



Meade Middle School

1103 26th St.
Ft. Meade, MD 20755
(410) 674-2355
(410) 674-6590 (fax)

School Hours
8:20am—3:00pm



Principal

Christine DeGuzman (Please see the letter posted on our website regarding an upcoming change in administration.)

Assistant Principals

Troy Hermann-
6th gr (Last Names A-L) & 7th gr

Erica Garren-
6th gr (Last Names M-Z) & 8th gr

School Counselors

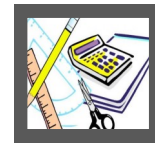
6th grade— Amy Canterbury
7th grade— Katy Kreft
8th grade— Bryan Bauer

Important Dates

6th gr /New Student Orientation	Thursday, 8/22-6:00pm
First Day of School for 6th gr ONLY	Tuesday, 9/3
School Open for ALL Students	Wednesday, 9/4
Back to School Night	Thursday, 9/19-6:00pm
SCHOOL CLOSED - Rosh Hashanah	Friday, 9/30
Tutoring Tuesday & Activity Buses Start	Tuesday, 9/24 3:10-4:10pm
Clubs /Activities Begin Activity Buses	Thursday, 9/26 3:10-4:10pm
Interims Go Home with Students	Monday, 10/7
2-Hr Early Dismissal	Tuesday, 10/8
SCHOOL CLOSED- Yom Kippur	Wednesday, 10/9
SCHOOL CLOSED for Students-Parent / Teacher Conferences	Tuesday, 10/15 - Wednesday 10/16
2-Hour Early Dismissals End of 1st Marking Pd	Thursday, 11/7 - Friday, 11/8
Beginning of 2nd Marking Pd	Monday, 11/11
Report Cards and Newsletters Go Home with Students	Wednesday, 11/20
SCHOOL CLOSED- Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday, 11/27 - Friday 11/29

General School Supply List

- One- 3 inch ring binder
- One pack of Dividers
- Lined loose leaf paper
- #2 Pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- Colored pencils
- Pencil pouch
- Highlighters
- Combination Lock for Gym Locker



*Agenda books will be provided to all students free of charge during the first week of school.

*Please note that other school supplies may be needed for specific classes.

An Important Note from the Health Room

ATTENTION PARENTS OF INCOMING 7th GRADERS:

Please provide a copy of your child's immunization record to the school nurse **BEFORE** the first day of school! Students will **NOT** be permitted to begin 7th grade without proof of these immunizations.

Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for more information.

Any questions? Please call the school nurse.

Denise Woodard, RN
410-674-2355, ext. 211



School Pledge:
We are Respectful.
We are Responsible.
We are Scholars.
We are Empowered
at Meade Middle School.

Important First Day of School Information

On the first day of school, 6th grade students should report to the Cafeteria to receive their schedules.

7th and 8th graders will report to their temporary alpha homerooms to receive their schedules. These lists will be posted throughout the school on the first day and can also be found below.

7th Grade Alpha Homerooms

<u>Student Last Name</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
A-Bar	721	Lustgarten
Bas-Co	723	Batteast
Cr-Gak	724	Corbin
Gal-Hi	725	Martin
Ho-Ly	726	Shuey
Ma-Me	706	Poteet
Mi-O	705	Lassiter
Pa-Sa	704	Whitaker
Sc-Tob	703	Davis
Toc-Z	701	Antonio

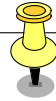
8th Grade Alpha Homerooms

<u>Student Last Name</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Ab-Bre	806	Curry
Bri-Dar	805	Mackel
Das-Gal	804	Taylor
Gam-Jab	803	Klaiss
Jac-Lot	801	Lombardi
Lou-Mey	821	Anderson
Mez-Raj	823	White
Rak-Sin	824	Harrigan
Sio-Uzo	825	Haynes
Uzp-Z	826	L. Hicks

NEW for the 2019-2020 School Year- Sign up for the PowerSchool Parent Portal!

Parent Connect has been replaced by PowerSchool Parent Portal for the 2019-2020 school year. The PowerSchool Parent Portal provides you with access to your child's grades and attendance and is an important tool in helping to stay connected with your child's education.

More information will be coming home in September, as soon as the portal is up and running!



Emergency Contact Information

You should expect to see paperwork coming home with your child during the first week of school. It is **EXTREMELY** important that everything is completed and returned to the school by the end of the first week, **ESPECIALLY** the Emergency Card Verification!!

If you or one of the approved contacts for your student moves, change phone numbers, or change email addresses please notify the school as soon as possible. In the event of a medical, social-emotional, or other emergency we use the contact information on file to attempt to reach a student's parent/legal guardian. In some emergency circumstances, if we cannot reach a parent/legal guardian we are required to have emergency services transport students to the hospital for medical or psychiatric care.

