

Madison Middle School
Class of 2031



WELCOME
TO ~~OUR~~ YOUR SCHOOL!

We cannot wait to show you around
YOUR new school!

Principal, Dr. Douglas Jones

6th Grade Principal, Mr. Drew Wardlaw

6th Grade Counselor, Mrs. Lindsay Bouchillon

Questions? Call or email anytime!

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A NOTE FROM MR. WARDLAW

UPCOMING 6TH GRADERS,

WE ARE EXCITED TO HOST YOU FOR THE UPCOMING TOUR MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL TO SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW AWESOME BEING A MIDDLE SCHOOLER WILL BE. AS THE 6TH GRADE PRINCIPAL MY JOB IS TO SERVE EACH OF OUR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS TO HELP MAKE THE FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING EACH OF YOU AND YOUR PARENTS AT THE UPCOMING TOUR AND OPEN HOUSE!

MR. WARDLAW
6TH GRADE PRINCIPAL

A note from Mrs. Bouchillon

Hi 5th grade Jags!

I cannot wait to meet all my new 6th graders! My only job is help students at Madison Middle. If you need something please ask me! I may always look busy, but that's just my personality (and I'm making sure my boss sees me working, lol!). My first priority is always to help students.

Everything I do is to help you achieve two goals:

1. Build a Jaguar Class of 2031 Community - I want you to meet friends from all three elementary schools and and really build a Class of 2031 community! I want you to have great memories of 6th grade when you met so many new classmates!
2. GRADUATION - My ultimate goal is to prepare you for graduation from Madison Central. It may seem early to think about graduation, but graduation prep starts NOW!

Lastly, I am "your person" at school. If i don't know the answer, then Ill find someone that does know the answer. Middle School is totally different from elementary and can be scary, but I want to reassure you that we will help you every step of the way!

Let's go Jags!
Mrs. Bouchillon

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 4th - 5th Grade Tour of MMS @ 9am
 - March 4th - 5th Grade Parent Night 6pm @ MMS.
 - March 8th - Choice sheets are DUE to your 5th Grade Homeroom Teacher
 - March 21st @ 5:30 p.m. @ MMS - Robotics Parent Interest Meeting
 - End of July - EARLY SCHEDULE PICK UP!
Students and parents will have an opportunity to tour MMS with their new 6th GRADE SCHEDULE!
- *****

- Missed the Band or Choir Tryout? No worries!
- Band - Email Mrs. Abels and she will set up an audition for you
 - kabels@madison-schools.com for questions
- April 16th - Math Counts Test
 - See information in Packet
 - jselph@madison-schools.com
- Make-up Choir Auditions
 - E-MAIL - jbruening@madison-schools.com

Dear 5th graders,

I can tell you the truth. Middle School is....scary. TBH! But, you can't let that hold you back; and the only reason it's scary is because it's new. I was the new kid and I didn't know anyone, but there were so many nice people! About the 2nd week I felt so loved and I wasn't afraid anymore. In fact, I was so excited to go to school because I love my classes!

-Natalia

ALTHOUGH IT'S SCARY, ALWAYS
REMEMBER TO SMILE, AND
NEVER BE AFRAID TO SAY HI.
YOU GOT THIS!
-RILEY O'KELLY

YOU CAN DO IT!

**-NOLAN
HUNTER**

WHEN I WAS IN FIFTH GRADE, I
THOUGHT THE SCHEDULES WERE
GOING TO BE THE HARDEST THING IN
THE WORLD BUT I ACTUALLY
MEMORIZED IT IN A DAY. AT MADISON
MIDDLE YOU WILL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME
WHEN YOU WORK HARD TO GET HERE.

-ELLA THURMAN

ADVICE FROM
THE
CLASS OF 2030

JAGS

6th grade is going to be a big change but it will be so much fun making new friends or even still being friends with ones from last school year. You will have an amazing school year here at mms with all of the amazing teachers.

Isla Jolley

**DO NOT GET YOUR
PHONE OUT IN CLASS.**

- BAILEY MORICI

My favorite class in 6th grade at MMS is science or history because I really enjoy my teachers and classmates in those classes. If you are interested in sports you should take P.E. because you could impress a coach.

