

# GRADES 7 & 8

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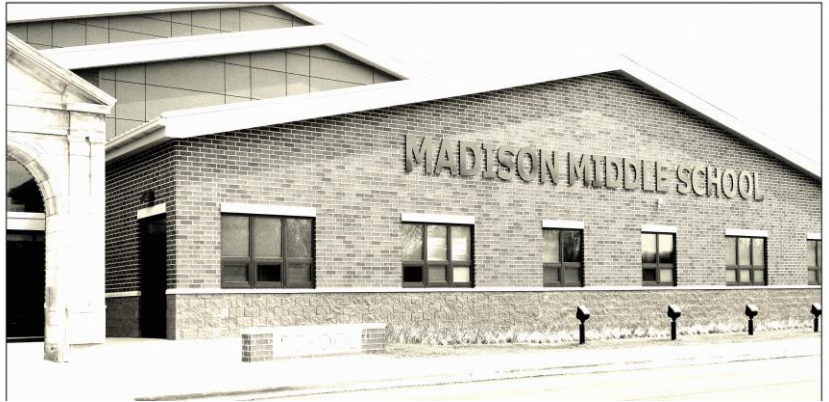
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Dear Parents and Students,

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

As a staff we hope that all students and families have been enjoying their summer! School is just around the corner and the following information below should help facilitate any questions that you might have. In addition, if you have text service on your phone you can place yourself on the grades 7 & 8 Madison Middle School text list to receive updates and reminders. To get on the text list simply send a text to **81010** and type the following phrase in the message: **@grades78m**

### Upcoming Dates: \*Students must pick up schedules prior to the first day of school

- **End of first week in August** – *Notification through text of when student team lists are posted on the front doors of the building . Check supply lists on our website to begin purchasing your supplies you will need for the team you have been placed on. Don't forget to take advantage of the sales tax holiday! Information on the holiday is listed below.*
- **Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Graders pick up schedules; 8:30am to 11:00am & 11:30am to 2:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders pick up schedules; 8:30am to 11:00am & 11:30am to 2:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Both Grades can pick up schedules; 8:30am to 11:00am & 11:30am to 2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 6-7pm Open House
- **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 7-7:30pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip Parent/Student Information Meeting in Auditoria
- **Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – First day of school! 8:00 – 2:50 p.m.

Please notice there is a lunch break from 11-11:30am for our office staff.

### Ohio Sales Tax Holiday:

The Ohio House and Senate approved the third annual sales tax holiday. The holiday starts on Friday, August 4th at 12am, and ends on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax:

- Clothing priced at \$75 per item or less
- School Supplies priced at \$20 per item or less
- School instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less

See the following link for frequently asked questions :

[http://www.tax.ohio.gov/sales\\_and\\_use/salestaxholiday/holidayfaq.aspx](http://www.tax.ohio.gov/sales_and_use/salestaxholiday/holidayfaq.aspx)



### **ATHLETICS**

For information on participating in any of the following Fall athletics, please contact Mr. Kepple in our office:

- Football
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Cross Country

### Schedules/Fees/Grade Cards:

When picking up schedules parents will need to pay for school fees, provide proof of TDAP and Meningococcal shot, and bring the completed Emergency Medical Form. To lessen the time it takes to pick up your schedule you may pay fees on-line on our website at "Pay For It"; make sure to print and bring your receipt with you. Please be advised that during the school year grade cards will not be distributed to your child if you have an unpaid balance.

### Attendance:

The school day is from 8:00am to 2:50pm. Students who arrive after 8:00am will be considered tardy. If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office to report their absence. If the student is seen by a doctor, please send a doctor's note with the student on the day your child returns to school.

**Transportation:**

Parents and relatives who are dropping off or picking up students must do so at the back entrance of the building via McElroy Rd. If you wish for your child to ride a bus other than which they are assigned you must call the bus garage at 419-589-3473 and get permission. They will then contact our office if the request is approved and a bus pass will be issued to the student.

**Cafeteria:**

Lunch is \$2.75 per day; extra milk is .50 cents. For students on reduced lunch, lunch is .40 cents. Cafeteria payments can be made online or by check. Online payments can be completed by going to our website and clicking on "PayForIt.net". Checks should be made out to Madison Middle School. Free and Reduced Lunch Forms are distributed to students on their first day of school, but can also be downloaded off our website under the food service link. Free and Reduced Lunch Forms must be renewed yearly and turned in by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Parents are responsible for the cost of lunches until you receive a notification letter in the mail. Students are allowed to have only five lunch charges.

**Student Warm Weather Dress:**

Please keep in mind the following board adopted guidelines for student dress:

-Shoes must be worn at all times; slippers are not allowed

-All tops must be fitted about the neckline with absolutely no cleavage, or back visible. Tops must also extend, minimally, below the waistline with absolutely no midriff visible. No sleeveless shirts/tops, unless a short sleeve or long sleeve shirt is worn underneath.

-Skirts or shorts may only be worn if they extend, minimally to the student's fingertips when their arms are fully extended at their side.

**Housekeeping:**

- Make sure to bring your book bag with supplies, books, projects, lunch money, gym clothes/shoes, after school sports equipment, and early release notes for appointments.
- Come to school dressed appropriately, keep additional clothing in locker for emergencies.
- Cell phones may be used before and after school, at lunch and in between classes. At no time during the school day are pictures or videos allowed to be taken by students.

**Know about your child's risk for Teen Sexting:**

Sexting (or "sex texting") is the sending of or receiving of sexually explicit or sexually suggestive images, messages, or video via a cellphone or the internet. Examples of sexting include:

-nude or nearly nude photos or "selfies"

-videos that show nudity, sex acts, or simulated sex

-text messages that propose sex or refer to sex acts

Teens should understand that messages, pictures, or videos sent via the internet or smartphones are never truly private or anonymous. If a compromising image of your teen goes public or gets sent to others, your teen could be at risk of humiliation, embarrassment, and public ridicule. There are also potential legal consequences for teen sexting as well. Teens could face felony charges for texting explicit photos or even have to register as a sex offender.

ODE provides a communication program called "Start Talking" that has information tools, teachable moments for the classroom, a program pairing student athletes and law enforcement officials, and an opportunity for schools and communities to get help building youth resiliency. The following link is from last month's communication in reference to teen sexting:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/News/Know!-To-STOP-Sexting-in-its-Tracks>

**Grades 7&8 Office:**

The office is currently available to answer phone calls and questions Monday through Friday from 7am to 3pm. We are looking forward to seeing all of our students soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Muro

Principal

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