Welcome New Marauders – Graduating Class of 2033

6th-Grade Parent Night

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Middle Years Programme

W.E. Mitchell Middle – Home of the Marauders

- 760 Students, one of the most diverse in FCUSD
- 25-acre campus with a Science Lab Wing
- Award-winning Arts (Band, Orchestra and Choir)
- Wide variety of Athletic offerings (Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling, and Track/Field)









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W.E. Mitchell Middle - Recognitions







Mitchell Touchstone – Our Mission

At Mitchell, we lead by example.

We are citizens of the world and show respect for others through kind words and actions.

We put forth our best effort and work hard

to achieve academic excellence.

We grow by taking risks and learning from our mistakes.

We believe laughter is an important part of learning.

With courage, this is who we are, especially when no one is looking.

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Introduction of Mitchell Staff: **Administration**

Dr. Sandra Garcia *(Principal)*
- *Language Acquisition*
- *Special Education*
- *Visual and Performing Arts*



Ian Shepley *(Alpha A-L)*
- *Mathematics*
- *Individuals and Societies*

Joana B Horning, J.D. *(Alpha M-Z)*
- *Language and Literature*
- *Physical and Health Ed.*
- *Sciences*

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Introduction of Mitchell Staff: **Counselors**

Lauren Mustard
(Alpha A-L)



Michelle Zilles
(Alpha M-Z)



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Introduction of Mitchell Support Staff

Jennifer Trevino
Administrative Assistant



Sheetal Lal
Parent Coordinator



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Introduction of Mitchell Staff: **Division Leaders**

Michelle Zilles
- *Counseling*

Sharie Albert
- *Physical & Health Ed.*

Sandra Howell
- *Science*

Chloe Carrillo
- *Language Acquisition*

David Bickel & Edward Hyde
- *Special Education*

Miranda Wangnoo
- *Mathematics*

Cory Ames
- *Language & Literature*

Chelsea Cunha
- *Individuals & Societies*

Kari Pfannenstein
- *Visual and Performing Arts*

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International Baccalaureate (IB) World School

- Internationally Recognized educational programmes striving to, “develop students who will **build a better world** through intercultural understanding and respect” (ibo.org)

- Schools must be **authorized** by the IB in order to be an IB World School
    - Mitchell was authorized in 2015. The IB evaluates each school every 5 years. We have had 2 evaluations since becoming authorized, Fall of 2020 and Spring of 2025. Our next evaluation will be in the Spring of 2030.

- Mitchell Middle is one of 5,175 schools who offer the IB programmes worldwide
  - 1,924 of these schools are in the United States (741 are MYP)

“Education for a better world”

IB Learner Profile
IB Learners Strive to Be:

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Reflective

Communicators
Principled
Open-minded

Caring
Risk-takers
Balanced



Middle Years Programme (MYP)

MYP (6th-10th)

Inclusive programme for ALL students

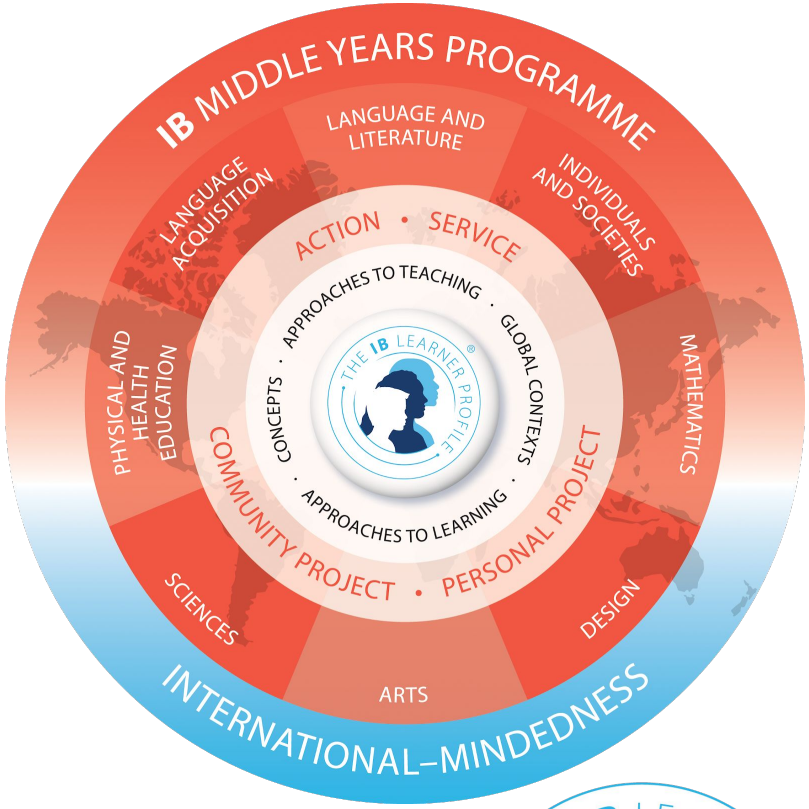
Balanced and rigorous

MYP philosophy believes student grades should accurately reflect what they know

Behavioral vs. Academics

Concept-based inquiry

Service Learning



THE IB LEARNER PROFILE

Mitchell Athletics



Lauren Mustard – Athletics Director
lmustard@fcusd.org
(formerly known as Johnson)

Sports offered:
Girls Volleyball/Cross Country (co-ed): Fall August- October
Girls Soccer/ Boys basketball: Fall October-December
Girls basketball/Boys soccer/ Wrestling (Co-ed): Winter December-February
Boys volleyball: Spring March- April
Track and Field (Co-ed): Spring April-May

All Marauder athletes will need these to participate in athletics:

- Physical form signed by Doctor
- Athletic clearance (directions on website)
- An athlete is not able to participate without the online clearance

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Mitchell Activities

Sandra Howell – Activities Director
mhowell@fcusd.org

- Student Council - student government comprised mainly of 7th and 8th graders; 6th graders can be part of Student Council if they represent a club
- Activities - lunch activities, dances, drives, assemblies et al.
- Clubs - Coding, Unity, DnD, Crochet, Spanish, Yearbook, Planet Earth, et al.
  - Club Advisors are school staff
  - Parents are welcome to support as volunteers







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WEB– Ms. Caplan and Mr. Tritt
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Jtritt@fcusd.org

- WEB is a program that welcomes the sixth grade class on the first day of school as well as continues to support them throughout their first year of middle school.