The address on your Emergency Card Verification Report **MUST** reflect your current physical address that we have on file at the school. If you have moved, you must provide us with two proofs of your new address. One needs to be a lease or deed and the other can be a current utility or cable bill, bank statement or current pay stub. Please give this information to the School Registrar, Mrs. Johnson, in the Counseling Office.



School Meals

A light breakfast is provided free of charge to ALL students each day during homeroom. School lunches can be purchased for \$3.00.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications



Start your family's meal benefits early by going online to <https://applyformeals.aacps.org/> and entering the requested information as accurately as possible. All data will be instantly and securely sent to the school district for processing and you will receive a letter in the mail with the status of your application.

MyPaymentsPlus

Free registration gives you 24/7 access to:

- Student cafeteria balances and purchase history
- Prepayments for breakfast/lunch, with auto-pay capability
- Low balance e-mail reminders

To sign up, go to <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com>


Department of Health


School Health Services Positions

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is seeking RN's, LPN's and health assistants to provide health services for students in Anne Arundel County Public Schools for the upcoming school year. The positions include:

- Full-time and part-time positions
- No nights or weekends
- Summers off – follows the public school calendar
- Health Insurance and leave benefits
- 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

For more information or to obtain an application, please call 410-222-6838 or visit our website: www.aahealth.org. Smoke-Free Workplace. EOE.



School Bell Schedule

8:05am: Students enter building
8:10-8:22am: FYI Morning Announcements and Breakfast (in Homeroom class)

6th Grade	
Pd.	Time
Advisory	8:25-8:50
1	8:53-9:47
2	9:50-10:44
3	10:47-11:41
Lunch	11:44-12:09
4	12:12-1:06
5 Encore	1:09-2:03
6 Encore	2:06-3:00

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Pd.	Time
Advisory	8:25-8:50
1 Encore	8:53-9:47
2 Encore	9:50-10:44
3	10:47-11:41
4	11:44-12:38
Lunch	12:41-1:06
5	1:09-2:03
6	2:06-3:00

Please note- Times will vary slightly during the first week of school to help students adjust to their course schedule.

Requests for Changes to Schedules

Every effort was made to place your student into courses they requested and parents approved on the Course Selection Form. Please note that, due to scheduling constraints, students may not have been placed in their top elective choices.

Once the school year has begun, schedules will only be changed to correct (1) incorrect scheduling (ex. missing a required class, scheduled for two of the same course) and/ or (2) improper placement (ex. student has not taken a required prerequisite course, student is not in the correct level for a course). All course change requests must be submitted in writing by a student's parent or legal guardian. **All written requests must be received by your student's grade level counselor no later than Friday, September 13, 2019.**

Schedule change requests that fall outside of the above listed circumstances will not be approved. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.



Before & After-School Hours

Morning Drop Off: Please note that staff is not on duty to supervise students prior to 7:55a.m. **We ask that parents not drop students off prior to 7:55a.m. as students must wait outdoors, unsupervised, regardless of weather conditions.** The only exception is when prior arrangements have been made with a staff member for reasons such as early morning band or orchestra rehearsal.

Afternoon Dismissal: There are two separate bells for dismissal. Bus riders are dismissed at 3:00p.m. Car-riders and walkers are to remain in their 6th period class until the bell at 3:10. The staggered dismissal is a pre-cautionary measure that we take to make sure students exit the building in a safe manner. Parents of car riders and walkers, please emphasize the dismissal time with your children.

After-School Activities: After-School Activities will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year from 3:10-4:10pm, where a light dinner will be provided. All students participating in any activities after school MUST have **PRIOR** permission from their teacher or club sponsor AND parent / guardian to stay after school. This is **REQUIRED** to ensure that parents know the whereabouts of their children. At the conclusions of activities, activity buses will be available to transport students home.

Tutoring Tuesday

Every Tuesday, beginning September 24th, tutoring is offered to all students. Parents, please remind your child to take advantage of these tutoring sessions as needed.

Thursday After School Clubs

Every Thursday, beginning September 26th, clubs will meet after school. More information will be coming soon.





School Counseling Department

The School Counseling Department is excited to welcome all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their families to Meade Middle School. We are looking forward to working collaboratively with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to ensure academic success for all our students.

We believe that all students...
have the ability to learn!
have worth and value!
should be accepted as unique and diverse individuals!

Mission

The mission of the Meade Middle School counseling program is to empower all students through a comprehensive data-driven school counseling program. The focus is to provide the knowledge, skills, and mindsets necessary to obtain success in the domains of academic, personal/social, and career development. The counseling department advocates for equity, access, and success for all students through collaboration with relevant stakeholders in an effort to remove barriers to student achievement.

