

Welcome to

Castle North Middle School



Home of the Squires 2025-2026

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812-858-1089 (fax)
John Bertram, Principal
Brian Kilgour, Assistant Principal
Penny Titzer, Guidance Counselor
Karen Slepisky, Guidance Counselor
Joshua Watjen, Athletic Director

Contact Information

Castle North Office

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m.- 3:15 p.m.
Phone: 812-853-7347
Fax: 812-858-1089
website: <https://castlenorth.warrick.k12.in.us/>

Attendance

Phone: 812-858-3410
Email: cnmsattendance@warrick.k12.in.us

Important Dates

Monday, July 21, 2025

**8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. School office opens
(closed for lunch noon-1:00 p.m.)**

Thursday, July 31, 2025

**6th Gr. (Parents only) Meet the Teachers Night
6:00 pm-7:30 pm**

Friday, August 1, 2025

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Students Last Name A-L--Front Entrance #2
Students Last Name M-Z --Back Entrance #10

Sunday, August 3, 2025

1:00pm-4:00pm Building open
Use Entrance #2

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

1st Student Day
7:25 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
7:00 a.m. Doors Open
All students report to homeroom!

When dropping off anything, (money, clothes, etc.) for your student at the office, please put the item in a bag or an envelope WITH THE STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME on it.

Bus Information

Transportation Department 812-897-0495

Bus # _____ Driver: _____ Phone: _____

PARENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS

If you are dropping off students in the morning, please go to the **BACK OF THE BUILDING Entrance #10!**

Students should not arrive prior to 7:00 AM. All students should report to Gym A until they are released at 7:15 AM to go to their lockers and continue on to their classes.

Students should also be picked up in the **BACK OF THE BUILDING Entrance #10** immediately after school (2:30 PM).



2025-2026 School Calendar

Approved 7/8/2024

AUGUST 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
DAYS - 18						

SEPTEMBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
DAYS - 20						

OCTOBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
DAYS - 21						

NOVEMBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						
DAYS - 17						

DECEMBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
DAYS - 15						

Date	Event
8/4-8/5	Teacher Workday (Full days)
8/6	First Day for Students
9/1	Labor Day/No School
9/17	Prof. Development - No Students
10/10-10/13	Fall Break/No School
11/26-11/28	Thanksgiving Break/No School

12/19	Last day for students
12/22-1/2	Christmas Break/No School
1/5	Second Semester Begins
1/19	Martin Luther King Day/No School
2/11	Prof. Development - No Students
2/16	Presidents' Day/No School

3/13	Make-up Day/No School
3/23-3/27	Spring Break/No School
4/3	Make-up Day/No School
4/24	Make-up Day/No School
5/1	Make-up Day/No School
5/20	Last day for students
5/21	Teacher Workday (Full day)

If necessary, additional make-up days will be scheduled at the end of the school year.

TW - Teacher Workday
First/Last Day of School
No School
Professional Development (No students)

Grading Periods	
First Quarter: Aug 6-Oct 9 (45 days)	
Second Quarter: Oct 14-Dec 19 (46 days)	
First Semester (91 Days)	
Third Quarter: Jan 5-Mar 11 (45 days)	
Fourth Quarter: Mar 12-May 20 (41 days)	
Second Semester (86 Days)	

JANUARY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
DAYS - 19						

FEBRUARY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
DAYS - 18						

MARCH 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	9	10	11	12	MU	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
DAYS - 16						

APRIL 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	MU	25
26	27	28	29	30		
DAYS - 20						

MAY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
DAYS - 13						

Breakdown
177 student days
3 teacher workdays
2 PD days
182 total teacher days

Castle North Middle School Curriculum

6th Grade

English/Language Arts (H*)
Math 6 (H*)
Math 6
Science
Social Studies
Physical Education
Study Hall
Band
Enrichment SS
Enrichment SC
Music
Art

7th Grade

English/Language Arts (H*)
Math 7 (H*)
Math 7/A
Math 7
Science (H*)
Geography (H*)
Physical Education
Health
Math For Life
Enrichment SS
Enrichment SC
Band
Study Hall

