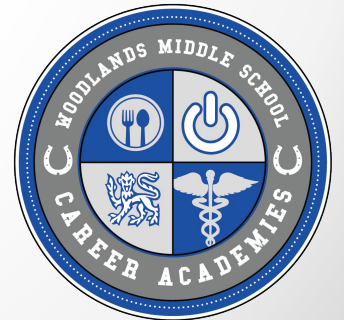


Woodlands Middle School

Orientation

For Parents and Students New to
Woodlands Middle School



Mrs. Jen Kuras, Principal



**Welcome to Woodlands
Community Middle School!**

[Home of the Mustangs!](#)

Mr. Sallenbach: 6th Grade Assistant Principal



Our Mission Statement

*Woodlands is a Cambridge International school dedicated to **connecting, supporting, and accelerating** each of our scholars to **succeed and serve others.***

BEING A CAMBRIDGE SCHOLAR

CONFIDENT



RESPONSIBLE

INNOVATIVE

REFLECTIVE

ENGAGED

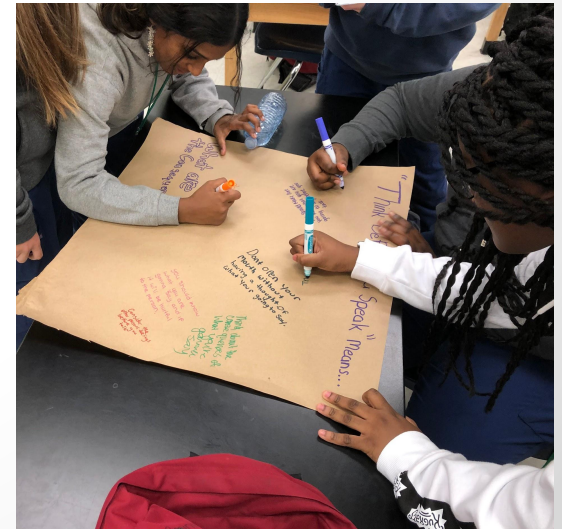
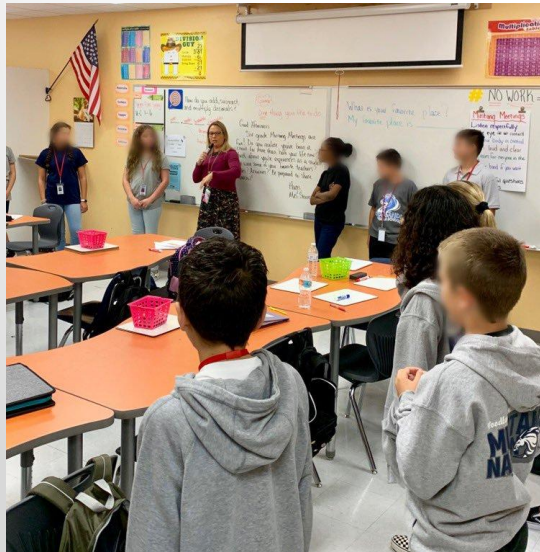
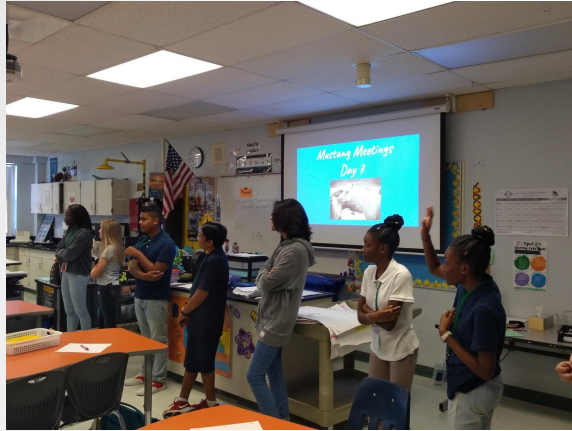
Skills for Learning and Life

SKILLS FOR

Learning & Life



The School District of Palm Beach County





Woodlands House System





What is the House System?



- ❖ Houses make up smaller communities within each school where all staff and students belong to one so everyone feels a sense of membership at school.
- ❖ Each house represents different traits, history, and traditions.
- ❖ Houses are not teams.
- ❖ Houses offer...
 - Competition (Healthy)
 - Comradery
 - Collaboration
 - Communication
 - Connection



Crew with a Cause



Every child needs an environment where personal sacrifice contributes to the collective experience.





