



MADEIRA MIDDLE SCHOOL

RISING 8TH GRADE



HELLO!

Mrs. Niki Huelsman, Principal

Mr. Kyle Jepson, Asst. Principal

Mrs. Julia Cabral, School Counselor

We believe in Accountability & Action, Care & Connection, Challenging
& Supporting, and Creating an Environment for Exploring.

AGENDA:

- Meet the Team
- Highlights of 8th grade
- 8th Grade Courses
 - Core Academic Courses
 - Encore Elective Courses
- World Language Option

MEET THE TEAM!

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Teacher Asst. - Mrs. Murdock

Social Studies - Mr. Eads

ELA - Mrs. James

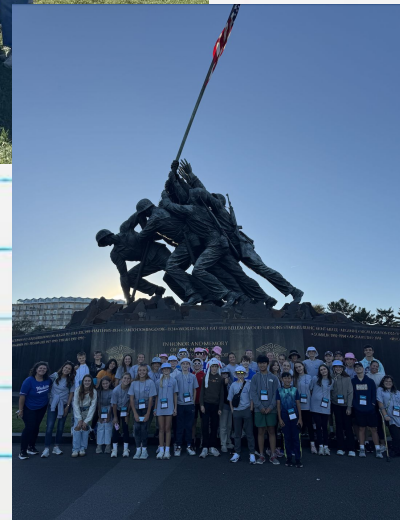
Health/PE - Mr. Rockwell

Intv. Specialist - Mrs. Germano

ELA - Mrs. Margraf

Science - Mr. Slater

Math - Mrs. Kostraba



8TH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS - WASHINGTON DC

8TH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS - PANCAKE BREAKFAST



8TH GRADE CORE COURSES

Core Courses (meet daily)

- Language Arts (2 Cores) -- (no change to class level unless teacher rec)
 - ELA 8 and Honors ELA8
- Science (1 Core)
- Social Studies (1 Core)
- Math (1 Core) -- (no change to class level unless teacher rec)
 - Math 8 (8th grade standards & 8 grade OST)
 - Honors Alg. I (Algebra standards and Algebra EOC)
- Health/PE (1 Core)

COURSES FOR HS CREDIT

Courses for HS Credit

- Math (Core Course)
 - Honors Algebra I (Algebra standards and Algebra EOC)
 - 1.0 HS credit (Pass/Fail and NOT calculated in G.P.A.*)
 - Health/PE (Core Course) (for HS credit INCLUDED in G.P.A.*)
 - Health = .5 HS credit (meets three days a week all year)
 - PE = .25 HS credit (meets two days a week all year)
 - World Language (Encore Course Option)
 - Latin, French or Spanish
 - 1.0 HS credit (for HS credit INCLUDED in G.P.A.*)
- *G.P.A. = Grade Point Average

8TH GRADE ENCORE COURSES

- World Language (Daily/Full Year @MHS 7:35am)
 - Latin, French, Spanish
 - Art 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
 - Digital Art I (2 Days wk/Sem)
 - Digital Art II (2 Days wk/Sem)
 - Coding 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
 - Fitness (2 Days wk/Sem)
 - Band (3 Days wk/Full Year)
 - Choir (3 Days wk/Full Year)
 - Intervention
 - Science of Technology (2 Days wk/Sem)
 - Study Hall (2-5 Days wk/Sem)
 - Team Sports II (2 Days wk/Sem)
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- Minimal requests for an encore course may result in the course not offered
 - Team Sports may be repeated...Digital Art I and II may not be repeated

8TH GRADE BELL SCHEDULE

8th Grade

8:00-8:45 (45) C1/E2

8:48-9:35 (47) C2

9:38-10:25 (47) C3

10:28-11:12 (44) E1

11:15-12:02 (47) C4

12:02-12:32 (30) L

12:35-1:22 (47) C5

1:25-2:10 (45) C6

2:13-3:00 (47) C7

WORLD LANGUAGE OPTION

- WL is an option in 8th grade, does not need to start in 8th grade
- HS requirement is to take 2 years of the same language
- Students take 1-5 years of study (including Advanced Placement)
- High school course and part of the official high school transcript
- High School exams (Midterm and Final)
- Additional Core class in 8th grade
- Taken at MHS at 7:35am
- Follows the MHS handbook policy for dropping classes
- Students return to MMS by bus after their MHS bell 1
 - Students taking Honors Algebra II will be bussed back to MMS after their MHS bell 2 math class.

