



CLARENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Planning has begun for eighth grade and the 2026-2027 school year. All scheduling information will be posted on my Schoology page under the resources tab in the red folder labeled "Scheduling FOR GRADE 8 Information." This can be accessed through your child's Schoology account.

Our middle school day continues to be divided into eight periods plus lunch. Eighth graders are required to take a full year of Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and World Language. In addition, students will take ten weeks of Business, Technology, Art and Music (if not enrolled in an ensemble). Physical Education will meet every other day for the entire year.

Students must continue in the same World Language in which they are currently enrolled. We encourage students to remain involved in Band, Chorus or Orchestra. Students currently not enrolled in an ensemble may audition for Chorus. If no music program is chosen, a study hall will be scheduled.

To keep pace with the more challenging curriculum requirements of the New York State standards, there are different courses offered in grade 8. The traditional Math 8 course continues to challenge students academically, while the 9th grade Algebra Regents course is for students who are currently successful in Math 7 Pre-Algebra. The science courses consist of Science 8, which is a physical science course offering a strong foundation for high school Regents courses in Earth Science, Chemistry and Physics or the 9th grade Earth Science Regents course for students who are currently successful in Science 7 Advanced.

Please note that there will be a Regents Exam at the end of the year in Earth Science and Algebra, which will be included in your student's permanent high school transcript. These courses will require students to demonstrate strong study and organizational skills as well as be highly motivated to find success in these very challenging and fast paced curricula. It is also imperative to note that if your student is scheduled to take either of these courses it is a full-year commitment as schedule changes may not be accommodated. If you have any questions regarding your student's selection of these courses, please contact me at 716-407-9200.

Please use the Scheduling Card to help your student complete the Google Scheduling Form on my Schoology page. Please complete the Google Form by Friday, February 6th and have your student return the Scheduling Card with your signature to the 7th grade house office by Monday, February 9th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Christine Tudor
7th Grade School Counselor