Mental Health/Crisis Resources

There are various resources available to assist families in dealing with mental health and/or crisis situations. If your family needs support with concerns related to suicide, self-harm, grief, substance abuse, or other mental health concerns, you may access this link (<https://md02215556.schoolwires.net/Page/1017>) to find recommended resources and supports. You are also encouraged to reach out to your child's school counselor so that we can partner with you in accessing resources and providing supports.

~Ms. Canterbury, School Counseling Department Chairperson

Why Attendance Matters

To be successful, students must attend school regularly. Parents can encourage proper attendance by ensuring that their child sets an alarm, gets enough rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and has adequate time to get to school.

There are lawful reasons for absence from school. Whenever your child is absent, you must provide a note of explanation to the school within three days of your child's return to school. Absences due to illness in excess of five consecutive days require a physician's note. School counselors and pupil personnel workers are available to assist families in situations where students are having difficulty with school attendance.

A student who is lawfully absent will be allowed to make up work within a reasonable number of days and will receive credit for that work. A student who is illegally absent will be allowed to make up work. In certain cases, where extenuating circumstances exist, the principal may recommend awarding credit for those assignments.

(Copied in part from the 2017-2018
Parent Handbook p.14)

~Ms. Diffenderfer, PPW



Meade Middle School PTSA

Consider joining the PTSA this year! PTSA Membership Forms and more information will be available at Back to School Night on September 19th at 6:00pm. We hope to see you then!

2019-2020 PTSA Officers:



President: Ms. Toni Okine
Vice President: Ms. Lucine Willis
Secretary: Ms. Michele Williams
Treasurer: *Vacant*



Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS)

At Meade Middle School, we believe in Empowering our students to be respectful, responsible and scholarly. Our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program is our way of acknowledging students for their hard work and positive attitudes. We strive to have a variety of planned incentives and monthly events that students can work for. Teachers hand out Bulldog Bucks when students display exemplar behavior. Whole school and classroom incentives are used to motivate students for positive behaviors and to reward them for being engaged in learning. Some examples of our monthly events include the Back to School Dance, Fall Festival, Pep Rallies, Holiday Bazaar, March Madness, teacher vs. student basketball game, among others. In order to attend the monthly events, students "pay" using the Bulldog Bucks they have earned and they cannot have a referral for a specified time period prior to the event. We would love for all students to qualify for these events, so we are asking for your support by emphasizing to your student the importance of exhibiting positive behaviors at school.

~Ms. Brady and Mr. Anderson, PBIS Committee Chairpersons

Gym Uniforms

All students will be required to wear gym uniforms in their Physical Education classes. Look for an order form to come home with your student soon.

\$20 for the set (\$10 t-shirt/\$10 shorts)- REQUIRED

Shirt Sizes Adult Small- 3XL

Short Sizes Youth Large - 3XL

Gym Sweatshirts \$20- OPTIONAL (Sizes Adult Small - 2XL)

Gym Sweatpants \$15- OPTIONAL (Sizes Youth XL - Adult XL)

Students will not be permitted to carry their Gym or Dance uniforms in string bags. Only plastic grocery bags may be used to carry these items.

All bookbags and string bags must be kept in students' main lockers during the school day.

Students enrolled in Dance will receive additional information about dance attire.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniform Policy



Meade Middle Tardy Policy

Please reinforce the expectation that students must get to class on time so that your child does not miss out on instruction and avoids the following consequences for being late to class.

The teacher will document each time a student is Late to Class Unexcused and parents will be notified via Parent Connect phone call.

1st time Late to Class Unexcused (LU) – Teacher warning

2nd (LU)– Teacher warning

3rd (LU) – Teacher - specific consequence: conference after class, lunch detention, etc.

4th (LU) – Counselor and / or Student Advocate meeting with student

5th (LU) – Disciplinary referral written by teacher to Administration

Subsequent Tardiness = Additional referrals resulting in progressive consequences.

**This process is reset at the end of each marking period if the student has 3 or fewer offenses.*

Please help us stress the importance of following the Uniform policy by making sure that your child is coming to school dressed appropriately every day! Meade Middle believes uniforms can improve learning by reducing distractions, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more scholarly environment, allowing students to perform better academically.

Tops: Black, navy blue, gray or pastel blue long or short-sleeved polo (collared) style shirts with two or three buttons at the neck.

Pants: Khaki-style pants in black, navy blue, or a khaki color and must fit securely around the waist. Belts are recommended and must be plain black or brown. Jeans, leggings, and sweat-pants are not permitted.

Skirts/Shorts/Skortts: Must be black, navy blue, or khaki colored. The bottom of the garment must be no more than 3 inches from the center of the knee cap.

