



# **GLEN FALLS**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Dear GFMS Families,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. We hope that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families. Now it is time to look forward to a wonderful new school year as we are dedicated to excellence in academics at Glens Falls Middle School.

As you know our middle school has started a major redesign construction project this summer that will continue throughout the upcoming school year. While we will face minor challenges this year due to the construction, this should not impact the positive culture and climate we have created here at the middle school and will allow us to build an even stronger school community.

The start of a new school year is always a special time, with new faculty and students and developing new relationships. This year, we are delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff.

**Welcome to new faculty:**

Zackery Flanders (from Jackson Heights) - Special Education  
Ashley Hanlon (from Jackson Heights) - 5th Grade  
Alyssa Crean - 7th Grade Special Education  
Jordan Daley - 7th Grade Science  
Alexis Houser - 5th-6th Special Education

**Welcome back to returning faculty:**

Melissa Rajeski - 8th Grade Special Education  
Fran Dougherty - 5-8 Technology

Students schedules will be mailed out the week of August 21, 2023. The schedule will include your students' advocacy (homeroom), locker number and combination, team name, and school counselor. The enclosed packet includes a variety of information for the upcoming school year. I hope that you will take the time to read through the information to prepare for the new academic year. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 7, 2023, the first day of school. Please reach out to myself or the main office if you have any questions.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

September 5, 2023 - 5th grade "Meet and Treat" at 3:00 pm  
September 5, 2023 - New Student Orientation at 3:00 pm  
September 26, 2023 - Open House at 6:00 pm

Sincerely,

Jennifer McDonald