

# BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Franklin House



**WELCOME TO BF!** YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME HERE AT BF! OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL IS DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN HOUSES- FRANKLIN AND RIDGE. EACH HOUSE HAS FOUR TEAM TEACHERS, A GRADE ADMINISTRATOR AND A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. YOU WILL FIND LOTS OF PEOPLE TO HELP YOU START YOUR YEAR OFF RIGHT!

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."-Benjamin Franklin*

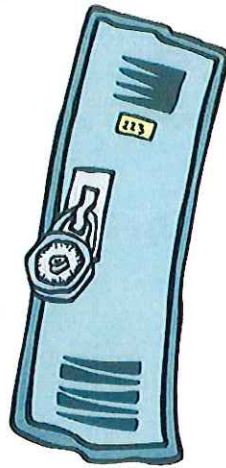
### FRANKLIN 6 TEACHERS

*Ms. Cigolini - (English) "Welcome to our Franklin 6 family where we treat each other with kindness and respect. Get ready to learn and have fun."*

*Mr. Schulke - (Social Studies) "BF is a great place! Come in everyday excited to learn new things"*

*Mrs. Esposito - (Math) "BF has great activities. Spirit Week is my favorite." "Work hard and try to stay organized."*

*Mrs. Dolgin - (Science) "Be prepared to experience real science labs and have fun at the same time"*



### LOCKERS

Lockers are one of the best things about BF. Many people are looking forward to having lockers and aren't let down. Lockers are so cool because you have a place to keep all of your things! They are also so much fun to decorate! The fun never stops. Be careful not to cram too much stuff inside - they do jam! You might want to practice using a bike lock over the summer so you are an expert on locks in September.

### SCHEDULES

One of the changes from elementary school to middle school is switching classes. Every quarter you are assigned new electives but your team classes, (Math, Science, English, and Social Studies), stay the same. Depending on what music class you take, vocal, band, or strings will also be one of your year round classes. BF has something called rotating schedules. There are 8 periods a day, but every day two classes are dropped. It will seem confusing at first but you will figure it out eventually.

## Intramurals & Clubs

Football Basketball Track Volleyball  
Ski Club  
Student Council Weightlifting Club  
School Play National Junior Art Honor Society  
Brain Busters Latin Club BF Singers  
Yearbook Club Broadway Bound  
Cambodia Club Social Services Club

## Languages

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade you are required to take one quarter of French, Latin and Spanish. When you graduate from 6<sup>th</sup> grade you get to choose what language you want to take for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Spanish teachers are Senora Briggs and Senora Del Orbe, the Latin teacher is Magistra Carroll and the French teacher is Madame Imbruglia. All the languages are fun and the teachers are really cool.

## Supply Lists

### Homeroom Supply List:

**\*\*To Homeroom Teacher\*\***

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 package of crayons
- 8 x glue sticks



*Spirit Week is definitely the best part of the year!*  
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grader

*My favorite part of spirit week is that last day - the color wars!*  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grader

*Everybody working together to get their grade to win is great, as well as the excitement throughout the school!*  
- Mr. Wu, Grade Administrator

### Class Supply List:

- 6 heavy duty pocket folders (2 Social Studies, 2 English, 2 Math)
- Simple calculator (Math)
- 3 black and white, hardcover composition books (1 English and 2 Science)
- 1 pack of index cards (Science)
- Pencils and Pens (Throughout the Year!)
- 1 package of graph paper (Math)
- 2 highlighters
- 1 subject spiral notebook(100 pages for Math)
- 1 pencil case for Math binder
- 1 two inch binder (Math)
- Fully Charged Chromebook DAILY!

**Field Day is when you have a battle with your homerooms. There are many different activities on field day such as the Egg Toss, Elephant Walk, Crazy Hair, Pie Eating Contest and the Giant Pony Express!**

You will have a great time at BF. All the teachers are kind and will help you every time you need it. There are so many new programs to do after school and it is great place to learn and get educated. Contributors:



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## Advisory

Each student is assigned an advisory group and teacher. You will keep this advisory for the rest of BF. Advisory is a place where you do projects around the school to help out. One thing BF does every year is the Paterson gift drive where you donate a gift to a kid in Paterson. You have advisory every two to three weeks. The year ends with an Advisory kickball tournament where the whole school plays each other!

## Spirit Week

Spirit Week is one week of the school year where each day you dress up. The grade with the highest percentage of participation wins a spirit week point. Possible costumes could be Tie-dye Tuesday or Wig Wednesday. There are also certain days throughout the year where you can win spirit points. Twice a year, you go to the auditorium and play different game shows and video games to win extra spirit week points. At the end of the year the grade with the most spirit points wins a reward. Spirit Week is very competitive and everyone has a good time.