8th Grade

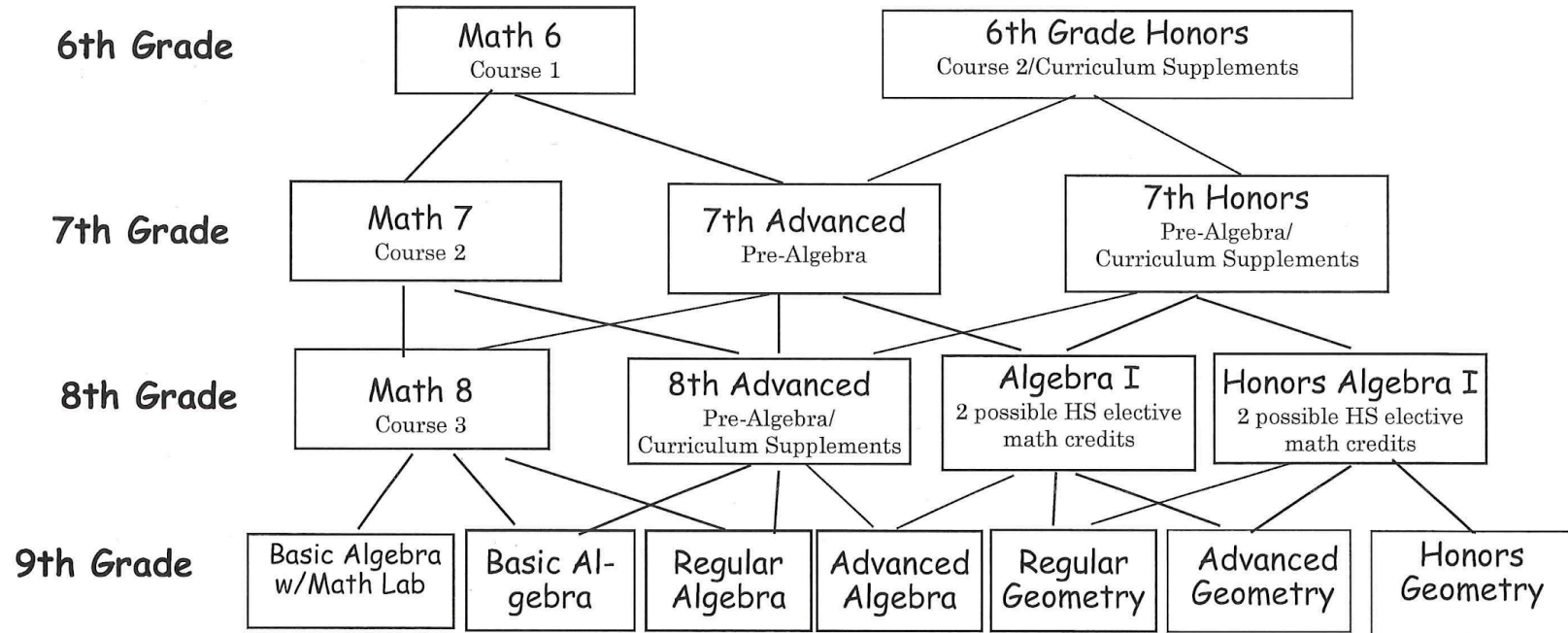
English/Language Arts (H*)
Algebra I (H*)
Algebra I
Math 8/A
Math 8
Science (H*)
U.S. History (H*)
Computer Science- HS Credit
Industrial Technology
Physical Education
Enrichment SS
Enrichment SC
Band
Study Hall

**Class can only be taken after recommendation by the Honors Board.*

Castle North Middle School offers courses in general education, special education, and honors. We offer a wide range of special education services with different degrees of support for the student. The special education department at CNMS includes speech and language, vision, hearing, learning disability, other health impairment, and emotional disability.

