



ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Copeland Middle School Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope that all of our CMS families had a wonderful summer filled with rest, relaxation, and quality time with family and friends. Please review the information below to help ensure a successful start to the school year.

Building our Community: Brick by Brick:

Copeland Middle School will continue to embrace our theme of “*Building our Community: Brick by Brick*” throughout the 2024-2025 school year. In the coming weeks, I look forward to sharing the details of several new, and longstanding, initiatives and student opportunities that promote leadership, service, and community-building.

Administration

Mr. Dustin Bayer, Principal dbayer@rocktwp.net

Ms. Ruthann Champagne, Vice Principal rchampagne@rocktwp.net

Mr. George Young, Dean of Students cyoung@rocktwp.net

The Office of School Counseling

The office of school counseling will play a pivotal role in your child’s success here at Copeland Middle School. School counselors also serve as a great resource for you as parents/guardians as you navigate parenting a middle school student. Students are assigned a counselor as determined by their grade level. The counselor will serve as your child’s school counselor until they graduate from CMS at the conclusion of 8th grade. In addition to our grade-level counselors, Ms. Amy Malatesta will serve as another resource for students who can benefit from individual or group counseling, peer mediation, social-emotional support, or a variety of other needs.

6th Grade: Ms. Hanan Saadah hsaadah@rocktwp.net

7th Grade: Ms. Christine Ciampi cciampi@rocktwp.net

8th Grade: Ms. Kelsey O’Connell koconnell@rocktwp.net

Student Support Counselor: Ms. Amy Malatesta amalatesta@rocktwp.net

Important School Information & Links:

- Students are expected to be in their homeroom promptly by 7:40am each day. Parents/Guardians who drop their students off at school must do so between 7:25-7:35am.
- Drop-off and pick-up will be in the main parking lot. Please follow the traffic pattern as you enter the lot. There will be a school resource officer and administrator there to direct

you. No students should be dropped off along Lake Shore Drive as doing so presents a safety concern.

- Bell Schedule Updates - If you have not already done so, please review this [brief video](#) which outlines the changes to the bell schedule for the 2024-2025 school year.
- In order for students to be able to walk to and from CMS, they must have a walking pass. Walking passes can be found in the [Genesis Parent Portal](#).
- Attendance - Please familiarize yourself with the [district attendance policy](#). If a student is going to be absent, parents/guardians are expected to call the school at 973-627-2465 to report the absence. Please leave a message if the call is not answered.
- Students do not need locks for PE.
- Please review the [CMS Code of Conduct](#)
- Please review the [CMS Dress Code](#)
- Please review the [CMS Cell Phone/Electronic Device Guidelines](#)
- [Summer reading assignments](#) will be collected in Language Arts classes during the first week of school.
- Please click here for information regarding [school lunch](#).
- Grade-level supply lists can be found [here](#).
- For technical assistance regarding Chromebooks, please contact homesupport@rocktwp.net
- Parents/Guardians will not be permitted in the building unless they have an appointment. Items can be dropped off in the “drop-off” box located near the front door.
- Parents/Guardians who intend to pick their child up early from school must do so prior to 1:55pm.
- **Back to School Nights at CMS**
 - **6th Grade:** Tuesday, September 10th
 - **7th & 8h Grade:** Thursday, September 12th

Looking forward to a great 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,

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