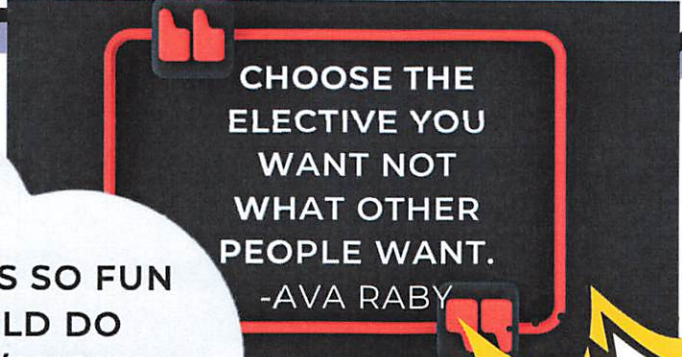
-Kason Paige

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS THE BEST! ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BETA CLUB! YOU GET TO DO SO MANY FUN THINGS IN BETA CLUB LIKE FIELD TRIPS, HELP OUT AT DIFFERENT SHELTERS, AND MAKE THINGS FOR PEOPLE.

-ELENA LUSK



JAGS



CHOOSE THE ELECTIVE YOU WANT NOT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE WANT.

-AVA RABY

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS SO FUN AND YOU SHOULD DO DRAMA AND BAND/CHOIR AS AN ELECTIVE.
(AND BOYS SHOULD JOIN THE CHOIR.)

-PRIMSROSE SATCHER



WELCOME
TO
MMS

I LOVE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MY FAVORITE PARTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL ARE THE ELECTIVES, SOME ELECTIVES ARE ART, CHOIR, P.E, PATHWAYS, MATH COUNTS AND BAND, I PICKED CHOIR AND P.E AND I LOVE THEM BOTH.

-ANNABELLE HANKINS

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH IT GETS EASIER. IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE YOU DONT HAVE A FRIEND IN ONE OF YOUR CLASSES, BUT YOU'LL MAKE FRIENDS AND THAT IS REALLY GREAT!

-ELIZA PHILLIPS

I SAY TRY OUT DRAMA BECAUSE YOU GET TO DO FUN ACTIVITIES, MAKE MUSIC VIDEOS, AND LEARN NEW THINGS ABOUT THEATER. ALWAYS STAY ORGANIZED BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE A JUNKY BINDER OR BOOKBAG. STUDY, STUDY, STUDY ALWAYS.

-MEAH FLANAGAN

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-Kason Paige

Don't use your phone in the bathroom.
It's unsanitary, plus your teachers and
principals are very strict about that.

-gabby hawkins

To 5th graders my advice is don't try to change
yourself just to be friends with someone. Just be
yourself, and if they don't like you for who you
are then ya'll aren't meant to be friends. There will
be plenty of other friendship opportunities.

- Ashtyn Bernard

6th grade is not hard unless you choose to make it hard, so try your best
and you should choose PE. as you can see all your friends. - Henry Davis

WELCOME TO MMS

ADVICE FROM THE CLASS OF 2029

Don't wait for others to realize how amazing
you are. Be yourself & invest in friendships
and you won't be alone.

-Samar Grim

Hi Ya'll!! At MMS you will meet so many new
friends. In every block you will meet someone
new and it is great having friends in every block!

I hope this helps! You will do great!

- Carson Browning

Middle school is a place where you can meet new
friends from all different places! You can possibly
find your next best friend!! - Serenity McCalla

At middle school you are going to
make a lot of new friends. You
shouldn't worry about anything
because there is nothing to worry
about and the teachers are
AMAZING! Our block schedules are
hard at first, but it's actually fun
switching classes. Now the tests are
a little hard, but if you study a little
you will be fine. - Houston Morris

Middle school is SO fun! You may be pretty nervous; I was. But once you get used to it, its awesome and the teachers are great!