MATH FLOW CHART FOR CNMS

Revised December 2023



6th Math —Course 1

Math 7

7th Adv **B+** ↑ and teacher recommendation

6th Honors/High Ability

7th Honors (must display higher level thinking)

7th Advanced w/teacher recommendation

7th Math —Course 2

Math 8

8th Adv: w/teacher recommendation

7th Math Advanced

8th Advanced

Math 8: w/teacher recommendation

Algebra I: A and teacher recommendation

* (for both **Algebra** or **Honors Algebra**, students must display higher level thinking to jump to the high school course)

7th Honors

Algebra I

8th Advanced w/teacher recommendation

Honors Algebra: A and teacher recommendation

Math 8—Course 3

Basic Algebra I

Basic Alg w/Lab w/teacher recommendation

Regular Algebra I w/teacher recommendation

8th Advanced

Regular Algebra I

Advanced Algebra I w/teacher recommendation

Basic Alg w/teacher recommendation

8th Algebra I

A: Advanced Geo

B: Regular Geometry

C↓: Advanced Algebra I

8th Honors Algebra I

A: Honors Geo higher level thinking

B: Advanced Geometry

C: Regular Geometry
(or Advanced Algebra I)

Castle North Middle School

"Home of the Squires"

2025 - 2026

	6th Grade Core Rooms - 98, 100, 101, 102, 401, 402, 403, 404		7th Grade Core Rooms - 203, 205, 206, 207, 301, 303, 304, 305		8th Grade Core Rooms - 108, 109, 110, 111 200, 201, 202, 204
	Students may enter the building at 7:00a.m. and report to Gym A. Car riders must be dropped off and picked up in the back of the building!				
1st	Encore 1 or 2 7:25- 8:12	1st	Core Class 7:25-8:12	1st	Core Class 7:25-8:12
2nd	Encore 1 or 2 8:16- 9:02	2nd	Core Class 8:16-9:02	2nd	Core Class 8:16-9:02
3rd	Core Class 9:06- 9:52	3rd	Core Class 9:06- 9:52	3rd	Core Class 9:06- 9:52
4th	FLEX/HR 9:56- 10:26	4th	FLEX/HR 9:56- 10:26	4th	FLEX/HR 9:56- 10:26
5th	Core Class 10:30-11:16	5th	Encore 1 or 2 10:30-11:16	5th	8th Grade Lunch 10:30-11:05
6th	Core Class 11:20-12:06	6th	7th Grade Lunch 11:20-11:55	6th	Core Class 11:09-11:55
7th	6th Grade Lunch 12:10-12:45	7th	Encore 1 or 2 11:59-12:45	7th	Core Class 11:59-12:45
8th	Core Class 12:49-1:35	8th	Core Class 12:49-1:35	8th	Encore 1 or 2 12:49-1:35
9th	Core Class 1:39-2:30	9th	Core Class 1:39-2:30	9th	Encore 1 or 2 1:39-2:30

6th Grade Core Classes -
Language Arts, Math,
Science, Social Studies,
Gen Music {sem}/ Art {sem}

6th Grade Encore 1 -
PE {sem}, Enrichment Science {Q},
Enrichment SStudies {Q}

6th Grade Encore 2 -
Band or Study Hall

7th Grade Core Classes -
Language Arts, Math, Science,
Geography, Math For Life {sem}
/ Health {sem}

7th Grade Encore 1 -
PE {sem}, Enrichment Science {Q},
Enrichment SStudies {Q}

7th Grade Encore 2 -
Band or Study Hall

8th Grade Core Classes -
Language Arts, Math, Science,
History, Industrial Technology
{sem} / Computer Science
{sem}

8th Grade Encore 1 -
PE {sem}, Enrichment Science {Q},
Enrichment SStudies {Q}

8th Grade Encore 2 -
Band or Study Hall

Activities and Clubs

CNMS Robotics Team- Castle North Middle School offers a club for students to work with robots. The CNMS Robotics Team consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who have an interest in designing, building, and programming a robot to compete in the First Lego League Competition. The club meets after school during the fall semester. Team information can be found in the newsletter and announcements when available. For more information, please contact Mr. Denning at rdenning@warrick.k12.in.us or Ms. Grooms at kgrooms@warrick.k12.in.us.

