



8th Grade

Week of: 4/1/24 - 4/5/24

Greetings Families: Below you will find a brief overview of what your student did this week in their classes. Please look through MCPS classroom pages (Canvas) and Synergy for more detailed information.

Upcoming Information	
Next Week's Schedule	4/8- 7th Period PT 4/9- 1st Period PT 4/10- No School for Students 4/11- 2nd Period PT 4/12- 3rd Period PT

	English					
Course Name	English 8 Vocabulary			Academic Literacy Vocabulary	Read 180 Vocabulary Academic Vocabulary Q1-4	
Teacher Name	Green	Cho	Steffens	Hill		Smith
Topics covered	End of Unit Assessments				Students analyzed visual headings, captions, and a map to see how visual features help navigate and understand a text.	



	ESOL Vocabulary		
Course Name	Eng 8 for ELs 1	Eng 8 for ELs 2	Eng 8 for ELs 3
Teacher Name	Francis	Francis	Francis
Topics Covered	End of Unit Test Study Guide	End of Unit Test Study Guide	End of Unit Test Study Guide Final Draft - EWP

	Math					
Course Name	Geometry Vocabulary		Algebra <u>Vocabulary</u>			
Teacher Name	Needham	Lui	Watkins	Cacho	Greenstein	Needham
Topics Covered	Reviewed conics (circle, ellipse, hyperbola), started lessons on parabolas. Quiz on Friday, 8 points.		Reviewed for Progress Check and took the Progress Check on Thursday and Friday. Will be entered as a quiz grade, 10 pts.			

	Math	
Course Name	Math 8 <u>Vocabulary</u>	Math 180 <u>Vocabulary</u>
Teacher Name	Leffler and Rieder	Cacho



Topics Covered	Laws of Exponents Quiz- 10 Points	
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Course Name	Science 8 <u>Vocabulary</u>			
Teacher Name	Blumberg	Greene	Nicolas	Lutchenkov
Topics Covered	Smaller Object in the Outer Space			

	Social Studies		
Course Name	US History <u>Vocabulary</u>		American Studies <u>Vocabulary</u>
Teacher Name	Grace	McDermott	Kling
Topics Covered	– Comparing the geography, economies, and regional attitudes of the mid-1800s North, South, and West. -50 States Test on 4/5		-Events Leading to Civil War Test on 4/4 -50 States Test on 4/5 -Documents of Secession

	World Languages Vocabulary		
Course Name	FY French 1B	French 2	French 1AB



Teacher Name	Myers	Myers	Bonatesta
Topics Covered	Numbers 60-1000 / giving prices	Tout, tous, toute, toutes	Possessive adjectives

	World Languages Vocabulary		
Course Name	FY Spanish 1B	Spanish 1(AB)	Spanish 2
Teacher Name	Beckett / Blumberg	Beckett	Puleo
Topics Covered	Vamos a la playa	Unit review and traditional Spanish foods	Unit 2.4 - Illnesses & Home remedies / Present tense & IOP's

	Health and Physical Education Vocabulary		
Course Name	Health		<u>PE</u>
Teacher Name	Litzner		Bucci, Baucom, Gibbons, Gallagher, Smiddy, Valonis
Topics Covered	Family Life and Human Sexuality		Box Soccer, Volleyball, Cornhole

	Electives					
Course	2D Draw	Ceramics	Innovative Art	Digital Art III	FOCS	Tech Systems



Name	<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Vocabulary</u>	and Design 3 <u>Vocabulary</u>	Vocabulary	<u>Vocabulary</u>	Vocabulary
Teacher Name	Stentz	Stentz	Johnson	Paul-Phillips	Germain	
Topics Covered						

	Music		
Course Name	Chorus 7/8 <u>Vocabulary</u>	Orchestra <u>Vocabulary</u>	Band <u>Vocabulary</u>
Teacher Name	McFeaters	Hepburn	Hepburn
Topics Covered		<p style="text-align: center;">Music in the Parks Preparation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Canyon Sunset Theme from Canon in D Ludwig's Tango Tuning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please encourage your music student to develop a regular practice routine.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music in the Parks Preparation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pathfinder's March Star Bright Fires of Mazama</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please encourage your music student to develop a regular practice routine.</p>



SSL (Student Service Learning)



***Students and adults please join the NBMS SSL MyMCPS Classroom to receive SSL information specific to NBMS. **Link =>** <https://mcpsmd.instructure.com/enroll/FC6DG7> ***
Please share this link with students, family, and friends.

From the MCPS SSL Office AND sent as an announcement through the NBMS SSL MyMCPS Classroom:
March SSL Opportunities (for which students can earn up to 44.5 SSL hours!)

- **Montgomery County Public Schools Girls Summit (March 9, 2024, 9AM-1PM)** - Session topics include healthy relationships/dating violence, social media use and mental health, identifying symptoms of depression and anxiety, Narcan training, and much more!
 - Students may earn **4 SSL hours** for attending and learning this important information so that they can help to spread awareness about these topics and participate in Narcan training to support in the case of an emergency.
 - To learn more, please click [here](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)
- **MCPS National History Day (March 9, 2024, 8:00am - 2:00pm) - For MCPS Students 18+ -** MCPS is looking for HS students 18+, to judge student projects at the National History Day County Competition on March 9, 2024, at Loiederman Middle School!
 - Students will receive **6 SSL hours** and lunch on the day of the event.



