

# GRADES 7 & 8

## MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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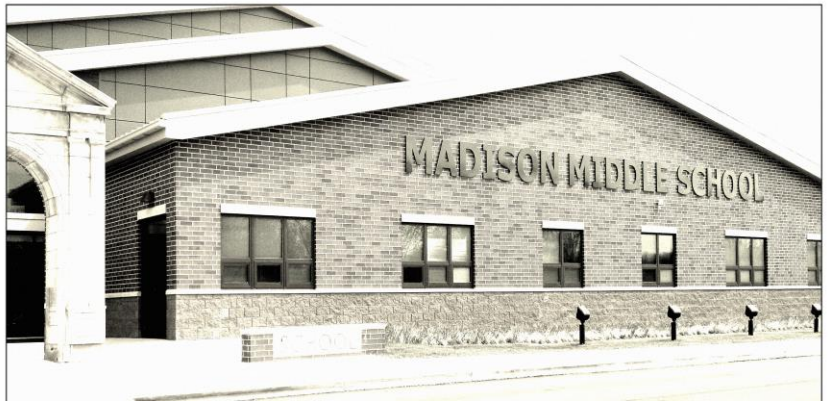
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Dear Parents and Students,

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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 you have to text a code to the Remind phone number 81010. To join, text code @grades78m to phone number 81010

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

- **Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Student team lists posted on front doors . 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 16<sup>th</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> Graders pick up schedules, 8:30-2:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders pick up schedules, 8:30-2:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** – Both Grades can pick up schedules, 8:30-2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 6-7pm Open House
- **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 7-7:30pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip Parent/Student Information Meeting in Auditoria
- **Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** – First day of school! 8:00 – 2:50 p.m.

### Ohio Sales Tax Holiday:

Ohio SB 264 enacted a sales tax holiday for 2016. The holiday starts on Friday, August 5th at 12am, and ends on Sunday, August 7<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)



### 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. 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.
- 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 is video taping or picture taking during school hours permitted.

**"Start Talking!" from ODE**

Start Talking! Features 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 including tips about preventing children from drinking, smoking, or using other drugs. The following link is from this month's communication:  
<https://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/files/know-teach-july12016.pdf>



To sign up for future communications go to the following link:  
<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Start-Talking>



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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