## Welcome to Sigonella Middle / High School Home of the Jaguars!



Welcome to all families returning to Sigonella M/H School and a special welcome to all of those new to our school. We are pleased to have you as a partner in the education of your children. We are looking forward to an enjoyable, rewarding, interesting and challenging school year. This year will present new experiences and opportunities for all of us. It is our belief that as long as the school and home work together, we will be able to provide a quality educational experience for your children.

The staff at Sigonella M/H School works hard to build a positive relationship between the school and home. This relationship must involve two-way communication with mutual trust and respect between both parties. Communication between parents and teachers is critical to making a working educational team. So, we encourage you to talk directly to your child's teachers and express any comments, concerns, or compliments you may have to them. We constantly seek improvement to provide a pleasant, safe, meaningful and stimulating educational environment for our students. If you have suggestions or recommendations, let us know. It is the collective work of the students, their parents, and the teachers that make a good school great.

This student/parent information handbook has been compiled for your use. While it certainly is not all-inclusive, it is hoped that the information in it will be beneficial to you. Please take the time to read the handbook and discuss the important points with your children.

Sigonella Middle / High School is a child-centered school. If you want to make a good school better, please help us by becoming involved in the school as partners in your child's education. Some ways that we suggest that you can become involved is to volunteer in and outside the classroom, attend School Advisory Committee meetings, or becoming an active participant in the Booster Club and PTSO. Please join us and actively support your child's education.

Our school is a member of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). As a U. S. overseas school, Sigonella Middle / High School belongs to the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS), Mediterranean District and the Europe Area. Our mission is to serve the children of U. S. active duty personnel and civilian contractors stationed on NAS Sigonella. Our enrollment averages between 200-260 children in grades 6 through 12. We have a teaching and support staff of 43 who serve the student population.

There is a strong relationship between the school and the military community. Base organizations and volunteers augment and extend learning opportunities of our students. From the command, to the service member, to the family, when there is a need, people working together realize viable improvements.

Sigonella Middle/High School offers a safe, supportive environment in which children can learn and excel. Critical to this is the very attitude of the students. A strong supportive school-home relationship builds the foundation. However, our students keep Sigonella Middle / High School a safe and friendly place of learning.

We are planning an enjoyable and rewarding school year, and we look forward to working with every one of you.

Alice Berard, Principal

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