

# Welcome to Maroa-Forsyth Middle School!



**Principal:** Nate Sheppard

**Secretary:** Mallory Parrott

**Social Worker:** Stacy Goodwin

**Counselor:** Rachel Dick

**Nurse:** Raeshel Duncan

**Resource Officer:** Krissie Garcia

**School Phone:** 217-794-5115

**School Website:** <http://mfms.mfschools.net/>

# Middle School Life

- ❖ Lockers to Navigate
- ❖ More than One Teacher
- ❖ Gym Class will be Different
- ❖ Friendships can Change
- ❖ Greater Independence
- ❖ Greater Responsibilities
- ❖ Significant Growth
- ❖ Challenging Academics
- ❖ Young Adult Challenges
- ❖ Semester Exams

# 6th Grade Subjects & Staff

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>Joy Hurst</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>Jennifer Williams</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Lindsay Anderson</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Heather Ennis</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Tim Peasley</b>

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>Technology Literacy</b>	<b>Jon Kidd</b>
<b>Art</b>	<b>Heather McKay</b>
<b>PE</b>	<b>Angie Woodhall</b>
<b>PE</b>	<b>Aaron Ennis</b>
<b>Band</b>	<b>Sarah Lidy</b>
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Christopher Weisenborn</b>
<b>Resource</b>	<b>Ivy Handley Becca Nashland</b>

# Students

**Please exit and join your  
tour group in the  
Commons.**

# Adults

**Please stay for more  
information.**



# Arrival/ Dismissal During the Day

- **2 Entrances**
  - North - for Walking Students and Parent Drop Off
  - South - for Bus Riders only - Bus Pick-up and Drop-Off times will be sent to you the week before school starts.
- **Arrival**
  - Doors will be unlocked no earlier than 7:45.
  - The Tardy Bell rings at 8:05.
  - Late Students - sign in at the Main Office
- **Arriving/Leaving during the day**
  - The Main Office **MUST** be notified.
  - Sign in/out with the Main Office.
  - Sick/Ill students **MUST** go through the Nurse.
- **Dismissal**
  - Dismissal time is 2:55 (11:30 half-days)
  - Exit the same door you entered - unless arrangements have been made with the office or you are participating in an after-school activity.

# MFMS Bell Schedules

## School Hours 8:05 AM – 2:55 PM

### Regular Bell Schedule

1st Hour	8:05-8:45
2nd Hour	8:49-9:29
3rd Hour	9:33-10:13
4th Hour	10:17-10:57
5A Hour	11:01-11:41
5B Lunch	11:41-12:11
5A Lunch	10:57-11:27
5B Hour	11:31-12:11
6th Hour	12:15-12:55
7th Hour	12:59-1:39
8th Hour	1:43-2:23
FL/Adv	2:27-2:55

### 11:30 Dismissal Bell Schedule

1st Hour	8:05-8:27
2nd Hour	8:31-8:53
3rd Hour	8:57-9:19
4th Hour	9:23-9:45
5th Hour	9:49-10:11
6th Hour	10:15-10:37
7th Hour	10:41-11:03
8th Hour	11:07-11:30

# Advisement & Focus Learning

## 9th Hour Advisement

- You will be with the same group for all of middle school
- 27 minutes long
- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- SEL Curriculum, One Book One School, Circles

## 9th Hour Focus Learning

- RtI Time for some
- Ungraded class that is typically different
- Rotate to different FL classes throughout the year
- Study Hall for Band and Choir students if they want

# Sports:

- Baseball (7,8 boys)
- Softball (7,8 girls)
- Cross Country (6-8 boys/girls)
- Golf (6-8 boys/girls)
- Basketball (7,8 boys/girls)
- Volleyball (7,8 girls)
- Track (6-8 boys/girls)
- Dance (6-8 girls)
- Wrestling (6-8 boys/girls)

## Athletic Participation Fees

- Students participating in any of the 7-12 athletic programs are required to pay a fee before they are allowed to practice with the squad. Must also be registered on 8To18 (for Athletics).
- Fee for Middle School Athletic Participation is \$65.00 per sport and the fee for High School Participation is \$115.00. This includes MS Dance Team, HS Cheer, and HS Dance. An annual \$400.00 cap will be applied per family.
- MS Scholastic Bowl has a \$50.00 participation fee.
- All individuals are responsible for co-curricular and extracurricular fees.
- Families enrolled in the Free or Reduced programs will have fees waived or reduced.

