



MADEIRA MIDDLE SCHOOL

RISING 8TH GRADE



HELLO!

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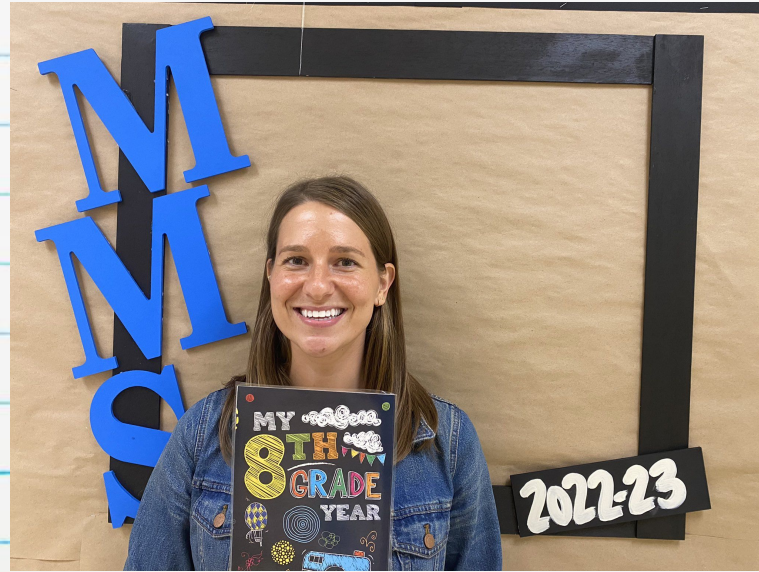
Mrs. Julia Cabral, School Counselor

We believe in Accountability & Action, Care & Connection, Challenging
& Supporting, and Creating an Environment for Exploring.

8TH GRADE TEACHERS

- ELA - Mrs. Margraf & Mrs. James (2 Cores)
 - College Prep and Honors
- Math - TBD
 - College Prep/Advanced Math/Honor Algebra I*
- Science - Mr. Slater
- Social Studies - Mr. Eads
- Health/PE* - Mr. Rockwell
- Intervention Specialist - Mrs. Germano

*For high school credit (H. Alg. I - final grade **does not** go into GPA;
Health/PE **does** go into GPA)



MEET THE TEAM!

HIGHLIGHTS OF 8TH GRADE

- Magnified Giving
- Washington DC Trip
- Class officers for Student Council
- Earn high school credit while in middle school (Health/PE, World Language option, and Honors Algebra I)



CHECK IT OUT!

8TH GRADE CORE COURSES

Core Courses (meet daily)

- Language Arts (2 Cores)
- Science (1 Core)
- Social Studies (1 Core)
- Math (1 Core)
 - CP/Adv./Honors Alg. I*
- Health/PE* *(1 Core)

* for HS credit NOT in GPA

** for HS credit INCLUDED in GPA

8TH GRADE ENCORE COURSES

Encore 2 Courses

- World Language (Daily/Full Year @MHS 7:35am)
- Study Hall (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Coding 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Art 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Tier II Reading Intervention (Rec. Req.)

Encore 1 Courses

- Band (3 Days wk/Full Year)
- Choir (3 Days wk/Full Year)
- Science of Technology (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Art 8 (2 Days wk/Semester)
- Study Hall (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Coding 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Team Sports II (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Tier II Math Intervention (Rec. Req.)

WHAT TO DO IF I DON'T TAKE A WORLD LANGUAGE IN 8TH GRADE?

- Students who elect to wait until 9th grade to take a language will have the following classes to choose from to take instead:

Encore 2 Courses

- Study Hall (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Coding 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Art 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Tier II Reading Intervention (Rec. Req.)

WORLD LANGUAGE OPTION

- WL is an option in 8th grade, does not need to start in 8th grade
- HS requirement is to take 2 years of the same language
- 1-5 years of study (including Advanced Placement)
- High school course and part of the official high school transcript
- High School exams (Midterm and Final)
- Additional Core class in 8th grade
- Taken at MHS at 7:35am
- Follows the MHS handbook policy for dropping classes
- Students return to MMS by bus after their MHS bell 1
 - Students taking Honors Algebra II will be bussed back to MMS after their math class.

CODING 8

In Coding 8, students will be immersed into the world of programming. Through hands-on projects and engaging activities, they develop fundamental coding skills using various programs like Scratch and Code.org. Students will explore the principles of logic, problem-solving, and computational thinking while creating their own games, animations, and applications. They will learn to collaborate, debug and iterate, fostering a growth mindset and resilience in the face of challenges. Students will also explore several computer science arrears in order to expose them to future opportunities. By the end of the course, students will have more confidence to tackle real world problems through the power of code.

ART 8

In grade eight, students demonstrate increased technical skill and craftsmanship by using more complex drawing, painting, and digital processes to create artwork. Students engage in project critiques to personally assess their progress and successful manipulation of materials and application of the skills taught. Over the course of the semester students will maintain an artist's portfolio demonstrating their artistic growth and the evolution of their creative process.

