

For The Parents, Staff, Students & Community Of

Millennium Middle School

2330 East SR 46, Sanford FL, 32771



FALCON FLIGHT PLAN

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Millennium's third quarter was filled with celebrations and highlights! Our Performing Arts students showcased their talents through productions, performances and concerts. We saw wonderful productions of "Beauty and the Beast", "Understanding Your Pet with Dr. Marla Brett" and our annual Black History Show—a long time Millennium tradition. Many more events to come in the final months of school! Our track team had a great season and basketball is in full swing! Keep up with all of our happenings on Facebook.

Testing began this month with FSA Writing. FSA Reading, FSA Math and all EOCs will continue in May. Please review the schedule with your child so they are prepared to test or attend classes. Late arrivals and early dismissals may result in make-up testing which will disrupt your child's daily school schedule. Please remind students of these important test-taking tips:

- ❖ *Get a good night's sleep each night before the test; limit your after school activities*
- ❖ *Eat a nutritional breakfast the morning of each test*
- ❖ *Understand how the test is structured*
- ❖ *Plan your time*
- ❖ *Review answers for accuracy—use time wisely!!*
- ❖ *Use the skills and strategies teachers have taught!*

❖ *Bring your confidence! Our teachers are confident that you know what to do! Give 110% effort on test day!*

Finally, know that all of our students can be successful—**encourage your child and remind them that they practiced the skills. Let them know you want them to be successful!** Our teachers do a magnificent job preparing our students. During these testing days, non-testing classes will continue to engage our students in rigorous learning opportunities. Students should be prepared every day for the scheduled classes.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. At this time, your child should focus on a strong finish with your support. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. Please take the following steps to support your student during this critical time.

- ❖ Reinforce positive and successful school habits. Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
- ❖ Access and review your student's progress and attendance in Skyward.

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ADMINISTRATION

Principal

Dr. Margaret Gunderson

Monday - Friday

8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 407-320-6550

Assistant Principals

Dan Thompson – 6th Grade

Victoria Hyatt – 7th Grade

Datasha Dukes – 8th Grade

Trina Grenon

Deans

Dr. Kejuana Carpenter

Ramsey Robinson

Administration Manager

Deborah Smith



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Our Mission

"Millennium Today...College Tomorrow"

*.....
Educating Every Child*

Every Day

Every Class



Principal's Message

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- ❖ Help your student create a plan to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
- ❖ Be aware of tutoring and boost camps available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
- ❖ Help your student to stay focused. 'Coasting' is a natural, but can be detrimental. Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it – *someday*.

Our inaugural year on our new campus is almost complete! How fortunate for our students to be able to attend school on a brand new campus with the most modern technology. We look forward to another amazing year next year. It is imperative that we have your correct address and phone number to make contact with you. Check with your neighbor to make sure their Skyward information is up to date. The first day of school is August 12—schedule pick up will be in the late afternoon of August 7. Mark your calendars!

Margaret M. Gunderson, Ed. D.
Principal

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

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



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Attention 6th Grade Parents

An additional immunization is required by the Department of Health and the Department of Education for **all students entering the 7th grade next school year.**

A **Tdap** booster (adult strength tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) is required before your child can begin the school year 2019-20 unless a booster dose has been received within the past five years and the school has documentation of the student receiving the earlier booster dose.

Formal documentation is mandated. You must present a completed Florida Certificate of Immunization form **DH 680**, with an updated Part A signed by a healthcare provider or designee, for your child to receive a schedule or enter school on the first day of the school year.

Please submit the proper proof of immunization to your child's school as soon as possible.

If you are unsure if you have turned your child's updated immunization in to the school, you can check the shots that the school has on record by logging into skyward and looking in the health tab.

Your child's healthcare provider or the Seminole County Health Department can provide the Tdap booster. The Health Department is located at the following addresses:

Seminole County Health Department

400 W. Airport Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32771

Immunization Unit Phone: 407-665-3000

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 Mrs. Finentto at 407-320-6507 to find out more about becoming a volunteer. We would love to hear from you and discuss how you can share your time and talents with us!

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.

Lunch Account

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

Yearbook

Remember the first year of our brand new campus!

The price is \$40 **cash only**. Do not miss a chance to get a yearbook.

You may also order on line! If you want to order your yearbook today, you can at yearbookforever.com

Any questions, please email Amanda Wayne at: amanda_wayne@scps.k12.fl.us.

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.





Department News

Social Studies

In the classrooms this quarter, our 6th grade World History students are working on the Fall of the Roman Empire with a DBQ Project in class about the many reasons the Roman Empire declined. Followed by the units titled "The Rise of Christianity" and "The Americas".