- To learn more, please visit this link:
https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=877333
 - [Links to an external site.](#)
- **Annual Youth Voice Roundtable (March 12, 2024, 6:30-8:30 PM)** - The Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth is hosting a virtual opportunity for middle and high school students to share their perspectives on the following issues: civic engagement, career readiness resources, and LGBTQIA+ support.
 - Students may earn **2 SSL hours** for participating in this dialogue with the council.
 - To learn more, please click [here](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)
- The **Keeping It Safe Student Video Contest (Deadline: March 31, 2024)** is now open! Students may earn **5 SSL hours** for quality video submissions. Interested students may view the contest rules and additional information at this [link](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)
- The **Living Organ Donor Video Contest (Deadline: March 31, 2024)** is now open! Students may earn **10 SSL hours** for quality video submissions. Interested students may view the contest rules and additional information at this [link](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)
- **C&O Canal and Potomac Riverside Cleanup - April 13, 2024 (9 AM - 12 PM)** - Join us as we work together to clean up the Potomac River and its huge watershed area! Some of the many cleanup sites in our region are in your backyard!
 - Students may earn **3 SSL hours** for participating.
 - Interested students may view additional details and sign up at the following [link](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)



- **Earth Day SSL Opportunity (April 22, 2024, 9:30am - 2:00pm)** - Build the first MCPS farm, and earn SSL hours while giving back to the Earth!
 - Students may earn **4.5 SSL hours** for participating. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation will be provided.
 - To learn more, please click [here](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)
- **Student-to-Student Extracurricular Series - 10 SSL hours -- VIRTUAL/REMOTE** – MCPS is seeking students interested in developing a video presentation with either a leadership moment or extracurricular skill to inspire, teach, and share with their MCPS peers and the greater MCPS community. Students may earn **10 SSL hours** for successful submission of all items identified in the [Student-To-Student Extracurricular Series Form](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)
- [Additional March SSL Opportunities](#)
 - [Links to an external site.](#)

There is still time to earn the optional Superintendent Award for the 2023-2024 school year!

Any middle school student who has submitted completely filled out SSL Verification forms to show the completion of the 75-hour SSL high school graduation requirement (for the first time in middle school) by April 5, 2024, will receive the optional Superintendent's SSL Award. No application or other form is required to earn the Superintendent's SSL Award. The 10 SSL hours students may potentially earn through grade 8 social studies class do NOT count towards the Superintendent Award. For students who earned the grade-level curriculum 10 SSL hours, the MCPS SSL office will process hours during the summer. If you are currently in 6th or 7th grade you have until early April of your 8th-grade year to earn the Superintendent Award.



Course-Embedded SSL Hours - Full Year

Thirty SSL hours may be earned through full participation in middle school courses:

- Counts towards the Superintendent Award
 - Grade 6 science (Outdoor Education), 10 hours
 - Grade 6 English for ELs (formerly known as ESOL), 10 hours
 - Grade 7 English, 10 hours
 - Grade 7 English for ELs (formerly known as ESOL), 10 hours
- Does NOT count towards the Superintendent Award
 - Grade 8 social studies, 10 hours
 - Grade 8 English for ELs (formerly known as ESOL), 10 hours

SSL coordinators should NOT add any course-based SSL hours to Synergy, hours will be added during the summer to students' SSL records for students who complete the service-learning project.

SSL Opportunities
<u>Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities</u> (bit.ly/SSLOpportunities) - Find approved SSL opportunities
<u>Nonprofit-Hosted Virtual/Remote SSL Opportunities</u> (bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020) - Find approved virtual/remote SSL opportunities
<u>Monthly SSL Opportunities</u> (bit.ly/SSLOpps23-24) See highlighted SSL opportunities for each month



[SSL Program Overview Slideshow](#)

(bit.ly/SSLOverview2020) - Learn key information about the SSL program

[SSL Interactive/Live Flowchart](#)

(bit.ly/SSLLiveFlowchart) - Walk through the steps of the SSL process (interactive!)

[SSL Flowchart](#)

(bit.ly/SSLFlowchart) - One-page flowchart of each step of the SSL process

[Introduction to SSL Handout with Flowchart](#)

One-sheet introduction to SSL program

SSL (Student Service Learning)

Please use Carla.A.Jurewicz@mcpsmd.net for emails concerning SSL. Ms. Jurewicz likes to keep her [@mcpsmd.org](https://mcpsmd.org) dedicated to her duty day responsibilities which include special education case management, teaching Resource classes, and co-teaching English 6 and Science 6.

[SSL Information and FAQ flyer](#); hard copies are available in the Counseling Office, and your student should have received one in homeroom during the first week of school.

For SSL forms, guidelines, resources, and much more click on the MCPS SSL Hub => <https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS>

Step-by-step directions for checking SSL hours => <https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE>

SYSTEMWIDE STUDENT DOCUMENTATION TIMELINE



Time Frame of Service	Documentation Due Date
Service completed during the summer	September 29, 2023
Service completed during the summer and 1st semester	January 5, 2024
<p>Documentation that qualifies middle school students for the Superintendent's SSL Award. This award is given to middle school students who meet the 75-hour high school graduation requirement during middle school and is only awarded once.</p>	<p>April 5, 2024*</p>
<p>Service completed during the summer, 1st semester, and 2nd semester</p>	<p>May 31, 2024*</p>
<p>**All SSL Forms for service completed after June 1, 2023, through the end of the 2023-2024 school year, are REQUIRED to be submitted to the school SSL Coordinator no later than May 31, 2024</p>	
<p>SYSTEMWIDE SSL AWARD TIMELINE</p>	
<p>Award</p>	<p>Documentation Due Date</p>



<p>*The required deadline for all documentation that qualifies seniors for Certificates of Meritorious Service and middle school students for the Superintendent's SSL Award is April 5, 2024. All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification) should be submitted to the school's SSL coordinator by April 5, 2024, to be considered for these awards. *** This is a hard deadline ***</p>	
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