for college entrance exams (without even knowing that they’re studying!). For talkative or introspective teens, try hosting a teen book club at your house. You could introduce books that were made into movies, and hold a movie night when the kids are finished with the book. Or, for music lovers, suggest that the teen members come up with playlists or write songs to correspond with the novels they read. It will be a lot of work to manage so many excited learners at once, but your teens will thank you later!
- 4. Challenge your scholar to a reading list that focuses on content, not quantity:** Finding a summer reading list is always a great way to kick off a summer reading experience. For younger children or struggling readers, the sense of achievement at the end of a summer reading program often comes from the quantity of books read- which is great, but your scholar can go a step further. Find a list of summer reading books that will challenge your scholar in their content, not the amount of books involved. A content challenge can come in many different forms: it might simply have to do with the difficulty of the prose, like a select few of these essential classics to sharpen reading and writing skills. It can also mean challenging your scholar to venture into new territory in terms of unfamiliar cultures and voices. Try a list of books with powerful female protagonists or some that feature culturally diverse narratives.
- 5. Help your scholar incorporate writing into their daily lives:** Beyond building reading skills, middle school is the beginning of the time where scholars should be developing their own voices, academically and creatively. Help your scholar begin to foster a love for writing and incorporate it into their daily lives by providing them with a peaceful and private space to write.
- 6. Download fun educational apps:** Since you know your scholar will be knee-deep into the internet all summer, why not put some educational apps on that precious phone?
- 7. Be an active reader yourself:** One of the greatest ways to motivate your scholar to read is to read the same books and talk about them. If you’ve been doing this since elementary school, kudos! You probably already have a great reading relationship with your scholar. If not, don’t worry- it’s not too late! You can always pick up a book that your scholar is reading, or has read, and strike up a conversation about the characters. Reading with your scholar will open your eyes to the stories and voices of today’s teens, the struggles they face, and might even help you discover something about your scholar — or yourself! - that you never knew before.