

Frequently Asked Questions

Day-to-Day Information

- 9 period bell schedule
- Homeroom is 8:00-8:14 in first period class– announcements
- 4 Core Academic Classes– math, science, social studies, and two periods of language arts
- Lunch and Physical Education
- Two elective periods– band, choir, study hall (year long), music, art, & technology (semester long)
- 4 minute passing period between each class
- Semesters– A student’s schedule will show that the year is divided into 2 semesters
- Semester Grades and Progress Reports– Grades are available on Home Access. Families will be notified that grades are available via a Connect Ed message.
- Homework– Homework will depend on your student’s teacher and units of study. Expectations are high, so setting a scheduled homework and study time is recommended. Students should not wait until the last minute to complete work.

What if my child forgets his/her locker combination or can’t get it opened? Buying and practicing with a lock over the summer can be very beneficial for students. Students should also take time at schedule pick up to practice opening their lockers. Teachers/custodians have keys to help students, and teachers are lenient regarding tardies the first week of school. If your child forgets his/her combination they should go to the office and ask.

How will my child pay for breakfast or lunch? Your student may bring money to school each day to pay, or bring money for the week/month to have put on their account by the breakfast/lunch staff. Your family may also pay for breakfast/lunch by putting money into your student's account through the district website.

Can students bring a cell phone? Students may have a cell phone in the building. The use of their phone in class is dictated by each individual teacher. A form will need to be signed at schedule pick up for cell phone permission.

How will my child get individual help if needed? Individual help will be provided in a variety of forms. Teachers have students come before or after school, during homeroom, or study hall. Learning Lab is also open to all students during their lunch period.

What should my child do if he/she is being bullied? Bullying can be reported to your student’s teacher, a counselor, or assistant principal. Official bully reports can be filed with a counselor or online through the school’s website. We will help your student by working with the bully to stop the behavior and keep students safe. All reports are confidential.

Thompson Junior High



Step Up Night

A Day in the Life of a 6th Grader

440 Boulder Hill Pass
Oswego, IL 60543

630-636-2600



General Information

School Day: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Breakfast: Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:50 in the cafeteria. Students must remain in the cafeteria for breakfast. Breakfast can be purchased in cash or through your student's meal plan.

Student Drop Off: Parents will enter the staff parking lot and drop their child off in the back of the building after 7:30am. Students who arrive before 7:30am, may enter the front of the building and wait in the vestibule until the doors open at 7:30am. At this time they will report to a designated holding site (most likely the main hallway), if not eating breakfast.

Bus Drop Off: 6th grade students who ride the bus will be dropped off in the front of the building and report to their designated holding site (most likely the main hallway).

Student Planner: Every student is required to carry his/her planner at all times. The planner contains an assignment notebook, school rules, hall passes, rights and responsibilities, and academic resources. They are given out at schedule pick up.

Teacher Websites

Most teachers have a website which contains important class information. You may find:

- Class curriculum/Online textbook link
- Daily/Weekly Assignments/Handouts
- Upcoming activities

Website Directions

- <http://www.sd308.org/thompson>
- Click **Teachers**
- Click on the **Teacher's name**

Lockers

Hall Locker: Each student will be assigned a hall locker with a built-in combination lock. There is only one student per locker. Sharing lockers is not allowed. Students should not give out their combination to another student. Locker clean out will be held to help maintain a clean environment.

PE Locker: Each student will be assigned a PE locker. A combination lock will be given to the student to use. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that it is locked at all times.

Band Locker: Students in band will have an instrument locker located in the band room. They are allowed to drop off their instrument here in the morning.

Organization

- All 6th Graders will be following a universal organizational method (AVID).
- School supply packs are available to order through Shane's Office Products. Information will be coming home at Step Up Day and will be on the Thompson Website.
- Backpacks are not allowed to be carried from class to class during the school day.

Attendance

- Student attendance is very important to us here at Thompson. We expect students to be present and on time everyday. The Truancy Team meets once a week to discuss truancy issues and incentives for students.
- Students who have excessive absences or tardiness are referred to the Kendall County Truancy Officer in accordance with state and local laws. Excessive is defined as over 5% of the last 180 school days.