Our 7th grade Civics students are learning about the American Legal System, Florida and Local Government, and Foreign and Domestic Policy for the United States. Once those units are completed students will be reviewing for their Civics End of Course Exam (EOC). We have time built into our curriculum to review for this exam since it is 30% of the student's grade. This exam is comprehensive for the whole year. Students will be tested on their knowledge of the content that has been covered in class since the beginning of the school year back in August. It is scheduled for Thursday May 2nd. Letters will be sent home with more details on the test later this month.

Our 8th grade U.S. History students are learning about how our nation was divided and the events that led up to the Civil War. They will predominantly be focusing on The Civil War and included in that will be a DBQ Project in class. Finally, they will be learning about the Reconstruction period after the Civil War.

Physical Education

The physical education department will continue to sell PE uniforms until Friday, May 10th and they are available for purchase during the student's physical education classes. CASH only 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!!

Students are still able to get a locker if they bring a lock in to class. We 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 when they bring a lock to class. We do not allow key locks to be used.

Students will continue to dress out until Tuesday May 21st, after that time they will be asked to clean out their lockers and take all items home for the summer.

Language Arts and Reading

Our return from Spring Break marks the beginning of the home stretch! Less than nine weeks left of school, but it will be a busy quarter. Students took the FSA Writes on April 2nd and 4th and will take the Reading portion in May. In these last few weeks the Language Arts department will be working hard to get our kids ready to meet the FSA Reading test head on. Please encourage your students to put forth their best effort in these last few weeks so that they are as prepared as possible for their exams. We want to take this time to encourage you to have your student visit FSASSESSMENTS.ORG and practice the FSA practice tests prior to FSA Reading testing, which begins on May 1, 2019. It is often very helpful to begin a couple of grade levels below and move up to their grade level.

All current 6th and 7th grade students who will return to Millennium Next year:

The staff at Millennium Middle School recognizes the important role that literacy plays in a scholar's achievement and lifelong learning process. Thus, each summer Millennium Middle School Scholars are required to read ONE book on their reading level and complete a project that will count as a grade of 40 points in their Language Arts class. Millennium encourages all scholars to carefully read and annotate the text by marking key details, boxing unknown and/or key vocabulary words, and summarizing each chapter at the end, and then complete multiple activities and assignments that will need to be turned in to their 7th grade and 8th grade teachers in the fall. Please look for this information to come home during the middle of May and work with your students to complete these activities. These activities will be graded!

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

Math

Sixth grade students are learning about statistics and what makes a question a statistical question. They are also learning how to make box and whisker plots and dot plots. Seventh grade is also working on statistics with probability. Students are learning how to interpret data. Eighth grade students are working on using Pythagorean Theorem in the real world and just finished angle relationships. Selected students will be competing in the Math Festival on April 13th at Lyman High School. We have teams from all grade levels representing Millennium. Good Luck to our teams!

Department News



Performing Arts

It is another busy season in the Performing Arts Department! Students and teachers are preparing for performance assessments, shows, concerts and many other exciting events.

Congratulations to our chorus and orchestra students who completed their 2019 Music Performance Assessments! Mr. Ernst and Mr. Moore have worked diligently with their students to sustain the level of quality for which Millennium is known. Both Vocal Ensemble and Vivace Orchestra earned overall Superior ratings. Ladies Ensemble and Intermezzo Orchestra earned overall Excellent ratings.

Millennium Band students have also earned a great deal of recognition this semester! In February, many students participated in the Solo and Ensemble MPA event at Hagerty High School. Millennium students were awarded a total of 61 Superior ratings!

Millennium Middle School's after school dance group, Fusion, went to the Marching Auxiliaries Regional competition on March 9th. Six dances were performed and all 6 earned a Superior score which qualified the group for a Sweepstakes Award! Congratulations to Ms. Ricker, Ms. Galarza, and all the students for this achievement!

The Millennium Middle School Wind Ensemble was selected as one of four bands of distinction to perform in the 2019 UCF All-Southeast Concert Band Invitational on April 8th! The event, hosted by the UCF Department of Music, was held at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Downtown Orlando. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement to the students of the Millennium Middle School Wind Ensemble and Mr. Langston!

We still have many opportunities for you to witness our amazing performing arts students in action! Don't forget to mark these events on your calendar:

Theatre

- ❖ Theatre 4 Show: "The Light in the Library" – Friday, April 12th @ 7:00pm and Saturday, April 13th @ 2:00 pm. Students \$3.00, Adults \$5.00
- ❖ Jr. Thespian Induction Ceremony – Friday, May 10th @ 7:00 pm

Chorus

- ❖ Beginning Chorus Concert – Tuesday, April 16th @ 7:00 pm.
- ❖ Advanced Chorus Concert – Thursday, May 2nd @ 7:00 pm.

Dance

- ❖ Spring Dance Show – Tuesday, April 23rd @ 7:00 pm & Friday, April 26th @ 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$4 and on sale now!

