



**STALLIONS TOGETHER
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SFMS 17-18

The Journey Continues...

“

Can our school be so welcoming, so inviting, and so comfortable that every person who walks through our doors believes they are about to have an amazing experience?

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Schedule Layout for 17-18

- ▶ Every student has 6 courses daily which include:
 - ▶ MAPS
 - ▶ Language Arts
 - ▶ Math
 - ▶ Science
 - ▶ Social Studies
 - ▶ 5th Core Course
- ▶ (Communications Workshop, ESL, Intervention, Learning Lab, STEM)
- ▶ *RTI is embedded into the 5th core course*

Physical Education

- ▶ **New Standards and Heart Monitoring**
- ▶ **5-day, 3-day, 2-day and 1-day**
- ▶ **PE Staff – Culbertson, Saunier, Smith, Webber**
- ▶ **Welcome New PR Teacher – Jason Saunier**
- ▶ **District Lead PE Teachers – Culbertson and Smith**
- ▶ **Athletic Director – David Culbertson**

Fine Arts

- ▶ **Band – Spain**
- ▶ **Choir and General Music – Follansbee**
- ▶ **Orchestra – Hall**
- ▶ **Art – Carlson and Markham**
- ▶ **Welcome New Art Teacher – Lisa Carlson**
- ▶ **Band, Choir, Orchestra, Gen. Music (4 days with 1 day PE)**
- ▶ **Standard Art – 2 days with 3 days PE per week**
- ▶ **Advanced Art – 3 days with 2 days PE per week**

Department of Exceptional Children

- ▶ **APEX (Gifted) – Toberman and Turner**
- ▶ **SPED – Continuum of Services**
- ▶ **Resource A**
- ▶ **Resource S**
- ▶ **Co-teaching Math/LA**
- ▶ **Learning Lab**
- ▶ **New teachers –**
 - ▶ **Dr. Kristi Hancock and Laura Milhouse, SLP**

ESL

- ▶ **Full time position**
- ▶ **Welcome new teacher – Heidi Thevenot**

Intervention

- ▶ **Requirements**
- ▶ **Learning Support on Schedule**
- ▶ **Interventionist – Lola Hatcher**



Social Studies

- ▶ **6th World History**
- ▶ **7th World History**
- ▶ **8th US History**



Science

- ▶ Last year of current standards - NGSS begin in 18-19
- ▶ Solar Eclipse - August 21st
- ▶ 6th grade
- ▶ 7th grade
- ▶ 8th grade
- ▶ Physical Science Honors (8th)



Math

- ▶ New standards
- ▶ Teacher changes - K. Jones, Hancock, Burkhalter, Murray
- ▶ Multiple paths - Vertically aligned with HS course options
- ▶ **Standard** 6th grade Math, 7th grade Math, 8th grade Math, 9th grade Algebra I
- ▶ **Honors** 6th grade Honors, 7th grade Honors, 8th Algebra I Honors, 9th Geometry Honors

Math Curriculum

- ▶ **Advanced Honors 6th (7th Honors) 7th - Algebra I Honors, 8th - Geometry Honors, 9th - Algebra II Honors**
- ▶ **Changes - placement test only given in 5th grade**
- ▶ **No override - Parent Letter of Understanding**
- ▶ **Algebra I, Geometry and Physical Science - HS Courses offered in CS Middle Schools (Honors)**
- ▶ **CS Board Policy 4.600 *Students must earn a B or better yearly average to matriculate to next course. On HS transcript as elective credit - not calculated into HS GPA or class rank.***

Language Arts

- ▶ New Standards -New Digital Curriculum
- ▶ *StudySync - Reading/Writing Curriculum*
- ▶ Two Paths - Vertically Aligned with High School Programming
- ▶ Changes - placement test only given in 5th grade
- ▶ No override - Parent Letter of Understanding
- ▶ **Standard** LA 6, LA 7, LA 8
- ▶ **Honors** LA Honors 6, LA Honors 7, LA Honors 8
- ▶ MS students', identified as Intellectually Gifted, needs are met through the honors courses - ELA teachers are endorsed in Gifted Education