Additional Clothing: Solid navy blue or black V-neck sweaters, front button cardigans, sweatshirts or fleece jackets, and Meade Middle School sweatshirts may be worn **over** uniforms during the school day. College sweatshirts clearly stating the name of the college/university and that do not have hoods may also be worn. Hoodies, coats, jackets, and hats must be kept in lockers.

*Students may wear Meade Middle School Spirit Wear, Club and M-Power shirts with the appropriate uniform bottoms on Fridays.

In addition, bookbags and string bags must be kept in students' lockers. Plastic grocery bags may be used to carry PE and Dance uniforms.

Thank you for supporting scholarly dress at Meade Middle School!

Classroom Visitation Guidelines

At Meade Middle School, we welcome parents and guardians and look forward to partnering with you to better support your children. We ask that you follow certain guidelines to help make your classroom visit a positive experience for both you and your child.

Classroom visits must be arranged with teachers at least 24 hours in advance. When you arrive at the school, please sign in at the Counseling Office to get a visitor's pass. We ask that you do not bring bags or other items into the school and that you make sure that your cell phone is off or on silent.

Also, classroom visits are meant to allow parents/guardians to see their child and his/her teacher as they go through a regular class period. We ask that visitors not interact with their own child, other students or the teacher so as not to disrupt the learning of any students.

Please remember that teachers will NOT be available for an individual conference before, during or after instruction without a pre-arranged appointment. If you would like to speak to one of your child's teachers, please contact that teacher by email to make arrangements. If you would like to meet with more than one teacher, please contact your child's Guidance Counselor to make an appointment.

Cell Phones OFF and Out of Sight!



Cell phones are becoming an increasing distraction in school and teachers do not allow them to be used in class. Please help us reinforce the message that cell phones should be off and out of sight. Please also remind your child that if he/she has a cell phone, he/she must practice responsible behaviors. Students should not leave them unattended (such as out on their desk, charging against a wall, or laying on a locker room bench) and they should not be allowing others to use their phone. When we have students report their phone was broken or stolen, we often find that they left their phone unattended or gave it to another student to use. We rarely find stolen phones and we cannot force compensation for broken or stolen phones, which is why ask for them to be off and out of sight.

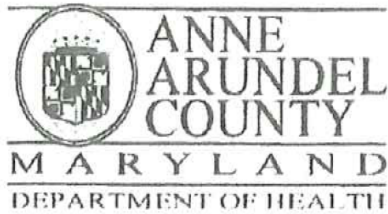
Finally, please help us keep a focus on learning by refraining from texting or calling your child on his/her cell phone during the day. If you have an emergency, we ask that you call the school and we can bring your child down to the office to speak to you.

Thank you for helping us teach students responsible, scholarly behaviors!

School Volunteers / Field Trip Chaperones

ALL school volunteers and field trip chaperones will be required to review the Sexual Harassment training video online and complete an online Background Check prior to volunteering or chaperoning at Meade Middle School. More information will be provided at Back to School Night on Monday, September 17th at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Wagner in the office.





February 19, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

For the 2019-20 school year, the following vaccines are required for children entering kindergarten and seventh grade:

- All students entering kindergarten must have had two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations. This also includes first, second, third, fourth and fifth grade student entries new to the county.
- All students entering seventh grade must have had one Tdap vaccination and one meningococcal vaccination. This also includes eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade student entries new to the county.

These new vaccinations are in addition to the current school vaccine requirements.

According to the *Maryland Vaccine Requirements for Children*, students must be vaccinated in order to be allowed in school. You should work with your child's health care provider to get his/her vaccination record and to receive any vaccinations that are missing. Students who are not compliant with immunization records must be excluded from school on the first day of classes unless parents/guardians provide proof of a medical appointment with a health care provider or local health department for vaccinations within the ensuing 20 calendar days (30 days for military families).

If you are unable to get a vaccination appointment with your child's health care provider, please call Anne Arundel County Department of Health's Immunization Services at 410-222-4896.

If you have questions about vaccines that are required for school, please call your child's health care provider or the school nurse. When your child receives the above vaccinations, please provide a copy of the current vaccination record to the school nurse. **If your child has already received the required vaccinations, please provide a copy of your child's current vaccination record to the school nurse as soon as possible so that records are up to date before this school year ends.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Siska-Creel".

Karen Siska-Creel, R.N., M.S.N.
Bureau Director, School Health and Support
Anne Arundel County Department of Health

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah S. McDonald-Egan".

Sarah S. McDonald-Egan
Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

ATTENTION PARENTS: NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR 7th GRADERS

**These required vaccines should be administered at age 11:
MCV4 (Meningococcal) &
Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)**



CALL YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO MAKE SURE YOUR 7TH GRADER IS UP-TO-DATE.

**BRING A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S VACCINATIONS TO YOUR SCHOOL NURSE
TO SHOW PROOF.**

STUDENTS WITHOUT PROOF WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