-Sasha Hammack

Don't worry, everyone is nervous like you are. If you did well in 5th grade, you will do well in 6th. - Quest Crothers

MMS might look big, but guess what, I knew my way around in less than a week.! Electives are so much FUN! Instead of having Pathways only like once a week, you get it every other day!

- Lindley Strain

YOU BELONG  MMS

Madison Middle may look big and scary, but the teachers are nice and so are the kids. The tests are not hard as long as you study what the teachers tell you to study. The homework is not hard and you can get it done in 30 minutes. I would choose gym and art for electives. And friends are easy to make if your old friends are at another school and there are a ton of new kids from other schools.

-Alex Jones

if you need help with a subject, you can go to tutoring on Tuesday mornings.

- Stella warren

6th grade is kinda scary, but if you stay out of drama and find your people, its less scary and more fun!

- your friend Khloe Smith

Even if tests and friendships are complicated
they will always blow over and turn out okay!

- Emily Jones

SINCE YOU HAVE A LOT OF
TEACHERS- IF YOU ARE NOT
FOND OF ONE, YOU AREN'T
STUCK WITH THEM ALL DAY.

- NAN ROGERS

We have pep rallies, christmas chaos & courtyard
here at MMS and we have the best staff ever!

- Madison Vinchwater

Just relax and enjoy the year! Homework is
very rare and normally easy! Electives are
super fun! You've totally got this! XOXO

- Layla Grace Herbert

You can't take back words, choose them wisely. - Samari Grim

WELCOME TO MMS

Hi! I know middle school can be
overwhelming and you get nervous about
how many friends you have and if you will
fit in. But, don't worry because everyone is
very welcoming and lots of people are
nervous, too. So, don't worry about
middle school, instead get excited for the
good that can come from it!

-Georgia Mitchell

Choir and Band count for PE credits and
they take a lot of lungs like PE, but to me
they are easier. - Brittany Whitman

At first you might think going to a new
school and switching classes as scary and
overwhelming, but at MMS you get a lot
more freedom and once you meet your
new friends it will be awesome.

- Mason Tesseneer

FUNNY AND USEFUL HACKS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



ACADEMICS

- Charge your chromebooks at home - the chargers all look the same and sometimes disappear and they cost \$30
- Grade Calculation
 - Major Grades 66%
 - Minor Grades 34%
- You need only ONE Bookbag - you will keep everything in that one bag
- Beta Club qualifications are based on your FIRST 9 WEEKS grades - ALL A's
- SPORTS - MMS Coaches are ALWAYS scouting! During PE, MRYC games, etc. Work hard and be a good teammate!
- Listen for your bus DAILY - sometimes the order of the buses change



SOCIAL MEDIA

- NEVER EVER share the password to your phone, email, chromebook, ANYTHING!
- Type only POSITIVE things on text, email, and social media.
- Never text something mean or negative - once its in writing, you can't take it back



HYGIENE

- SHOWER DAILY, even if you did not sweat, you may still stink a little.
- Even if you did not sweat that day, you still need to change clothes for the next day.
- Wear deodorant in the morning AND bring some to reapply for after PE and Courtyard.
- You can't smell yourself. Trust me!

PARENTS

- Students DO NOT NEED a phone. They will have a chromebook for schoolwork.
- Monitor your child's phone daily - they need the protection more than privacy.
- Students will almost always have Math homework. Ask them about Big Ideas and IXL, those are the online platforms we use.
- Confident Kids - Setting limits and staying within those limits make kids feel safe and help them make good choices. They WON'T say that, but they need someone to set the limit. They just aren't capable of knowing limits at this age.
- Your child will find a friend. There is someone for everyone! We see new friendships form every year! You can assure your child of this with confidence!



EMOTIONS

- Lots of growing is happening and as a teen you may feel a little emotional. Remind yourself that some of those emotions and insecurity are NORMAL. Hormones are just doing what they should do to help you grow.
- EVERYONE is feeling a little bit insecure about something. That's normal, too!
- Confidence is built by DOING. When you DO POSITIVE things you gain confidence. Be involved in something! (Grades, Dance, Sports, Kindness, Robotics, Band, Choir, Church, etc)

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

WELCOME TO 6th GRADE @ MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!!