Why the House System?



- ❖ Fosters a **culture of belonging** because houses are composed of **every student and staff member in the school**- allowing students to socialize with one another across grades and with positive adult role models beyond just their classroom teachers.

- ❖ Builds **character and school-wide community**.
 - The **traits of each house** represent traits that you want all of your students to embody: *"5 houses -1 Mustang family"*
 - Each student's **personal accomplishments** are rewarded with points that **collectively count toward his/her House**. This gives students an opportunity to be recognized and thanked by their peers for their individual contributions to the overall team.

- ❖ Promotes a **culture of healthy/constructive competition** through House competitions- students learn how to be team players, contribute their efforts toward a group, and learn that those who work hard and stick with it are often the ones rewarded.





Social Well-Being

How we relate to others (How we act)



- ◆ **Belonging**
- ◆ **Relationships and Social Connections**
- ◆ **Sense of Purpose**
 - **Studies have shown that identity and purpose can be some of the strongest predictors of well-being, significantly predicting greater life satisfaction, positive effects, and outcomes.**





House Points



Win House Points and Earn the House Championship at the end of the year!!!!

- ❖ **Being a leader in your classroom**
- ❖ **Consistently displaying MUSTANG PRIDE**
- ❖ **Achieving Academic Excellence**
- ❖ **Schoolwide Top Achiever in Reading Plus**
- ❖ **School Spirit**
- ❖ **Teamwork**





How can you help as a parent:



- ❖ Ask your student about their house, learn about the house along with them.
- ❖ Encourage your student to participate in house activities such as house spirit dress up days
- ❖ Come and participate in family house activities. You are a part of the house with your student.
- ❖ Would you like to be a financial partner? You can be a business partner and be specific to saying you would like to support this initiative. Please contact Mrs. Hartman for more information.





5 Houses, 1 Mustang Family



Sports and Intramurals



Boys and Girls:

- Soccer**
- Volleyball**
- Softball**
- Baseball**
- Basketball**
- Track & Field**

- Tryouts will be announced
- All students are required to have an athletic packet turned in with a physical
- Athletic packets may be picked up in the main office



Clubs & Activities

National
Junior Honor
Society

SADD & SWAT

Windows and
Mirrors

HOSA

SECME

Art

Anime



Jazz Band

Robotics

Cheerleading

Step Team

Campus Life

Student Council

Chess



Morning and Aftercare

WHEN:

Morning Care: Monday - Friday, 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M (Starting 2nd day of school)

After School Program: Monday - Thursday, 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M (Starting the 2nd week of August)

WHERE: Cafeteria / Classroom

TRANSPORTATION: Activity Bus (beginning 21st) / Parent

COST: Free for free/reduced lunch students & minimal monthly payments accepted

ACTIVITIES: Homework help, tutorial sessions, computer lab, culinary, robotics, step, & other activities

Mustang
PRIDE



Home of Cambridge,
Medical, Culinary & IT
Academies

Parent Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Aquarius Gate:

- Is not a designated drop-off or pick-up area.
- Only students who live in the designated area will receive an Aquarius ID and be allowed to enter and exit through this gate.

Lyons Road:

- The entrance to the car-line is at 5200 Lyons Road.
- All students should be dropped-off and picked-up in the car-line.
- Upon entering the car-line students should be ready to depart their vehicle when they arrive at the front of the school.
- Drivers are to be hands-free and refrain from using their Cell Phones while in the car-line to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- We ask that you continuously move all the way to the front of the car-line following the orange cones.
- Students are not to be dropped-off or picked-up on Lyons Road.

Dismissal Reminders:

- Woodlands Middle School Dismisses at 4:00pm. Per Florida Statute 1003.31, students are to be picked up no later than 30 minutes after school is dismissed. Please make arrangements to have students picked-up by 4:30pm.
- Aftercare is available beginning mid-August. Please contact Jean Jabouin (jean.jabouin@palmbeachschools.org) for details.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation as the safety of our students is our top priority.

