

8th Grade Registration

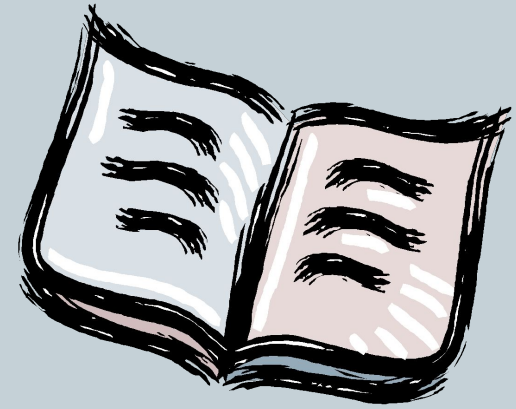


PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
2026-2027



Class Requirements

- English 8
- Math 8
- Science 8
- Social Studies 8



- Students will be automatically enrolled in academic classes!

Honors Classes

- Honors Math
- Honors English



Honors Criteria



- Current Honors Math and English students are automatically signed up for 8th grade
 - Spring NWEA scores are still used for placement

Honors Math Criteria

- Ability to work at (or capable of working approximately up one grade level
- NWEA – minimum 80th percentile
- Teacher Recommendation
- Placement test – 60% or higher

Honors English Criteria

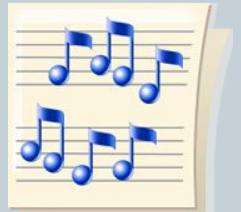
- 6th & 7th grade composite GP Writing 11+
- NWEA score of 231 or higher
- Teacher Recommendation

Electives

- Visual Art
- Journalism
- Family Consumer Science
- World Languages
- Creative Drama
- Physical Education



- Performing Arts
- Industrial Technology
- Broadcast Journalism
- Foods & Nutrition
- Computer Education
- Support Classes



Art



- **Explorations in Art I, II*, III*, IV***
 - Students explore 2D, 3D media techniques (drawing, painting, printmaking, fiber, clay and sculpture)
- **Digital Art and Design I, II*, III*, IV***
 - Computer based: photography, digital cameras, scanners, 3D printers, design software, product/media design, communication design, advertising – all in the area of art

Journalism/ Broadcast Journalism



- **Journalism:** improve both written and oral communication skills – write articles for the Parcells Post online publication
- **Broadcast Journalism:** explore both TV production and journalism fundamentals

Family and Consumer Science



- **Life Skills:** Character development, family, childcare (egg baby), food preparation, nutrition, and sewing
- **Advanced Life Skills*:** career paths, housing (interior decorating/design), money management/budget. Must take Life Skills first.
- **Foods & Nutrition:** study of nutrition and food preparation
- **Advanced Foods & Nutrition*:** greater depth and exploration with self-selected areas of interest related to food prep culinary skills. Must take Foods and Nutrition first.

World Languages

- Spanish Introduction (.5)
- Spanish I (H.S. credit)
- Spanish II (H.S. credit)

- French Introduction (.5)
- French I (H.S. credit)
- French II (H.S. credit)

*Introductory courses are same curriculum as Spanish 6 and French 6

- German I (transportation to North HS required)



Performing Arts



- Choir
 - Soprano/Alto (higher voices) or Tenor/Bass (lower voices)
- Concert Band
- Strings (Orchestra)
- Creative Drama I
- Creative Drama II

Industrial Technology



- **Introduction to Woods and Metals**
- **Wood Technology ***
 - requires Intro to Woods and Metals first
- **Metal Technology ***
 - requires Intro to Woods and Metals first
- **Introduction to Computer Aided Drafting CAD:**
 - Learn basic drafting/drawing techniques using CADKEY 3D Modeling Software. Architectural drawing using 3D Home Architect, model house building and career exploration.