WORLD LANGUAGE OPTION

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- Three languages to choose from:
 - Latin I
 - French I
 - Spanish I
- Must choose 1st and 2nd choice
 - 1st choice is not guaranteed for ANY course
- Following the course selection due date, MHS team will be given WL selections. Class lists will be determined by the number of available seats at MHS. Students selecting World Language will be notified by letter of their class placement in Mid-April.

WHAT TO DO IF I DON'T TAKE A WORLD LANGUAGE IN 8TH GRADE?

- Students will follow the regular MMS schedule (8:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- Students who elect to wait until 9th grade to take a language will have the opportunity to take additional encore classes from the following list:

Encore 2 Courses

- Study Hall (2-5 Days wk/Sem)*
- Coding 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Art 8 (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Digital Art I (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Digital Art II (2 Days wk/Sem)
- Fitness 8
- Intervention (teacher rec. required)

*Only students not taking a language will be allowed to take a Study Hall 5 days a week, but not more than 1x per day. Encore classes may occur during either encore bell depending on availability of the course.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT STARTS IN 8TH GRADE

- Students will receive high school credit for the following courses:
 - Health (.5) PE (.25)
 - World Language (1.0) - French 1, Spanish 1 or Latin 1
 - Honors Algebra I (1.0) - pass/fail not calculated in G.P.A.
 - Honors Algebra II (1.0) - completion of Alg. I required
- High school courses are permanently recorded on a student's high school transcript and go into a student's Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)
- Your G.P.A. and transcript can be used for applying for things like summer jobs/internships, scholarships, eligibility for participation in high school sports, College Credit Plus classes and college applications.

HOW DO I CHOOSE MY CLASSES?

Step 1: Open the Google Form

Step 2: Fill out informational fields

- Email, Student ID (lunch code), Name, ELA teacher
- Select if you will be taking a World Language class
 - If Yes - select encores in priority of preference
 - If No - select encores in priority of preference

Step 3: Review your selections with your parents & check box to confirm you did this

Step 4: Provide any additional information for Mrs. Cabral if needed

Step 5: Submit your responses before March 16

WILL YOU BE TAKING A WORLD LANGUAGE CLASS NEXT YEAR?

Yes

Choose 5 encores from the list below:

Art 8

Band 8

Choir 8

Coding 8

Digital Art 1 (if not previously taken)

Digital Art 2 (if not previously taken)

Intervention

Science of Technology

Study Hall (1st Sem. or 2nd Sem.)

Team Sports 8 (can repeat if taken previously)

No

Choose 8 encores from the list below:

Art 8

Band 8

Choir 8

Coding 8

Digital Art 1 (if not previously taken)

Digital Art 2 (if not previously taken)

Fitness 8

Intervention

Science of Technology

Study Hall (1st Sem. or 2nd Sem. or Full Yr)

Team Sports 8 (can repeat if taken previously)

Link to Google Form and QR Code

Scheduling form



Registering for 8th Grade Courses

In order to register students for courses for next year, please follow the instructions below. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Cabral. **Course descriptions are listed on the back of this paper.**

1. Click on the following link to register for encore courses:
 - a. <https://forms.gle/7dfjhsHyKqWNTuGs6> (or use the QR code listed below)
 - b. Complete the form with your parents.
 - c. You must select four encore choices in order of preference. (1=1st choice; 2=2nd choice, etc.)
 - d. Please do not worry about having too many encore choices...Mrs. Cabral will go in your preferred order until your schedule is full.
2. Submit your Google form by 3:00 pm on **Monday, March 16, 2026**
3. Parents - please list any comments or concerns on the Google doc or email Mrs. Cabral directly at jcabral@madeiracityschools.org

Please note that students will be registered for all other academic courses based on required courses and teacher recommendations. Those courses are: Science 8, Social Studies 8, English Language Arts 8 (or Honors 8), and Math 8 (or Honors Algebra 1).





MMS PTO

WE NEED YOU!

Our PTO is looking for a few
volunteers to help make
next year amazing!

Board & Chair Positions Available

- **LOW TIME COMMITMENT**
- **FLEXIBLE INVOLVEMENT**
- **BIG IMPACT FOR OUR KIDS & TEACHERS**

It takes a village! Come and be a part of ours!

Reach out to Sam or Lisa for more details:

sam.glickhouse@gmail.com or lkholligian@gmail.com



- Parent Mtg. 3/11 @ 6:30pm (zoom)
- Option Sheets Due 3/16/26
- Email Mrs. Cabral w/questions