Welcome to the 8th Grade Parent Meeting



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Trimester Schedule

- 3 Trimesters/12 weeks
- 5 Classes per day/72 minutes
- 7:40 – 2:35
- 54 minute seminar every other Wednesday: Rotates with early release days
- 15 Classes per year

Class of 2030 Requirements

• English	4.0
• Math	4.0
• Science	3.0
• Social Studies	3.0
• Personal Finance	.5
• Fitness/Health	1.0
• Fine Arts	1.0
• World Language	2.0
• Electives	9.0



Total Number of Credits: 27.5

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Completing the Four Year Plan

- Used as educational/career planning guide
- Lists required and elective classes
- Used as an opportunity to plan next four years
- Updated yearly

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Transcript Information

- History of student's academic performance
- Course names
- Grades and credits earned
- GPA - weighted GPA (AP Courses)
- Class Rank

Report Card/Progress Report

- Sample Schedule
- Report cards (transcripts) emailed at the end of every trimester
- Receive updates via email once a week
- Log onto PowerSchool anytime to check grades
- Go to website to sign up to receive correspondence via email



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Schoology

Schoology is a Learning Management System for teachers to use when planning courses, engaging students, and assigning work.

Schoology provides students with resources to connect with teachers from home.

Schoology is used to publish important announcements and to send individual messages to students

Encourage students to access/check messages every day

Which Path Is Right For Your Student



- 2 year college
- 4 year college
- Trade school
- Military
- Workforce

College Admissions

- **Transcript Information**

  GPA, class rank, course selection, trends
- **High School Testing**

  ACT & SAT
- **Extracurricular Activities**

  Community service, theater, student council, athletics, etc.
- **Recommendations**

  Counselors, teachers, clergy, supervisors
- **Essays**

Extra Curricular Activities

- Encourage students to participate
- Provide variety of experiences
- Impact college/work application process
- Student contact advisor for more information

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Careerline Tech Center

- 28 programs offered http://www.oaisd.org/ctc/
- Junior and/or Senior Year
- College credit opportunities available
- Open house in fall and winter

"Careerline Tech Center prepares students for tomorrow's workforce by providing career and technical education for employment and post-secondary opportunities while promoting life-long learning and personal success."

Early College

- Spring Lake currently offers 10 spots. Students have to go through a 4 step process for selection.
  - *Be accepted to MCC, take placement test, complete application, essay and recommendation form, interview.
- Earn 62 credit associates degree in three years.
- High school and college courses are blended.
- Courses are taken during the junior, senior and "13th" year @MCC
- Students will walk at graduation with their class.
- Eligible to participate in athletics/theatre through grade 12

College Credit Opportunities

As mentioned….

- Careerline Tech Center
- Early College

College Credit can also be earned through…

- Advanced Placement (“AP”) Courses
- Dual Enrollment - College course(s) part of HS schedule
  - Set dollar amount allotted toward tuition/books
  - Typically for the junior/senior year
- See high school website for program details

Enrollment Information

(for students that did not attend Spring Lake Middle School)

Spring Lake Residents

Email Penny Zacek for the enrollment link
pzacek@springlakeschools.org (opens May 15th)

Non-Residents

Complete the non-resident application online on the district's website https://www.springlakeschools.org/ Select Enrollment

The enrollment window is May 6th – May 27th
Notified by 2nd week of June

Upcoming Dates



- **March 16th**- Mass Meeting with 8th Graders at Middle School
- **March 19th** - In 8th grade classrooms assisting students with entering course selections or drop at high school counseling office
- **August 2026-** Smart Start