Band

- ❖ Jazz Band Concert – Friday, May 3rd @ 7:00 pm
- ❖ Beginning Band Concert – Tuesday, May 7th @ 7:00 pm
- ❖ Advanced Band Concert – Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00 pm

Orchestra

- ❖ Orchestra Concert – Tuesday, May 14th @ 7:00 pm

Piano

- ❖ Piano Recitals – Thursday, May 16th and Monday, May 20th @ 7:00 pm

Guitar

- ❖ Guitar Ensemble Concert – Tuesday, May 21st @ 7:00 pm

Science

6th Grade: Sixth grade students are working on their Science Fair Projects for this year. This is a grade level initiative to help prepare them for the county fair next year. Most of the work for this project will be done in the classroom. They are also beginning to learn about the planets in our solar system and the relationship between the Earth, Sun, and Earth's Moon. Students will be comparing and contrasting the eight planets plus learning about their specific properties. Tides, eclipses, and phases will also be explored. This unit is called Beyond Our World and hands-on projects include 2D modeling of the solar system, walking the moon phases, plus 3D modeling of the Sun. Beyond our world will be a great way to wrap up the school year and propel your student towards the seventh grade unknown!

7th Grade: Seventh grade science is working on our last unit Variation. During this unit, students will learn about genetics and how traits are passed down from one generation to another. This unit includes a handful of hands-on labs and demonstrations like extracting DNA from a strawberry and making our own model of DNA using marshmallows and Twizzlers. Using a combination of hands-on, virtual, and student-lead activities student will be able to understand how DNA works, how traits are passed down, and how genetically similar all living organisms are. Towards the end of the unit students will discuss the probabilities and make predictions about future generation traits using Punnett Square and Pedigree Charts.

8th Grade: All eighth grade science students are focused on reviewing for the Statewide Science Assessment (SSA) on May 1st, 2019. The assessment includes Earth and Space, Life, and Physical Science so students are completing stations on all of these as they review the material that they learned in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The stations range from making posters to digital lessons to hands on activities. Once SSA is over students will delve into exploring living things and their systems via dissections of bullfrogs.





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.

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.

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 the office upon their return to school.

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.

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.

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.**

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 8th 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.



Millennium Middle School is in need of members to serve on our School Advisory Council (SAC) for the 2018-2019 school year. Through SAC, 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.

SAC will meet on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 4:30pm. If you are interested in being a part of our School Advisory Council, please contact Dr. Thompson at daniel_thompson@scps.k12.fl.us.





PTSA Membership

The MMS PTSA is still actively seeking volunteers who would like to serve on our PTSA board. Please contact us through our Facebook page for more information or if you have any questions! We are also still able to accept new members at any point throughout the school year. Membership is only \$5. Please consider joining the PTSA and supporting our students and staff!



MILLENNIUM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA 2018-19

MEMBERSHIP FORM

MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$5 PER PERSON

MEMBER NAME : _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN STAFF

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MEMBER NAME: STUDENT _____ 1ST PD TEACHER: _____

MEMBER NAME: STUDENT _____ 1ST PD TEACHER: _____

MEMBER NAME: STUDENT _____ 1ST PD TEACHER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

memberships: _____ spiritwear total: _____ magnet total: _____

total pd: _____ cash or check #: _____

PLEASE JOIN OUR PTSA
FACEBOOK PAGE!



The mission of the PTSA at MMS is to serve as a liaison between the families of our students and the school and to advocate for the academic success and safety of our students while providing support for our teachers and staff. Some of the things we typically provide support for include but are not limited to: back to school breakfast for the staff, entertainment/refreshment at the school dances for the students, providing refreshments for events hosted for parents and families on campus throughout the year, teacher grants to help the staff offset the costs of students participating in fine arts programs and extracurricular clubs, and student recognition/success in the positive behavior support program at MMS. Donations are always welcome, and greatly appreciated!

THIS FORM CAN BE TURNED IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO BE PLACED IN THE PTSA MAILBOX!

GET YOUR Spiritwear HERE!!!



CAR MAGNET \$5
7.5 IN WIDE BY 4 IN HIGH

X _____ : \$ _____



MILLENNIUM MIDDLE CREST TEE \$15
PREMIUM GRAPHIC TEE (PURPLE)

CL AS AM AL AXL 2X 3X

X _____ : \$ _____



NEVER TELL ME THE ODDS \$12
UNISEX SOFT WICKING TEE (BLACK)

CL AS AM AL AXL 2X 3X

X _____ : \$ _____



MILLENNIUM SPIRIT JERSEY \$25
OVERSIZED HEAVY LONG SLEEVE TEE

CL AS AM AL AXL 2X 3X

X _____ : \$ _____

CASH OR CHECKS (CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO MMS PTSA)

Once we have received your order form and your payment, we will fill your order and place the items in your first period teacher's mailbox (if you are a student) or in your mailbox (if you are a teacher or staff member).

STUDENT NAME: _____ 1ST PERIOD TEACHER'S NAME: _____ OR STAFF MEMBER NAME: _____



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