

Bronxville UFSD Middle School Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th, 2022

Caroline Dimitri, MS Council Chair

- Review of important dates for 6th, 7th and 8th grade end of the year celebrations
- MS Field Day, Friday, May 27th request for volunteers
- 8th grade Great Adventure field trip, June 22nd
- Graduation, Thursday, June 23rd, party afterwards at BFC for students only
- Thank you to Dr. Wilson, the Administration, and partnership with parents in the community
- Thank you to Deirdre Doheny and introduction as the 2022/2023 MS Council Chair and incoming PTA Vice-Chair

Deirdre Doheny, MS Council Vice-Chair

- Presents the MS Council slate for the 2022/2023 school year
- Middle School update; B*Well. Bundles of Joy, PTA

Amy Krause, PTA Council Vice-Chair

- Incoming PTA President and member of the Bronxville Foundation
- Update on Bronxville School Foundation grants awarded
- Request for continued support by Bronxville School families

Dr. Thomas Wilson, MS Principal

- Summer Reading Lists are coming out, 1 assigned book and 2 optional books
- 7th & 8th Grades will be taking finals in most academics; Math, English, Social Studies and Science. There will also be a series of projects due for world language
- Grade 8 Science will be a 2 part final; 1 part written and 1 part lab
- Dr. Wilson is aware that they are packing a lot into the end of the year and that academics are abutting other end of the year programming (band/chorus/orchestra concerts). Dr. Wilson reserves the right to push concerts into the fall if need be. Currently the Orchestra Concert is the

night before the Algebra I Regents exam and the 8th grade math final. It may be postponed to the fall. For example, the HS Orchestra Concert was postponed indefinitely because the teacher is ill.

- There will be a new Orchestra teacher in September

- The school will be forming a sustainability committee for 6th-12 grades.

It will be fun by students and a teacher moderator. The goal is to have students have a say in how things function and how we can reduce our footprint to have less of an impact on the environment. It will be compared to the Village initiatives already in place. It will likely be headed by a Science teacher with projects that enhance the school and community garden.

- End of year math; Students in 6th and 7th will be given a recommendation by a teacher for placement, sent to parents by teachers. Based on performance, grit, stamina, ability to compute assigned work, assessment results, but it will still be the parents decision.

- The current 8th grade as been meeting with counselors and is preparing for HS.

- World Language; low numbers in Latin. It is still an important language as the basis of other languages, its role in history and how it connects to science. We are contemplating having a shift in 6th grade, where the 6th grade can try all three languages.

- How will this affect students who want to accumulate enough credit in a language to be eligible to take, for example, Spanish II in 9th grade.

- In June, Dr. Wilson will run an orientation for all 6th grade students in person and over zoom. It will be an introduction to programming in the Middle School

- Math; The Administration will be meeting in August/September to review the structure of how you get things answered. In math, last year, we used Kahn Academy. Is that still the right choice?

- Thank you to outgoing Council Chair