Physical Education



- PE Semester Grade 8
- PE Year Grade 8

INCLUDES:

- Individual and Team Sports

Innovative Studies



- **Innovation and Design I, II*, III*, IV***

- New courses teaching students to solve real world problems using technology, working in teams with 3D printers, graphic software etc. to develop and pitch prototypes to end users.
- Must take level I first

- **Coding I, II*, III*, IV***

Coding 1: Students are introduced to computer languages of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Topics related to computer programming such as website design, computer animations, and game design are covered in Coding 1. We also examine how computers operate and how they process information. Students are introduced to the Problem Solving Process and how programmers use this to create computer programs.

Coding 2: Students are taking the skills they learned in Coding 1 and applying them to App Design, Physical Computing, and Artificial Intelligence. They learn about the Design Process, which is similar to the Problem Solving Process in Coding 1. They also learn how data is used in solving problems and they use a Circuit Playground to analyze the roles of inputs and outputs in programming.

Coding 3: Coding II teacher recommendation

Support Classes*



- Math Foundations/Reading Foundations
 - Based on test scores and teacher recommendation
- Academic Assistance
 - Academic and organizational support based on teacher/counselor recommendation

**Support Classes are assigned by counselors.*

Middle School Program of Studies



Click here for a detailed description of the middle
school classes:

[Middle School GP Program of Studies](#)

Timeline



- Forms due to your ELA teacher

by Thursday, January 22nd!

Make sure it is signed by a parent.

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DUE DATE: January 22nd
to your Science teacher.

LAST NAME (Please print)

FIRST NAME (Please print)

Students will be enrolled in the following **core courses**:

English Language Arts	Science
Mathematics	Social Studies

8th-grade choice electives

Step One: Indicate your primary-choice electives by placing a 'P' (primary) next to each course.

Step Two: Select additional choice electives by placing an 'A' (alternate) next to the other courses

Total # of primary choices should equal:

2 if both are full-year choices

3 if a combination of full & semester choices

4 if all semester choices

Full Year Courses

If **ONLY** choosing full year courses, place a 'P' and an 'A' next to 4 of the courses listed below (2 'P' and 2 'A')

Broadcast Journalism _____	Choir 8 _____	French I +* _____	Italian I** _____
Journalism _____	Concert Band _____	French II +* _____	German I** _____
Phys Ed 8 _____	Concert Orchestra _____	Spanish I +* _____	Latin I** _____
		Spanish II +* _____	

Semester Courses

If **ONLY** choosing semester courses, place a 'P' and an 'A' next to 8 of the courses listed below (4 'P' and 4 'A')

French Introduction _____ Spanish Introduction _____	Innovation & Design I _____ Innovation & Design II* _____	Life Skills _____ Advanced Life Skills * _____	Exploring Art I _____ Exploring Art II* _____
French Enrichment* _____ Spanish Enrichment* _____	Innovation & Design III* _____ Innovation & Design IV* _____	Foods & Nutrition _____ Adv Foods & Nutrition* _____	Exploring Art III* _____ Exploring Art IV* _____
Coding I _____ Coding II* _____	Creative Drama I _____ Creative Drama II* _____	Intro to Woods/Metals _____ Woods Technology* _____	Digital Art & Design I _____ Digital Art & Design II* _____
Coding III* _____ Coding IV* _____	Physical Education-8 _____	Metal Technology* _____ Intro CAD _____	Digital Art & Design III* _____ Digital Art & Design IV* _____

Broadcast Journalism _____ Journalism _____	# of Primary Choices _____ * Prerequisites apply + May be offered at the High School Campus(dependent upon course enrollment ** Offered only at the High School Campus Note: Transportation to the High School is the family's responsibility	# of Alternate Choices _____
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Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date _____

My signature affirms that the selections above reflect my child's choices.

Parent/Guardian Email

(please print)

If you have questions about the course selection sheet, please reach out to your child's counselor.

WEB Leader Applications



- WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) is an 8th grade Leadership Group. WEB is open to all 8th graders through an application process.
- Why WEB? As a WEB leader, you are excited to welcome and connect with incoming 5th graders. A positive and caring Parcels student is the perfect candidate.
- 2026-2027 WEB Applications will be available in the spring.

Contact Information



If you or your parents have any questions please
contact your middle school counselor:

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