WORLD LANGUAGE OPTION

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- Three languages to choose from:
 - Latin I
 - French I
 - Spanish I
- Must choose 1st and 2nd choice
 - 1st choice is not guaranteed for ANY course
- Following course selection due date, MHS team will be given WL selections. Class lists will be determined by the number of available seats at MHS. Students selecting World Language will be notified by letter of their class placement in Mid-April.

FRENCH: MADEIRA HS COURSE PLANNER DESCRIPTION

Students will discover that French is an international language spoken in Canada, the Caribbean, Europe and Africa and is the official language of more than 25 countries. In addition, French has a strong diplomatic presence being the official working language of many global organizations including the United Nations and UNESCO. Students will learn how French language and culture has influenced our own.

French 1: This college preparatory course uses the text *Bien Dit*. Students will learn vocabulary and grammatical structures to be able to discuss day-to-day activities, such as ordering food, shopping, talking about the weather and describing their family. Emphasis is on communication in all four modes: speaking, listening, reading and writing French in meaningful contexts to create a strong foundation for further French study.

LATIN: MADEIRA HS COURSE PLANNER

Students will find Latin very useful in understanding the English language because approximately 60% of English words are derived from Latin and the precise grammatical structure of Latin gives an increased understanding of the English structure. In addition, studying the history, culture and mythology of the ancient Romans will give the student a greater understanding of the past. The fundamental objective of all the Latin courses is to develop the student's ability to read Latin with comprehension and enjoyment and to develop an understanding of the Roman civilization.

Latin 1: This is a college preparatory course using the Cambridge Latin Course txt. In the first year, students will learn basic forms, syntax, vocabulary, study English derivatives and read historically based stories centering on life during the Roman Empire. Although everyday Latin words and phrases are learned and spoken, the emphasis is placed on learning to read Latin.

SPANISH: MADEIRA HS COURSE PLANNER

Students will quickly discover the importance and practicality of studying Spanish. Students will benefit from learning about the impact of the Spanish language and culture upon our own culture and upon at least twenty other countries where Spanish is the official language spoken.

Spanish 1: This college preparatory beginning course emphasizes vocabulary acquisition and communication. Students develop listening, reading and writing skills while learning about the diverse cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. Students must be willing to memorize and constantly review vocabulary and present tense conjugations, and use them in spoken and written communications. Upon completion of the course, first year students should demonstrate proficiency in basic conversation that will enable them to perform simple tasks such as talking about themselves and others, ordering simple meals and making purchases. First year grammar focuses on gender, number, subject pronouns, noun-adjective agreement, subject-verb agreement and present tense.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT STARTS IN 8TH GRADE

- Students will receive high school credit for the following courses:
 - Health/PE
 - World Language (French 1, Spanish 1, Latin 1)
 - Honors Algebra I* (pass/fail on transcript)
 - Honors Algebra II (for those students who are currently enrolled in Honors Algebra I as seventh graders)
- High school courses are permanently recorded on a student's high school transcript and go into a student's Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)
- Your G.P.A. and transcript can be used for applying for things like summer jobs/internships, scholarships, eligibility for participation in high school sports, College Credit Plus classes and college applications.

Link to Google Form and QR Code

<https://forms.gle/Pscd2pU5isEr1AK28>



Registering for 8th Grade Courses

In order to register students for courses for next year, please follow the instructions below. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Cabral. **Course descriptions are listed on the back of this paper.**

1. Click on the following link to register for encore courses:
 - a. <https://forms.gle/Pscd2pU5isEr1AK28> (or use the QR code listed below)
 - b. Complete the form with your parents.
 - c. You must select four encore choices in order of preference. (1=1st choice; 2=2nd choice, etc.)
 - d. Please do not worry about having too many encore choices...Mrs. Cabral will go in order of preference until your schedule is full. She will also be reviewing scheduling choices after Spring Break.
2. Submit your google form by **3:00 pm on Friday, March 22, 2024**
3. Parents - please list any comments or concerns on the google doc or email Mrs. Cabral directly at jcabral@madeiracityschools.org
4. The attached pages are the slides for the scheduling presentation.

Please note that students will be registered for all other academic courses based on required courses and teacher recommendations. Those courses are: Science 8, Social Studies 8, English Language Arts 8 (CP or Honors), Math 8 (CP, Advanced Math, or Honors).



COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

- ▶ Allows student to take college level courses during high school
- ▶ Student may take 1 course or up to a full schedule of courses
- ▶ Students may take courses for both HS + College credit (school pays)
- ▶ College decides where or if the credit is applicable
- ▶ Student must meet requirements of college or university for this options (there may be an entrance test required)
- ▶ Student must notify counseling office in writing that they are pursuing this option by April 1st (intent form)
- ▶ Student must provide their own transportation



- Student Mtg. 3/18 in IET
- Parent Mtg. 3/18
- Option Sheets Due 3/22/24
- Email Mrs. Cabral w/questions