Bus Transportation:

To find out bus number, times and locations-

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org>

- Click on Students & Parents
- Quick Links: Click on [Register Your Ride](#) (available in August)



Choice Transportation

- The School Board shall provide transportation for all students who are enrolled in Choice schools and programs who reside more than two miles from the choice school or program, and who reside within a designated choice transportation zone.
- **Bus stops for Choice schools or programs may be limited and may not be within walking distance of a student's home. Choice bus routes average a longer ride time than routes to a zoned school.**
- Additional bus stops will not be created for students who reside within the choice transportation zone regardless of the student's proximity to the nearest stop.
- **Visit "Register Your Ride" on district web page in August.**

Parent Organizations

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)

meets 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm

PTSO board meets 1st of each month

PTSO Contact information:

General Email: WoodlandsMSPTSO@gmail.com

Volunteer email: woodlandsm volunteer@gmail.com

FB: [Woodlands PTSO](#) IG: [Woodlands MS PTSO](#)

Remind: [Text @ac2egb to 81010](#)

School Online Store: <https://woodlands-ptso.square.site>

Purchase Membership & Spirit wear

**Mustang
PRIDE**



Home of
Cambridge,
Medical, Culinary
& IT Academies

Community Organizations

School Advisory Council (SAC)

meets 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm

Volunteers and Business Partners

Volunteers needed!

- Sign up through Main Office or PTSO

Business Partnerships:

- Recognition on fence banner for \$350 donation
- Donations of supplies, discounts for services
- Mentorship, guest speakers
- SAC membership

**Mustang
PRIDE**



Home of
Cambridge,
Medical, Culinary
& IT Academies

Mustang Communication

- PBC School District App
- Weekly Principal Newsletter
- Callouts from ParentLink
- Emails (student and parent)
- Parent Conferences
- School Website
 - <https://wdms.palmbeachschools.org>
- Twitter
 - Follow Mrs. Kuras: @SDPBCJenKuras
 - Follow our choice academies: @WoodlandsMSAcad



**Mustang
PRIDE**



Home of Cambridge,
Medical, Culinary &
IT Academies

SIS (Student Information System)

CHECK STUDENT GRADES & ATTENDANCE

<https://wdms.palmbeachschools.org>

- From the web page, click on the box that says **SIS Gateway** to register and get student grades and other reports.



The screenshot shows the SIS Gateway website for The School District of Palm Beach County. At the top is a blue header with the district logo and name. Below is the "SIS GATEWAY" logo. A welcome message states: "Welcome to the School District of Palm Beach County Student Information System (SIS) Gateway for Parents. The Gateway is a tool that provides parents/guardians timely access to their student's information including, but not limited to schedule, grades, discipline, and attendance." Two red buttons are visible: "REGISTER" and "LOG IN". Under "REGISTER" are links for "Create a New Parent/Guardian Account", "Add Another Student to my Gateway Account", "*Security PIN Required", "No PIN? Contact the school.", and "**Use Google Chrome or Firefox**". Under "LOG IN" are links for "All Gateway Users Login" and "Forgot Password?". A "Need Help?" section includes links for "How to register", "How to add another student to my existing account", and "How to reset your password". The footer contains contact information for the Fulton-Holland Educational Services Center and a list of links: "ABOUT US", "CALENDAR", "BOARD POLICIES", "COMMUNICATIONS", and "CONTACT US".

Transitioning to Middle School



- Greater independence
- Letter grades instead of standards-based grades
- Greater academic responsibility; students will be cognitively challenged
- Time management
- Social influences
- Decision-making
- More activities & choices
- Most students adjust quickly
- Parents should stay connected and involved, while allowing kids to be accountable



School-wide Positive Behavior Support

Mustang PRIDE:
Positive Attitude
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Excellence

Universal Signal

Hand raised; talking stops

Expected behaviors

Taught first week of school

Look for information within the first week of school


**Mustang
PRIDE**



Home of Cambridge,
Medical, Culinary &
IT Academies

Registration / Course Selection

- If your current school does not feed to Woodlands Middle, you will need to complete a registration form and course selection sheet.