# Clubs/Activities:

- Scholastic Bowl
- Band
- Choir/Musical
- Student Council
- Art Club

# Lockers

- Every student will be assigned a locker in the hallway and in the PE locker room.
- Each locker is assigned to a specific student with a built-in lock.
- Do not share your locker combination with anyone, and remember to LOCK your LOCKERS!
- Leave all valuables at home as the school is not responsible for items that are lost or stolen - Possible new Cell Phone State Law.
- Locker number and combination will be entered in your Skyward account over the summer

# Homework

Most days students will have homework assigned for each of their classes.

Homework does impact the final marking period grade for each class **whether it is taken for a grade or not.**

**Homework has a purpose.**

Stay organized and on top of your assignments with Google Classroom and Agendas.

# Chromebooks

- All students will have a District Issued Chromebook. (\$50.00 fee) - includes charger.
- Will need it everyday
- Charge it every night
- Responsible for damages
- Will be handed out the first day of school
- This will be your Chromebook all 3 years of middle school.



# 2025-2026 CALENDAR

AUGUST 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2025						
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JANUARY 2026						
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MARCH 2026						
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MAY 2026						
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JUNE 2027						
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- **Teacher's Institute**  
No Student Attendance
- **School Improvement**  
Half-Day Student Attendance
- **Not in Attendance**
- **Emergency Days**

**PT Conference:**  
Two nights at each building spread over three weeks in October.

## 2025-2026 School Year:

**Back To School Night: Thursday, August 13, 2025 - 6-7 PM**

**1st Day of School: Monday, August 18, 2025 (Half Day)**

**Early Dismissal Times are 11:30 for the MS/HS - Green on the Calendar.**

**Homecoming: October 3, 2025. Early dismissal at 2:03.**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 7th and 8th, 4-7:30**

**End of 1st Semester: Friday, December 19th**

**Start of 2nd Semester: Tuesday, January 6th**

**Spring Break: March 30 - April 3**

**Last Day of School: Friday, May 22nd**

# Registration

- **NEW - Proof of Residency**
- **Online registration will be available starting July 1st.**
- **All returning students should use our online registration process through Skyward**
- **New students to the Maroa-Forsyth School District should register at their school on July 23rd.**
- **The only reason to come to our schools on July 23rd would be if you wish to verify information (residency) and pay in person and/or if you are new to the school district.**
- **Fees may be paid at Open House/Back to School Night.**

# Physicals & Immunizations

- All students entering Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grades must have physicals and the necessary immunization shots prior to starting school.
- Any student who does not have the proper immunizations (by October of that year) will be excluded from school. Forms may be secured from the Middle School Office.
- Dental exams are required for kindergarten, second, sixth, and ninth grade students.
- Proof of an eye exam is required upon initial enrollment to the public school system, typically this occurs in Pre-K or Kindergarten.

# Fees

## Registration Fees

- Kindergarten - High School \$ 100.00

## Technology Fees \$50.00

- The Maroa-Forsyth CUSD #2 implemented 1:1 starting in 2023-2024 for grades 6-12.
- Each student in Middle and High School will be issued a Chromebook to use during the school year. The Chromebooks will be returned and updated as needed at the end of the school year. You will keep the same Chromebook all three years of Middle School.
- Information on the repair and/or replacement will be in the rental agreement on Skyward when registration opens.

## Cafeteria

- Lunch prices are \$3.50 for grades 6-12. Additional milk \$.50. ISBE Law states that students who buy a second lunch must be charged the Adult Rate @ \$4.25.
- Individuals with an approved free and reduced lunch application will be exempt from lab fees.

## Laboratory Fee

- Middle school students will be charged \$10.00 per semester for Art and Science laboratory fees.