What is Block Schedule? Block schedule means that you go to 4 classes per day. 4 classes on A-Day and 4 classes on B-day, each class is 94 minutes long. The days just rotate...if Friday was an A-Day, then Monday is a B-day.

What is Split Block? Split block means that we split ONE of those blocks into 45-minute sessions. You will go to Math for 45 minutes and language for 45 minutes.

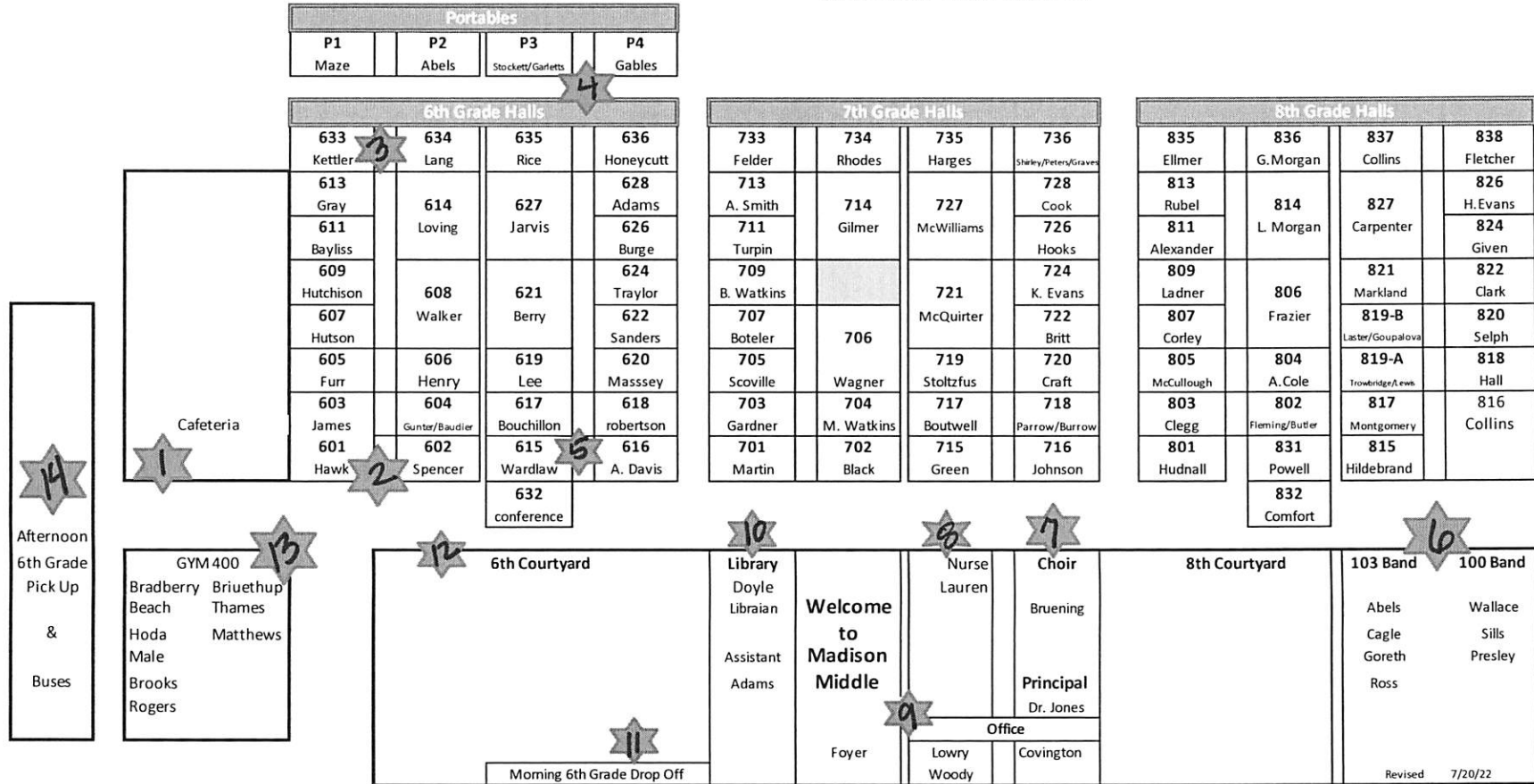
A-DAY

Time	Block	Class	Teacher	Room #
8:20-9:49	1	PE		
9:53-10:38	2.1	Math		
10:38-11:53	2.2	Language		
11:57-1:26	3	Science		
1:30-3:00	4	World History		