- Your 6th graders will meet an 8th grade WEB leader during Arena Day in August, these WEB leaders will facilitate activities with your students throughout their first year at Mitchell.

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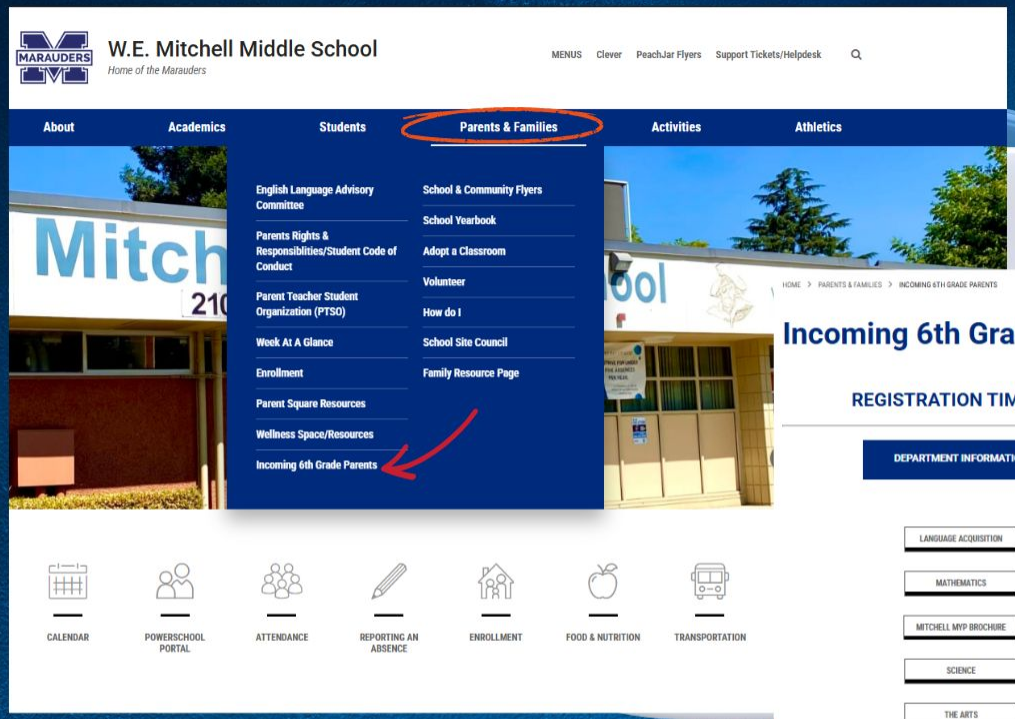
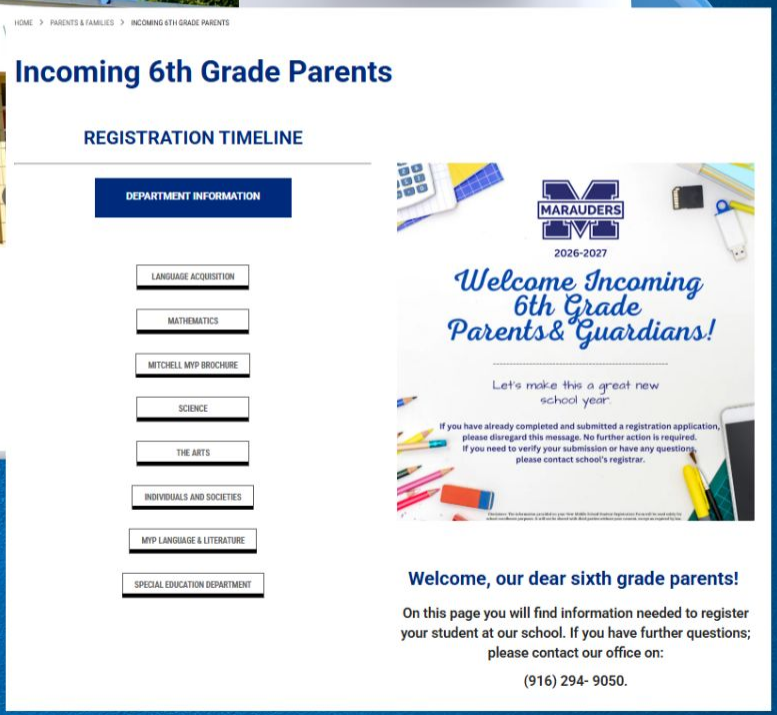
Mitchell Website - Communication

https://mtms.fcusd.org/

- Click on the tab, Parents & Families
- Select incoming 6th Grade Parents





Why Parent Square?

Post: view announcements and updates
Calendar: see upcoming events
Messages: send and receive direct messages
ALERTS: emergency notifications and reminders
Language Support: messages can be translated into your language

Scan Code for Parent Square

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