



CLARENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Planning has begun for eighth grade and the 2023-2024 school year. All scheduling information will be posted on my Schoology page under the resources tab in the red folder labeled "Scheduling Information – Going into Grade 8."

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 Foreign Language. In addition, students will take ten weeks of Family and Consumer Science (FACS), 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 foreign 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 worksheet your student received to help with completing the Google Scheduling Form by Friday, February 10th. Your student should return the signed scheduling worksheet to their HQ teacher.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Christine Tudor
7th Grade School Counselor