B-DAY

Time	Block	Class	Teacher	Room #
8:20-9:49	5	Math		
9:53-11:53	6	Art		
11:57-1:26	7	Language		
1:30-3:00	8	Cyber Foundations		

MMS Floor Plan 2023-24



Tour Stops

1. Cafeteria
2. 6th Grade South Hall
3. 6th Grade Choir Hall
4. Portables - Gifted and Drama
5. Bouchillon and Hammett
6. Band Hall
7. Main Choir Hall
8. Nurse Girod
9. Front Office
10. Library
11. Morning 6th Grade Drop Off
12. 6th Grade Courtyard
13. Gym
14. Afternoon Pick up and Buses

Madison County Schools

2023-24

Academic Year Calendar

Professional Development -

Holiday - Green

End of Term - Red

BOARD APPROVED 2/6/2023

July 23						
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July (3 PD Days)

1-28 Summer PD (2 days)

31 Professional Development

August 2023 (21 Student Days, 2 PD)

1-2 Professional Development

3 Classes Start

September (20 Student Days)

4 Labor Day

October (16 Student Days, 1 PD)

6 Professional Development

End Term 1 (46 days)

9-13 Fall Break

November (17 Student Days)

20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

December (16 Student Days)

22 60% Day-End Term 2 (44 days)

End 1st Semester - 90 Days

January 2024 (16 Student Days, 1 PD)

8 Professional Development

9 Classes Start

15 ML King Holiday

February (20 Student Days)

19 Winter Holiday

March (15 Student Days)

8 End Term 3 (43 days)

11-15 Spring Break

29 Good Friday

April (21 Student Days)

1 Easter Monday

May (18 Student Days)

24 End Term 4 (47 days) -60% Day



End 2nd Semester - 90 Days


24 Teachers Last Day

27 Memorial Day

180 Student Days, 187 Teacher Days

5 PD-School, 2 PD-Summer

 A-Day  B-Day

 PD

Madison Middle School F.A.Q.

- **How will my child receive his/her schedule of classes?**
 - Early Schedule Pick-Up Fundraiser- About a week before school starts, PTO will have a fundraiser for parents to join PTO and with that membership they can pick up their child's schedule early.
 - Regular Schedule Pick-up- About 2 days before school starts, no fee to pick up.
 - First Day of School Schedule Pick-Up- just in case anyone did not pick up or forgot their schedule. These dates will be posted on the website and all social medias.
- **How will my child know if he/she qualified for Advanced courses?**
 - Students will be placed into advanced courses based on the criteria listed on the choice sheet. Students will find out if they have been placed in advanced courses when they pick-up their schedule.
- **How will my child know where to go on his or her first day of school?**
 - Administrators, counselors, and teachers will all be in the halls to assist your child in finding their classes. Signs will be posted throughout the school with directions to all classrooms.
- **Do I come in with my child on the first day of school?**
 - Please drop them off at the 6th grade courtyard and we will help them get to the correct class.
- **Can I eat lunch with my child?**
 - YES! 6th grade lunches are 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.
- **Where will I drop off and pick up my child?**
 - 6th graders are dropped off in the front circle in the mornings. In the afternoon, 6th grade car riders will be on the South side of MMS.
- **What if we carpool with 7th and 8th graders?**
 - Students who carpool with an older sibling need to communicate with the 7/8th grader and make sure all kids go to the same carpool line.
- **How will I know which bus my child will ride and the pickup time?**
 - Durham will mail a postcard to your home with bus information. For additional questions, please contact Durham School Services at 601-859-0077.
- **Will there be a supply list for my child?**
 - Yes, a supply list will be sent home with final 5th grade report cards and posted on our website.
- **Does my child have a summer reading list?**
 - Yes, it is included in this packet and will be sent home with final 5th grade report cards.
- **What time does school start and end?**
 - The tardy bell rings at 8:20 a.m. and the school day ends at 3:20 p.m.
- **How early can I drop my child off at MMS?**
 - Madison Middle School officially opens at 7:50 a.m. (Secret... Mr. Cook is on duty in the gym beginning around 7:20 a.m. if parents need an early drop off)