Archery - Archery is offered to 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. The season begins in November and runs to the end of the school year. Tournaments are held nearly every weekend. If you have an interest in renting a bow and receiving lessons before the actual start date, you need to contact Mr. John Reed jreed@warrick.k12.in.us with any further questions.

Chess Club - Chess Club is an opportunity for students to practice logic and critical thinking, social skills, and just have fun. Students play and teach each other chess as well as a variety of other strategy board games. All students are welcome and a knowledge of chess is not required. For more information, please contact Mrs. Post at tpost@warrick.k12.in.us or Mrs. Bourgeois at mbourgeois@warrick.k12.in.us.

Generation On – Students work together to define community needs and then design service projects to address those needs. Students may join at any time during the school year. Students are encouraged to serve our community any way they can. For more information please contact Mrs. Short at dshort@warrick.k12.in.us.

Student council - Representatives from each homeroom organize events for the student body, promote fundraisers for charities, and sponsor a school-wide 3K walk/run in the spring. Elections are held in the first two weeks of the school year. For more information please contact Mrs. Sabo at skillebrew@warrick.k12.in.us or Mrs. Bourgeois at mbourgeois@warrick.k12.in.us

Academic Team – Students compete at the Academic Super Bowl Competition held every year in the spring. The middle school (Junior Division) competition will be made up of four subject matter rounds (social studies, mathematics, English and science) and a fifth interdisciplinary round in which questions may come from any and all of the subject matter rounds. For more information please contact Mrs. Steele at ssteele@warrick.k12.in.us or Mrs. Harmon at sharmon@warrick.k12.in.us.

Yearbook – Students meet after school to create a yearbook for the student body. Members are responsible for taking pictures and designing the yearbook. For more information please contact Mrs. Lawrence at clawrence@warrick.k12.in.us.

Choir – 6th Grade Choir

Students interested in joining the 6th grade choir will rehearse on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. No audition is required. This choir focuses on learning the basics of singing and vocal technique, providing a strong foundation for future musical growth. Sixth grade choir members will perform in two to three concerts throughout the school year.

7th & 8th Grade Choir

The 7th and 8th grade choir is an auditioned, advanced ensemble that rehearses on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. In addition to performing in two to three annual concerts, this group also participates in multiple in-school and community performances and travels for select events. Each spring, the choir takes part in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Organizational Festival.

Being a member of the CNMS Concert Choir is a fun and rewarding opportunity for students to connect with peers who share a love of music and performing. For more information please contact Kslotterback@warrick.k12.in.us.

Theatre Troupe - Students interested in the performing arts may choose to participate in the CNMS theatre program. Skills such as acting, dancing, costumes, prop design, stage design, and more will be developed. Students may also choose to be on stage crew, sound/light team, or assist with make-up. For more information please contact Mr. Payne at cpayne@warrick.k12.in.us or Mrs. Chambliss at jchambliss@warrick.k12.in.us

Green Team– The CNMS Green Team works with the Eco-schools program, through the National Wildlife Federation, to set goals for CNMS to reduce the school's environmental impact. The CNMS Green Team provides opportunities for students to engage in action-oriented activities, such as recycling, increasing biodiversity, feeding pollinators, and cleaning up trash. The Green Team meets once every other week on Wednesdays, throughout the school year, and on one Saturday morning in the spring. An application will need to be submitted in order to participate on the Green Team. Please contact Ms. Grooms (kgrooms@warrick.k12.in.us), Ms. Crump (scrump@warrick.k12.in.us), and/or Mr. Deutsch (adeutsch@warrick.k12.in.us) for additional information.

Book Club - meets every two weeks from mid-September through April. The initial book will be chosen by the sponsors, Mrs. Strauser and Mrs. Houlton. After that, students will help choose the books they want to read, though several genres will be covered throughout the year. Students may have to go to the public library or a bookstore to get their copy of the book, depending on the club members' book choices. Questions can be addressed to Mrs. Strauser at tstrauser@warrick.k12.in.us or Mrs. Houlton at khoulton@warrick.k12.in.us .

