

# Welcome to the Middle School



## Introduction to the Middle School

Hello! Welcome to Heatly's first ever Middle School! We are very excited to be a part of the Middle School Team and welcome your child into a new, exciting experience where learning is designed for a middle schooler's developmental needs. We have quite a few exciting things planned including exploratory classes, advisory and even some end of the year field trips!

## New Advisory Program

Every student in the new Middle School. Will be assigned an Advisor who will support and guide your student through until their 8th grade graduation. Each advisory group will have the opportunity to create a group name and design their team's t-shirt and participate in team building activities. It is our goal that each student feels welcomed, safe and happy to attend school everyday and always has an adult in the building they can turn to with questions or concerns. Advisory will meet every week on a rotating period basis.

## Our Expectations

### Cellphones:

Cellphones will be put in a pocket organizer in each classroom. Each student will have an assigned pocket number for each of your classes.

### Chromebooks:

Chromebooks will be used daily. They will **not** be going home with the students each evening. They will be kept at school on a cart to charge for the next day.

### Materials:

We are providing color folders to be kept in each classroom for each subject. Students will also need to bring a pen, pencil and a five subject notebook to every class daily.

### Parent Communication:

We welcome constant and open communication with parents and guardians. All middle school teachers will be utilizing ParentSquare, SchoolTool and Google Classroom. Please check with the main office if you do not have access to your child's grades through Schooltool.

# Meet Your Teachers

## Ms. Rambo FACS, Spanish

This is my third year teaching at Heatly! I am excited to be teaching FACS, Spanish & Communications. I share my home with my son, Matthew, my dog, Moses, and Ethel, my gecko.

## Mrs. Starr Science

This is my 25th year teaching at Heatly! I am married with four kids, two dogs, two cats and a turtle.

## Mrs. Distasio ELA

This is my 3rd year teaching ELA at Heatly. I have 2 kids, one dog, and one cat.

## Mr. Ohnsman Social Studies

Hi! I'm excited to start my first year at Heatly and teaching Social Studies! I can't wait to meet all of you!

## Mr. Aubin ENL

Hello! This is my second year at Heatly and am excited to be working with all of you!

## Ms. McGarvey Math

Hi! I'm excited to start my first year at Heatly. I have two cats, Lilo and Stitch.

## Mrs. Heffern Music

Hi! I can't wait to create musical magic with you this year! We will learn about singing, instruments and more!

## Ms. Miller Art

Hello! I am so excited for our second year together! I look forward to seeing you at the art shows!

## Mrs. Pelletier Special Ed

Hi! Some of you will see me in English or math class. Don't be shy about asking for help.

## New Exploratory Classes

- The Middle School Exploratory program allows students to explore topics that interest them and allow them to chart their own course for learning.
- These courses are 10 week long explorations into various topics from Baking to Robotics to Forensics to Poetry and everything in between.
- Upon completion of the exploratory course, students will earn seals that will be added to their 8th Grade Diplomas for distinction and recognition.