

8th Grade Scheduling Meeting



March 9, 2021

8th grade courses and teachers

- Language Arts - Kathleen Margraf
 - One core in 8th grade vs. two cores in 7th grade
- Math - Jim Hertenstein
 - College Prep
 - Advanced Math
 - Honors Algebra I*
- Science - Aaron Pfeffenberger
- Social Studies - Clark Eads
- Health/PE**

*For high school credit - Pass/Fail course for high school -- no grade on MHS transcript or GPA

**For high school credit - on HS transcript with grade on MHS transcript & in GPA

Team Communication

- Schoology
- Weekly email from team - distribution list
 - Important announcements
 - Upcoming deadlines
 - Preview of tests and quizzes for the coming week
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Individual Teacher Email

Technology Notes

- Chromebook Usage
- Cell phone policy at MMS
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Encore Choices for 8th grade

- Music
 - Choir - Audrey Schussler
 - Band/Percussion - Lori Adams & Ryan Ervin
- Art
 - Liz Rossi-Riel
- News Team/Coding
 - Melissa Broome
- Automation & Robotics/Green Architecture
 - Leeann McKay
- Study Hall (no IET)
 - Jill Dunn

Scheduling Option Form

- Choose additional language core
 - Writing Workshop (recommendation)
 - World Language
 - Latin, Spanish or French
- Fine Art Required
 - Choose from Band/Choir/Percussion/Art/News Team
- Choose three additional encore choices
 - Select in order of preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, & 3rd choice)
 - Each encore selected should be different
- Option for additional comments

MHS World Language programs offer....

- 1 - 5 years of study (including Advanced Placement)
- opportunities to study more than one language during time in high school
- cultural and language experiences both in and out of the classroom
- student extra-curricular clubs (Spanish, Latin, French)
- possibilities for global travel

Things to consider for taking World Language in 8th grade at MHS:

- Class at the high school and part of official high school transcript
- Extended school day (start at 7:35am)
- High school exams (Midterm and Final)
- Opportunity to enroll in 5th year language (Advanced Placement)

Which language should I study?

There is no easy answer to this question. It is a personal decision.

To help you decide, take a long look at the world and its languages, your experiences, your future, and your heart.

Then, as you study, you will begin to understand how languages function. This understanding and the skills you learn will make it easier to learn other languages!

Link to Scheduling Form & QR Code

<https://forms.gle/PnbkUrENXrd1r8vE7>



Step Up to 8th grade

- First year for high school courses
 - Health/PE
 - World Language
 - Longer school day - begin at MHS at 7:35 and bussed to MMS for rest of the day
 - Honors Algebra I
- Opportunities to fine tune time management
- IET is not built into the 8th grade schedule
- Study Hall is an encore class meeting twice per week
- Research and Public Speaking refined - Magnified Giving
- Outside work - between 60-90 minutes per night

Wrap Up and Questions

- Please complete the option form online by Monday, March 15
- Questions regarding Math or Language Arts placement should be emailed to Mrs. Maly for math, or Mrs. Beers and Ms. Isaacs (depending on your child's ELA teacher).
- Email Mrs. Cabral with any scheduling questions or concerns
- Thank you for coming.