## Maroa-Forsyth HS Trojans PE

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://maroa-forsythstrojanspe.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Thursday May 29th, 2025 (11:59pm PDT)

Gildan Youth Ultra Dryblend (50/50) T-Shirt



\$17.00

Gildan Youth Crew Sweatshirt



\$23.00

C2 Youth Performance 6 Inch Shorts



\$24.00

Badger Youth Fleece Jogger



\$29.00

Fruit of the Loom Cotton Tank Top



\$26.00

Gildan Ultra Dryblend (50/50) T-Shirt



\$18.00

Gildan Crew Sweatshirt



\$23.00

C2 Womens Performance Short



\$24.00

C2 7 Inch Mesh Shorts



\$24.00

C2 9 Inch Mesh Shorts



\$24.00

C2 Badger Performance Shorts



\$24.00

Badger Ladies Fleece Joggers



\$31.00

Badger Athletic Fleece Jogger



\$31.00



### ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- ★ To complete a PE uniform, all students will need at least ONE top and ONE bottom. **T-shirt and shorts are recommended.**
- ★ If your student wishes to wear long sleeves/pants on a daily basis next winter, he/she will be required to purchase those as their uniform - please see the additional available items. **Leggings worn under the uniform will not be allowed!**
- ★ Your student's name must be included in your order so it is printed on both the shirt and shorts/pants.
- ★ Orders will be filled after the closing date and shipped to MFMS. Items will be distributed at the beginning of the school year.
- ★ The online store is open until **THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025, 11:59 PM**. Late orders will not be accepted.
- ★ The next online store will not be available until after the 2025-2026 school year begins.
- ★ MFMS has a limited amount of t-shirts and shorts for purchase, however, there is no guarantee all sizes are available.

# PE UNIFORMS DEADLINE IS MAY 29TH

## UNIFORMS PURCHASED AFTER THIS FROM THE OFFICE COST MORE \$\$

# Skyward

- Parents may track their child's progress via Skyward Parent Portal. Grades are more accurate in Skyward than Google Classroom.
- Accessed through the information page of the school using the website at <http://mfms.mfschools.net>
- Contact the office with questions regarding username or to reset your password. Back To School Night would be a great time to do this.

# School Supplies

This is the school supply list for the 2025-2026 school year for middle school students. You may put them in your locker (and Art Room) at the Open House, August 13th.

2 Red Pens

2 Black/Blue Pens

10 Pencils

2 Highlighters (prefer yellow)

1 Composition Notebook

1 Pink Eraser

2 Folders with paper attaching prongs (8th grade)

1 Pencil Pouch

2" Binder with 8 colored subject tabs and 24 (3 per subject) dividing tabs (See next slide)

1 Package of Loose Leaf Notebook Paper

1 Pencil Pouch big enough to fit a novel

1 Set of inexpensive headphones to keep at school (not bluetooth)

3 boxes of Kleenex/Tissue Paper

Art:

2 Large glue sticks

Scissors

Colored Pencils

Markers

Sharpie (1 fine, 1 normal)

# Binder and Tabs

Sturdy 2" Binder



Subject Tabs for each class



# School Communication

How to stay informed:

- Daily Announcements
- District webpage
- Google Classrooms
- Skyward Messenger
- Facebook

All teachers and staff have emails so please contact your child's teacher with any concerns. You can also contact our social worker, nurse, and principal, if further assistance is needed.

# Cafeteria & Lunch

- All 6th graders eat at the same time - A Lunch (10:57-11:27 am)
- Students can bring or buy their lunch
- Free and reduced lunch applications are available from the nurse, main office, and also on the District Website.
- Choice of hot lunch or a la carte
- Can charge a hot lunch, but not an a la carte lunch
- Pay online through Skyward or by check
- Beginning mid-April, students with outstanding balances will only get PB&J lunches and will no longer be able to charge lunches.
- Menus are posted on district webpage

# Helpful Tips for Transitioning to Middle School

1. Set realistic expectations and goals with your child.
2. Create a calm study time and location for your child.
3. Communicate with your child's teachers.
4. Reach out to staff with questions or concerns.
5. Encourage your child to get involved with school activities.
6. Help your child foster independence by encouraging them to reach out to teachers for help, support, and questions instead of you emailing the teachers for them. Help them learn to be their own self-advocates and take ownership of their education.

**We look forward to seeing your children  
next year!**