Library Helpers – Library helpers are selected in August or September of the school year. Students assist every day in the task of organizing and straightening their library. Library Helpers come to the library after completing their homework during study hall and during their lunch period to assist in the library. Students often assist other classmates in finding certain titles on the shelves. Students help with the final organization of the library at the end of the school year. Library helpers also set up our book fairs two or three times a year. For more information please contact Mrs. Strauser at tstrauser@warrick.k12.in.us

Castle North Middle School Athletics Information

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, ALL students wishing to participate in CNMS athletics will need to sign up on the Final Forms website.

You can access the Final Forms website by clicking the link below:

<https://warrick-in.finalforms.com>

Should you need assistance with the Final Forms sign-up process, please refer to the informational PDF.

You can access the PDF click the link below:

[Final Forms Parent Informational Packet](#)

Final Forms will allow parents/guardians to upload a digital copy of the necessary documents needed to participate in CNMS athletics.

All necessary information is also available on the Castle North MS Athletics website:

https://castlenorth.warrick.k12.in.us/51900_1

REQUIRED ATHLETIC FORMS

Any student wishing to participate on an athletic team, including Cheer and Dance, at Castle North Middle School must have the following documents completed/uploaded on Final Forms:

1. Contact Information
2. Health History & Medical Profile (Medications, Injuries & Hospitalizations, Past & Ongoing Conditions)
3. IHSAA PPE Physician Questions (to be completed prior to physical examination)
4. Consent for Medical Care
5. Athletic Code of Conduct
6. ProRehab Consent and Release
7. Concussion & Cardiac Arrest Awareness
8. IHSAA PPE Physical (paperwork can be uploaded to Final Forms)

REQUIRED PAPER FORMS

If you require a paper copy of the **Physical Exam Form**, **Medical History Form**, and **Consent & Release Certificate** they can be found in the Castle North MS office. Or, you can access them electronically, and print them yourself, at the following website:

https://castlenorth.warrick.k12.in.us/336685_2

We will not accept any form other than the official IHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form (PPE).

The doctor's physical exam must be completed **on or after April 1** each year for the succeeding school year. For the 2025-2026 school year, the physical must have been completed on or after April 1, 2025. Physical Forms submitted to the CNMS Athletics Office, or uploaded to Final Forms, are good for the entire 2025-2026 school year. Students participating in multiple sports **DO NOT** need to turn in multiple physicals. Forms turned in for CNMS sponsored summer camps, practices, tryouts, or fall sports are good for that entire school year. This is in compliance with the IHSAA guidelines.

If your child has a physical that was turned into another program unaffiliated with CNMS, those physicals do NOT get sent to CNMS unless the program director/coach specifically makes it a point. This includes the Castle "Cub" (soccer, tennis, lacrosse, baseball, cross country) athletic programs.

CNMS has several athletic opportunities for students throughout the school year. All athletes must have a current physical on file in Final Forms before they are allowed to participate.

The following sports are available for students to participate in during the school year:

FOOTBALL: Castle Middle School Football is for 7th and 8th grade students. 6th graders who wish to play football will do so with the Castle Youth Football League.

VOLLEYBALL: Please visit our website for tryout dates.

BASKETBALL: Tryouts are typically held the last week in October/first week of November.

WRESTLING: Our wrestling season runs from the beginning of February, through the end of March.

TRACK: Our track season begins in mid-March, around the time of spring break.

The **IHSAA** required physical forms and consent and release certificate are included within this information packet. All athletes must have them completed and on file. Also, please remember to visit Final Forms to complete the necessary documents. These items **are required** for participation in athletics. For the 2025-2026 school year (including *any* school-sponsored summer camps/practices/tryouts), physicals must have been completed by a doctor on or after **April 1, 2025**.

The school office opens 10 days prior to the students' first day of school. Parents with questions regarding our fall sports (Football & Volleyball) will need to check the Castle North MS website for tryout and schedule information.