 <p>THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY New and Returning Student Registration</p> <p>Complete ALL AREAS on both sides of the form. Correct any preprinted information. <u>Do not leave any area unanswered.</u> ALL students MUST COMPLETE a registration form ANNUALLY.</p>	OFFICE USE ONLY		
	Student Number	School Number	Transportation
	Grade Level	EN CD	SAC Code
	Student Entry Date	TERMS Data Entry: Name/Date	
Student Legal name (last, first, middle)		Student Former Name or AKA (if applicable)	
Student Local Address (house number and street name, apartment number, city, state, zip code)		Housing Development (if applicable)	
Student Soc. Sec. # (optional)	Student Home Telephone #	Best Parent/Guardian Contact Telephone Numbers	

Registration

- ❖ Contact Mrs. Watts in our Main Office for a registration packet and course selection form.
 - costanza.watts@palmbeachschools.org
 - Main Office: 561-357-0300
 - or scan QR code:



- ❖ Hard copy registration packets are available tonight.

Student Support Services

Mrs. Aimee Goetz

ESOL Coordinator

English Speakers of Other Languages



Dr. Angela Anderson

ESE Coordinator

IEPs and EPs

Ms. Oleydis Iznaga

6th Grade Counselor

504's

Student Support Services



School Counselors:
Ms. Oleydis Iznaga (6th)
Ms. Daiana Dias (7th)
Mrs. Guillaume (8th)
Mr. Paul Mathias (ESOL)

School Behavioral Health Professional:
Ms. Monique Barrett

To schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences:
TBD

Grades / Progress Reports

Grading Scale

A Outstanding Progress (100 - 90)

Indicates thorough mastery of the subject

B Above Average Progress (89 - 80)

Indicates above average mastery of the subject

C Average Progress (79 - 70)

Indicates average mastery of the subject

D Lowest Acceptable Progress (69 - 60)

Indicates below average mastery of the subject

F Failure (below 60)

Indicates lack of mastery of the subject



PROGRESS REPORTS

Sent home halfway through each quarter.

REPORT CARDS

Pushed-out via SIS Portal at the close of each quarter.

**Mustang
PRIDE**



Home of Cambridge,
Medical, Culinary & IT
Academies

Summer “To Do” List

- Follow SDPBC on social media for latest updates
- Make sure your contact information is correct in SIS
- Purchase school supplies
 - [6th grade list](#)
- Purchase school dress code items

IMPORTANT Dates:

Schedule Release:

Student schedules will be released via SIS Student Portal on Friday, August 7th, 2024

First Day of School

**Monday, August 12, 2024
First bell is at 9:00am, Tardy bell at 9:10am**

Please plan for increased traffic!

Mustang Mini Camp

- **Where: WOODLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- **When: Choose ONE of the dates July 30th, July 31st, or August 1st.**
- **Time: 9:30AM-2:30PM**
- **What to expect: Fun activities to get to know your peers, get a feel for the school, meet your school counselors, information on what to expect in Middle School.**
- **Lunch is provided**

For incoming 6th graders only

[Mini Camp Form](#)



Contact Us:

Principal, [Mrs. Jenifer Kuras](#)

6th Grade Assistant Principal, [Mr. Justin Sallenbach](#)

7th Grade Assistant Principal, [Mrs. Sharese Gillard](#)

8th Grade Assistant Principal, [Mrs. Dawn Hartman](#)

Cambridge Coordinator, [Mrs. Kayce Henning](#)

Choice Coordinator, [Mrs. Eileen Southwick](#)

PTSO President, [Susan Ahearn](#)

Athletic Director, [Ms. Lori Motel](#)

ESE Coordinator, [Dr. Angela Anderson](#)

ESOL Coordinator, [Mrs. Aimee Goetz](#)

Registration/Course Selection: [Ms. Connie Watts](#)

Q123RF

Welatin Raibh Maith Agat Terma Kasih
 Selamat Merci Dankon Welatin
 Kiitos Grazie Dankon Welatin
 Terma Kasih Grazie Spasibo Merci Dankon
 Multumesc Matondo Mator Nuwun
 Cam on ban Asante Nirringrazzjak
 Ua Tsaug Rau Koj Grazie Mochchakkeram
 Dankon Terma Kasih Merci
 Spasibo Grazie Welatin
 Dank Je You Raibh Maith Agat
 Mochchakkeram Dankon Welatin Merci
 Spasibo Bbrigado Mochchakkeram
 Mochchakkeram Grazie Dankon Welatin Merci
 Merci Grazie Arigato Spasibo
 Mochchakkeram Cam on ban Nirringrazzjak Dankon Grazie Welatin
 Ua Tsaug Rau Koj Matondo Kia Bra Ua Tsaug Rau Koj
 Terma Kasih Welatin Raibh Maith Agat



Q123RF

