



# SALEM MIDDLE SCHOOL

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*Principal*

Dear Stakeholders,

As the principal of Salem Middle School, it is an honor to lead this learning community during a time of incredible change and tremendous possibilities. I am excited to build upon strong relationships with the faculty, parents and community partners. We will continue to have high expectations for behavior and academic achievement while providing rigorous curricula through innovative instruction.

Salem Middle School comprises of grades three to eight. The third and fourth grade classes are in the traditional self-contained format while the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades each form a loop. All teachers, in all grade levels are highly qualified and are also content certified in the subject matter they teach from grades five to eight. Our amazing staff is dedicated to providing a nurturing school community to support our children in achieving success.

Salem Middle School currently uses the following assessments to guide classroom instruction: Core Curriculum based quarterly pre and post tests in literacy and math for all grade levels and Lexile Assessments (which evaluates students' reading levels) in grades three to eight. The data from these tests are used to both improve instruction and remediate student deficiencies. Continued efforts in this area will ensure that student needs are being met in the classroom and that student learning is the focus. In the spring of 2020, students in grades 3-8 will be administered The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in English Language Arts and Mathematics along with the NJSLA Science in grades 5 and 8.

Salem Middle School has two school counselors who are committed to resolving problems on a proactive basis. Our counselors work with individuals, small groups, and provide classroom instruction. Some of the current counseling programs through guidance include: New Student Orientation, Peer Mediation, IR&S (Intervention and Referral Services) and Naviance (a college and career readiness program).

Several other clubs and programs offered at Salem Middle School include: Concert Choir, Band, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Art Club, Rite of Passage (Grade 8), Elite 10, Youth on the Move, Girls in Transition, Girl Scouts, Big Brother and Big Sister Program, Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Academic League, Focus on Education, VIP Program, Play United and Odyssey of the Mind.

There has been a significant amount of positive changes at the Salem Middle School over the past few years. We will continue to recognize and reward those students who are doing their best in terms of attaining academic achievement, demonstrating good citizenship, sportsmanship and being a contributing member of our school community in an infinitely changing society. As a school, we are committed to excellence!

Yours in education,

Mrs. Pascale E. DeVilmé  
Principal