MMS Parent Resources

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF OUR UPCOMING NEWS AND DATES, PLEASE FOLLOW US ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA:

TWITTER: @MMSJAGUARS

INSTAGRAM: @MADISONMIDDLEJAGUARS

FACEBOOK PAGE: MADISON MIDDLE JAGUARS PTO

WEBSITE: MADISON-SCHOOLS.COM

Academic Resources

Canvas - Parents can see assignments and notes, we recommend using your student's login and your student can show you around the site. Very helpful to see what assignments are complete, need to be completed, and other notes or games that can be helpful for tests and assignments.

Active Parent - Check student grades

My School Bucks- pay fees online and cafeteria

Online Absence Form - Please complete this form for each absence.

-Email absentee to mmsattendance@madison-schools.com

-Please include date of absence, reason for absence and parent contact information.

-Please submit within the month of the absence to make sure the absence will be excused.

CAR RIDER LINES

We have 3 car rider lines...one for each grade level.

8th grade

Once on MMS campus, turn RIGHT immediately and follow the traffic around to the north side of the school.

7th grade

Veer slight RIGHT to the front circle of school by the white pillars.

6th grade

Stay straight and you will see a double line of cars and cars will take turns to form one line once kids are dismissed @ 3:20. The sixth grade car rider line is on the south side of the school.

At 3:30 - The remaining 6th graders, usually about 25 or so, will move to the front car rider line.

The first time through car rider is always a little stressful, but we will have teachers, coaches, and administrators out to help guide you!

WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP ANYTIME!

MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

TRYOUT INFO 2024

GIRLS

Dance Team	March 18-22, 2024	current 7th graders
MathCounts	April 16th	current 5, 6, and 7th
Show Choir	May 2nd - Clinic May 3rd - Auditions	current 6th and 7th
Tennis	Mid May	current 6th graders
Archery	November 2024	current 7th graders
Cheer	Feb. 26-29, 2024	current 7th graders
Cross Country	Feb 15th Make up - Feb 23	current 6th and 7th
Yearbook	End of March	current 6th and 7th
VolleyBall	Parent and player interest meeting: March 4th at 6pm 7th tryout: April 8th and April 10. 8th tryout: April 9th and 11th	current 6th and 7th
Softball	Mid May	current 6th and 7th
Track & Field	May	current 6th and 7th
Girls basketball	End of March	current 6th and 7th
Girls Golf	End of March	current 6th and 7th
Spirit Team	Sign Up in April	current 6th graders
Robotics	Applications due in April	current 5, 6, and 7th

BOYS

MathCounts	April 16th	current 5, 6, and 7th
Robotics	Applications due in April	current 6, 7, and 8th
Show Choir	May 2nd - Clinic May 3rd - Auditions	current 6th and 7th
Tennis	Mid May	current 6th graders
Archery	November	current 7th graders
Cross Country	Feb 15th Make up - Feb 23rd	current 6th and 7th
Yearbook	End of March	current 6th and 7th
Track & Field	Early May	current 6th and 7th
Boys Basketball	March	current 6th and 7th
Boys Golf	March	current 6th and 7th
Football	Student Interest Meeting in March	current 6th and 7th

Scan the QR Code for contact information for each activity.



JAGUARS

Scan Link for more info



Madison Middle School

6th Grade Supply List

2024-2025

Required supplies: Turn in to your homeroom teacher.

