



6th Grade Family Night

Caregiver Information - January 25, 2024



Meet Your Administrators!



Mr. Cliff Snitgen
Assistant Principal



Ms. Radhika Issac
Principal





Our Vision for Students, Families, Staff

- ★ Mason is a place that every individual knows that they **BELONG** here.



- ★ Mason is a place that every individual knows it's **SAFE and SECURE** physically, academically, and emotionally.





Our Vision for Students, Families, Staff



★ Mason is a place that every individual knows that they will receive guidance and support that reinforce a **PATHWAY TO SUCCESS.**





Ways to Stay in the Know at Mason

- **Blackboard Connect:** Mason Weekly Updates & Reminders
- **MISTAR:** Grades, Missing Assignments, Contact Information
- **Google Classroom:** Assignments and Messages from Classroom Teachers
- **School & District Websites:** Guideline Documents, Course Catalog, Contact Information, Athletic & Events Calendars
- **Facebook Mason MS PTO:** Events Information, Ways to Connect & Help





A Typical School Day...

- **Six Class Periods:** Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies with 2 Exploratory Classes
- **8:05-3:08pm (2:08 on Thursdays) with Lunch:** Doors open at 7:50am and lunch is between 3rd & 4th hours (~11:30am)
- **Lockers:** Backpacks, coats, large items are stored in the locker all day. Lockers are located near their team's core classrooms for quick access in A House.
- **A / B Team:** Core classroom teachers share the same group of students.





EXPLORE every OPPORTUNITY - Figure out what you LIKE and what you DON'T LIKE!

Language & Physical

- ★ World Language
- ★ Physical Education

Enhancement

- ★ Math / Science Enrichment
- ★ Humanities Enrichment
- ★ Anchor Program

Career & Technology

- ★ Computer
- ★ Technology
- ★ Life Skills

Performing & Visual Arts

- ★ Art
- ★ Band, Choir, Orchestra

https://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/downloads/academics/2023-2024_middle_school_course_catalog.pdf





Support Classes available...

- ❑ **Foundational Skills:** Students are assigned to this course based on NWEA and Academic performance. It's focused on helping students master foundational skills in math & literacy to gain greater success with grade level core classes.
 - ❑ Literacy Lab
 - ❑ Math Lab
- ❑ **High School Course:** Students that meet criteria can complete the following courses at MS to earn HS credit.
 - ❑ Spanish 1 ❑ Personal Fitness ❑ Geometry
 - ❑ Health ❑ Algebra 1 ❑ Language Arts 1





Meet Your Counselors!

David Mells
A- Go

Marianne Naas
Gr - Pa

Mackenzie Wolf
Pe - Z



Counselors support our students, staff, and families with:

- Academic Advising
- Conflict Mediation
- Support Groups
- Class Scheduling
- Standardized Testing
- Career Exploration





Wait! We have even more supports at Mason!

S.A.F.E. - Students and Family Engagement: SAFE members work with students individually and in small groups to support various social emotional needs along with supporting families with getting resources.

Honors Health Behavior Clinician: Melonie Hobbs is our on-site mental health therapist that can provide 1:1 and group support to our students and families.

District Nurse: Malory Robak serves all of our buildings to support medical plans of care for students.

Safety & Security Team: Eugene Davis is our safety coordinator and works with our hall monitors, administrators, noon attendants, and school resource officer to ensure that our building remains safe.

School Resource Officer: Officer Kelly Johnson serves as a mentor for students and works with administrators to ensure that our building remains safe.

Office Team: Roxanne Furlong, Missi Long, and Donna Phillips support the daily hustle and bustle of our school along with assisting students and families.

Building Guest Teachers: Kim Heckman, Nicole Hudson, Karen Rudzinski serve as substitutes placed into classrooms or other roles throughout the building as needed. This allows us to provide consistent and continuous supports to our students.





Opportunities Beyond the School Day

- ❖ **Athletics:** Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Cross Country, Wrestling, Cheer
- ❖ **Clubs:** Each year, we publish a new set of club options based on staff and student interest. Have a hobby or interest, find a staff to sponsor and one other member!
- ❖ **Events & Performances:** Dances, Girls Who Code, Mason Musical Performance, Spelling Bee, Family Game Nights





Student wants to know...

- ★ **Electronic Devices:** Basically, it cannot be seen or heard during the school day. Chromebooks serve as our learning devices.
- ★ **Dress Code:** We are a place of business and have expectations for how we present ourselves at school.
- ★ **Lockers:** Students will have the chance to practice opening lockers at registration and again on the first day of school.
- ★ **Attendance / Tardies:** Being present and on-time matters! We monitor this closely.





Begin setting up for success now...

01

Opportunities

- Review course options to plan ahead to 8th grade and beyond
- Research after school activities and plan to sign up for at least one

03

Relationships

- Moving to a team of up to 150 students requires students to navigate and set healthy boundaries - Discuss how to navigate disagreements amongst friends

02

Self-Advocacy

- Moving to a 6 period day which requires students to speak up and ask for assistance / guidance - Practice when and how to communicate your wishes and needs

04

Organization

- Review ways to stay organized between home and school - One tool provided is a daily planner for each student





What's Next?

6th Grade Registration

Registration Day will be held the week before school begins in August. Students will have time to explore, practice their locker, and walk their schedule.

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In Your Mail

You will receive registration materials in the mail late July/early August.
MISTAR - Be sure that your address and contact information is accurate!

First Day Of School

The first ½ of the day is for only 6th graders! Our student WEB leaders will provide a team building and orientation. This will be another time to practice lockers and walk schedules.





Welcome to Mason MS!



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