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# **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night**

**Sells Middle School**

**March 1, 2018**

**Commons**

**6:00pm**

# What to expect for testing. . .

- **MAP**
  - *Fall and Spring*
  - *Reading and Math*
  - *Use for progress monitoring – instructional approaches/differentiation*
- **AIR/State Testing – April, 2019**
  - *Spring*
  - *Math 8, ELA, Algebra I, Geometry, Science 8*
- **End of Course Exams (for graduation points)**
- **PSAT 8/9 – October or November, 2018**

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

## Five Core Classes

- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Language Arts
- HS World Language, STEM or Art

## 2 Related Arts Electives

- #1: Music (full year every day) OR Study Center (full year every day)
- #2: ONE trimester of Health and TWO trimesters of either Tech Solutions, Art 8 Survey, Cog ED or PE (Only music students may select one or two trimesters of Study Center)

# An 8<sup>th</sup> Grader's Day at SMS

There will be 8 periods (50 minutes each) including a 30 minute lunch.

## Sample Schedule

HB:	8:28-8:33	Announcements
Period 1:	8:35-9:25	LA
Period 2:	9:27-10:17	Math
Period 3:	10:19-11:09	Science or Phy Sci
Period 4:	11:11-12:01	Music or SC
Period 5:	12:03-12:53	Health/PE/Tech Sol/CogEd/Art
Period 6:	12:55-1:25	Lunch
Period 7:	1:27-2:17	Social Studies
Period 8:	2:19-3:08	Spanish I/Art/STEM

# Language Arts

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts:

- an emphasis on informational text and comprehension
- a focus on research processes
- a focus on the development of expository writing skills.

## In addition, students will:

- read a variety of literary genres
- respond to literature through literary analysis
- extend word study

# Math

- ✧ **Math 8**
- ✧ **Algebra I \***
- ✧ **Geometry \***

\*One high school credit will be issued and the grade earned will be part of the student's high school GPA and transcript.

Your child will automatically be placed into the correct math class.

Student will follow the current pathway –  
Example: Math 7  $\longrightarrow$  Math 8

# Science

## Science 8

- Force and motion
- Space Science
- Earth Science
- Life Science

## Accelerated Science 8/Physical Science

- \* Condensed Sci 8 material (Earth and Life content)
- \* Rest of the year-Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, heat, sound, and light are some of the main topics covered.
- \* This course will be included in the calculation of the students' high school GPA.
- \* If enrolled in Algebra I or Geometry you may take this course. If not, you may complete the placement request form and turn in to your counselor to be considered for acceleration.



# Social Studies

## Social Studies 8

- American History from exploration of North America to reconstruction
- Focus on primary and secondary sources



# World Languages

## Level 1:

- These courses will be included in the calculation of high school GPA
- Spanish I offered at SMS (No previous experience in Spanish is required)
- Other Level I classes to be offered *typically* at Coffman include: German, Japanese, Chinese, and French – transportation to these courses and back to Sells *will* be provided. (Always first period)



## Art 8 (Full Year Elective)

In this hands-on class, students will further develop and refine their skills in:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Print Making
- Ceramics

Students will be encouraged to express their original ideas through a wide variety of art projects including both 2 and 3 dimensional forms. They will develop critical and creative thinking skills, technical ability, and an understanding of artistic heritage.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM (Full Year Elective)

STEM is a year-long project-oriented, interdisciplinary course in which students use science, mathematics, engineering and technological knowledge to investigate real-world problems. Students will be experience:

- an interdisciplinary course;
- real world problem solving;
- automation and robotics;
- design and modeling;
- energy and environments;
- and other interesting topics.

# Related Arts (One Period)

## Band 8

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is a continuation of the playing skills developed during the first years in addition to the development of more advanced ensemble skills needed for participation in a large musical group.
- Band meets **Daily!** They do not have a regularly scheduled study center.

# Related Arts continued

## Choir 8

- Students will continue to explore and build on the foundations of healthy choral singing through exercises that focus on breathing, phonation, resonance, diction, musical literacy, expressiveness and musicality.
- Students in choir use solfege to learn note reading and pitch.
- Instruments are used to enhance the songs, such as: piano, drums, bells, flute, oboe, etc.
- Choir meets **Daily!** They do not have a regularly scheduled study center.

# Related Arts continued

## Orchestra 8

- Students enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra continue to advance their string playing skills by playing in various string positions, 2-octave scales, complex rhythms, and more.
- Students are encouraged to participate in small group ensembles.
- Music history and theory is taught through the use of music samples and exercises. Music from various time periods and cultures are performed.
- Orchestra meets **Daily!** Students do not have a regularly scheduled study center.

# Related Arts continued

## Technology Solutions

- Technology Solutions is a trimester, project-oriented course where students will access, analyze, and critique messages in a variety of forms including commercials and advertisements.
- Students will also develop digital resources through video broadcasting, graphic design, and other media tools to support their own learning or school programs.



# Related Arts continued

## Physical Education 8

- Physical Education 8 involves fitness activities, a net sport, and at least one additional unit per grade level. It is a trimester course.
- The fitness, net sports, and additional units include Fitness and Conditioning, Badminton, Pickle ball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Acrosport, Basketball, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Games, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Soft Lacrosse, Speedball, Team Handball and Track and Field.



# Related Arts continued

## Art 8 (Trimester Course)

Students will:

- Create artwork in many different types of art media
- Explore drawing, painting, ceramics and sculpture
- Explore how art relates to their world
- Create, discuss, write about and reflect on their own work



# House Bill 487

## - College Credit Plus -

- Students in Grades 7-12 are eligible to participate
- Make sure your child is academically and emotionally mature enough to handle the rigor and structure of college coursework
- Students will be treated as college students, so this is very different than the education they receive in Grades 7-12
- Most courses take place on college campuses
- Students must provide their own transportation
- For further information please see the College Credit Plus PowerPoint presentation and general information sheet on the Dublin City Schools website at the following link: <http://www.dublinschools.net/secondarycurriculum.aspx>

# Scheduling for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Students received 8<sup>th</sup> grade course selection sheets March 1 or 2.
- Course selection sheets are due to Science teachers by March 8.
- Middle School Course Handbook will be available on our website

[http://filecabinetdublin.eschoolview.com/28106634-18B2-4FE3-9B27-1FCD1C256E5F/MSCourseHandbookFinal18\\_19.pdf](http://filecabinetdublin.eschoolview.com/28106634-18B2-4FE3-9B27-1FCD1C256E5F/MSCourseHandbookFinal18_19.pdf)



# Summer Mailing

- End of July
- Start of Year Information
- Walk-Through Information

## Update Student Information

- Check District Website --- “BACK TO SCHOOL” Link
  - Update Emergency Medical Form
  - Update user information for weekly communication from the school and district

# Walk Through

- August 9 – 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- PTO Supply Sale/Membership Drive/Spirit Wear
- Student Pictures
- Yearbook Order
- Lockers



# SMS Open for Self Tours

- August 10 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- August 13 – 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- August 14 – 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm



# First Day of School

- Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Questions?

Thank you for coming!



# Washington, D.C.

- New company – Prodigy Student Travel, Inc.
- October 23-26, 2018
- \$720 total cost –
  - *Registration and deposit (\$150) due March 23*
  - *MUST register through Prodigy (DO NOT send \$\$ to the school)*
- Please see Prodigy website for all of the information including tentative itinerary and Account Information Set-Up
  - *Also posted on school website*
    - Parent Resources → Washington DC 2018-19
- D.C. Trip Coordinator: Mr. Matt Berner
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