- 6th Grade School Supply Fee of \$40 – this fee needs to be paid online through My School Bucks.
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 containers of Clorox Wipes
- Boys –1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- Girls –1 package of Expo markers
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

Required Supplies: Keep in your backpack at ALL times.

- 3 three-ring binders (some can be shared – ask your teachers)
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Language Arts
 - Math
 - Cyber Foundations
 - Art
- 4 packs of dividers with pockets (5 per pack)
- Highlighters
- Wooden Pencils
 - Hand-held pencil sharpener
 - Cap erasers
- Mechanical Pencils with extra lead
- Colored Pencils
- Ear buds or headphones (bring EVERYDAY)
- Basic 4-function calculator for Math (No scientific calculators)

Subject Area Required Supplies: Turn in to the following teachers:

- Science
 - Colored pencils with erasers
- Social Studies
 - Colored pencils with erasers
 - Skinny Markers
- Art
 - Art Fee of \$20 per art student – this fee needs to be paid on My School Bucks.
- Pathways
 - Supply list will be given the first week of school

Optional Items:

- Pencil bag with rings to store pencils, highlighters, etc.
- Reinforcement labels (circles) for torn paper

6th Grade Summer Reading

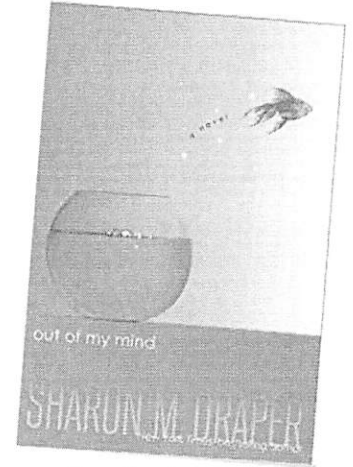
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Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

(Available at Barnes & Noble or Amazon)

Dear Upcoming 6th Graders and Parents:

We have chosen one required reading book, *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper, for our upcoming sixth graders in English Language Arts. This book is on Madison County's approved book list with caveat that uses the word retarded. We will discuss how words and actions can impact each other, and why it's important to be kind. All students should complete the activity **prior** to the beginning of 6th Grade. This will be turned in the first full week school starts back. Students should also be prepared to participate in a class discussion about *Out of My Mind*. We encourage students to read and complete the activity throughout the summer rather than waiting until the week prior to school. The assignment is designed to ease the transition from 5th grade to 6th grade and to practice writing skills.



If you enjoyed the book *Out of My Mind*, there is a sequel *Out of My Heart* that you would love. *Out of My Heart* is not a requirement.

Parents, please encourage your child to make reading a part of his or her daily activity this summer. We appreciate the efforts you make to foster a love of reading.

Sincerely,
6th Grade English Language Arts Teachers



Out of My Mind Activity

Please see the attached chart to fill out over the summer reading book. Be sure to write in complete sentences and pay attention to capitalization and punctuation.

Due Wednesday, August 7, 2024

6th Grade Summer Reading Notes

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

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Name _____

SETTING:

Time (past, present, future)	
Place	

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION & GROWTH: As you read, take notes about the main characters.

Main Character (Protagonist): _____

Physical description: (Ex: What does she look like? How does she dress?)	
Character traits: (What do you know about her personality?)	
Character relationships or interactions with others: (friends, family, helpers, teachers, enemies, etc.)	
How does the character change, grow, learn lessons?	
Other important things you noticed:	

Opposing Character (Antagonist): _____ (Who causes the most problems for the main character?)

Physical description: (Ex: What does he/she look like? How does he/she dress?)	
Character traits: (What do you know about his/her personality?)	
Character relationships or interactions with others: (friends, family, helpers, teachers, enemies, etc.)	
How does the character change, grow, learn lessons?	

CONFLICT/RESOLUTION: Take notes about the **conflicts or problems** the main character faces.

How are these problems resolved?

Problem(s)	
Solution(s)	

THEME: Take notes about the message or lesson about life the author wants the reader to learn from the characters.

What is a theme (message/lesson) of the story?	
What did the characters do to show the reader this lesson?	