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Dear Parents, Guardians, and 8th Grade Students,

Recognizing that transitioning to high school is a monumental step in the eyes of a young person, it is imperative that we share valuable information so that you can effectively plan the next steps and support your child as they embark upon their high school experience. In the continued effort to pave the way for the successful transition of 8th grade students to Madison High School, we are writing to provide you resources and a timeline of important deadlines that will assist you with the scheduling process.

Course Offerings Guide Available to 8th Grade Students

The [2024-2025 Course Offerings Guide](#) is available for your viewing. It can also be found on our Guidance website, undering the [“Scheduling”](#) tab. This guide is designed to assist current 8th grade students and parents with the course selection process for the 24-25 school year. We encourage families to review the booklet prior to meeting with your school counselor. Selection of classes is based on recommendations of teachers, grades, advice of parents and counselors, and any particular interests and plans for the future.

Course Recommendations Available to 8th Grade Students - Friday, March 22nd

Teacher course recommendations for MJS students will be posted in Genesis and are accessible through the Parent Genesis Portal. To view course recommendations made by teachers, students can click on the “scheduling” tab within the Genesis Parent Portal. Recommendations for Harding students will be emailed to students directly by Ms. Thony. It is important for students to review these prior to their scheduling meeting. If you have questions regarding your course recommendation, you should speak directly to the 8th grade teacher of that subject. If after meeting with that teacher, you wish to appeal and override into a course, students must see their current grade eight counselor to obtain the Appeals Form, which must be completed no later than **May 1st, 2024** to be considered. **No changes to courses will be made after this date.**

MJS Scheduling Process & Electives Presentation - Tuesday, April 9th

MHS counselors will visit MJS to host a presentation to introduce themselves, discuss the scheduling process, and talk about electives offered at the high school.

Harding Scheduling Process & Electives Presentation - Thursday, April 11th

MHS counselor, Ms. Sarah Mazak, will be visiting Harding Township School to discuss the scheduling process and talk about electives offered at the high school.

Elective Course Request Deadline - Monday, April 15th

Grade 8 students will complete and submit a [Google Elective Course Form](#) declaring their preferred electives prior to their scheduling meeting with their guidance counselor. The form will be made available after MHS counselors visit MJS on April 9th, 2024.

MJS Scheduling Meetings Begin Thursday, April 18th

Madison High School Counselors will meet with current MJS eighth grade students and their families virtually to review their course recommendations and electives for the 24-25 school year. MHS Counselors will be sending parents an invitation with a date, time, and Zoom or Google Meets link for each scheduling meeting.

Harding Scheduling Meetings Begin Monday, April 22nd

Madison High School Counselors will meet with all Harding eighth grade students and their families virtually to review their course recommendations and electives for the 24-25 school year. MHS Counselors will be sending parents an invitation with a date, time, and Zoom or Google Meets link for each scheduling meeting.

Appeals Deadline For All 8th Grade Students - Wednesday, May 1st

As course requests are being made, those students that would like to appeal a teacher recommendation should schedule a meeting with that teacher to discuss the recommendation prior to making a formal appeal. If a student still wishes to appeal and override into a course after this conversation, their current grade eight counselor will provide them with the appropriate form to do so. **The deadline to make an appeal is May 1st, 2024. No changes to requests will be made after this date.**

8th Grade Move Up Day - Friday, June 14th

Current 8th graders will come to Madison High School at 1:00 pm to meet MHS staff, receive a tour of the building, and learn about summer assignments, the bell schedule, and the clubs and activities offered at the high school.

Virtual, Summer, Outside Course Offerings Guidelines - Thursday, June 20th

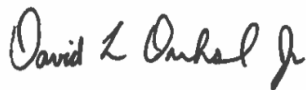
Madison High School is pleased to support a number of learning opportunities in addition to any in-person courses currently being offered. Students can take advantage of these opportunities for the purpose of credit recovery, enrichment, or advancement. All courses **must** be pre approved by the subject area Assistant Principal **and** a student's assigned school counselor. Those interested may complete the [Outside Course Request Form](#) prior to June 20th to be considered. **No classes will be considered after this date.**

9th Grade & New Student Orientation - Tuesday, August 27th

Incoming ninth graders and students new to Madison High School are invited to come in to better understand their schedule and take one final tour of the building to locate where their locker and classes are. Details and times for the event will be distributed over the summer.

We look forward to continuing working closely with you to ensure that your child's transition to high school is as smooth and educationally rewarding as possible! Madison High School is truly a great place and we look forward to sharing all it has to offer with you.

Sincerely,



David Drechsel
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