Honors Courses

- ▶ All Honors Courses will have a first semester exam, no exemptions at the middle school level.
- ▶ CS Middle School Grading Policy 4.600
- ▶ GRADES 6-8
- ▶ Three percentage points will be added to each quarter average and the 1st semester exam in all Honors courses. (Extra points are not added to the S1, S2, C1 and Y1 averages)
- ▶ Semester Exams
- ▶ Semester one exams are given in all Honors courses in grades 6-8. Spring TNReady test takes the place of the semester two exam.
- ▶ Summer Work - due on 8/7/17

Curriculum Resources

- ▶ All Language Arts and Math Scope and Sequences are posted on the CS website [here](#).
- ▶ Language Arts - [What is the Difference Between Standard and Honors Language Arts for Grade 6-8?](#)
- ▶ Documents are found on the Collierville Schools website at www.colliervilleschools.org. Click on Departments, then Curriculum and Accountability, and then Curriculum.

Communications Workshop (Reinforcement on Schedule)

Communications Workshop

Throughout their remaining school years, and into their adult lives, our students will be called upon to make oral presentations and to work cooperatively in small groups. The aim of the Communications Workshop is to prepare students for as many communication situations as possible by teaching presentation and cooperation skills.

Goals

Work in cooperation with others to accomplish communication goals

Gain skills in preparing presentations and debates

Confidently and effectively deliver oral presentations and participate in debates

Learn special skills of persuasion and improvisation that can be applied to performances or real-life situations

Communications Workshop (Reinforcement on Schedule)

The Communications Workshop will be Non-Graded.

Students will be assessed and receive rubric-based evaluations throughout the year.

Only offered this school year, transition course to STEM for all students

STEM Curriculum

- ▶ District has adopted the *Project-Lead-the-Way* K-12 Curriculum
- ▶ Requires intensive summer teacher training in each module
- ▶ 17-18 Implementation with STEM Scholars (6-8)
- ▶ All CS K-5 students will have STEM PLTW in LAMPS rotation
- ▶ *All STEM courses will be Non-Graded. Students will be assessed and receive rubric-based reviews throughout each project.*
- ▶ Beginning in 18-19, all CS MS students will have a daily STEM class

STEM Project Lead the Way Curriculum

- ▶ **6th Grade Courses**
- ▶ Design and Modeling
- ▶ Energy and the Environment
- ▶ **7th Grade Courses**
- ▶ Automation and Robotics (VEX Platform)
- ▶ Medical Detectives
- ▶ **8th Grade Courses**
- ▶ Science of Technology
- ▶ Flight and Space
- ▶ *Summer of 2018 – 6 additional SFMS teachers will attend PLTW training*

School Counselors

- ▶ 6th grade Ms. Reich
- ▶ 7th grade A-L Ms. Reich
- ▶ 7th grade M -Z Mrs. Mercer
- ▶ 8th grade Mrs. Mercer



Transformations

- ▶ 6th grade Physical Activity Break (10:55-11:10)
- ▶ No Technology inside or outside
- ▶ iPads and Cell Phones left on desks
- ▶ 2 different schedules therefore the bells will only ring:
- ▶ 7:55, 8:00, 8:10, 2:45 and 2:55
- ▶ School Rules - 10 Rules for all classrooms
- ▶ iPads on desks with screens down
- ▶ Student may have a water bottle at any time. Student must place the bottle on the floor by leg of desk/chair.

SFMS LEADERSHIP

- ▶ Beth Robbins, Principal
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About Life at SFMS

- ▶ PTSA - Be a Room Parent! Sign up for BOB
- ▶ Drop-off only (open at 7am)
- ▶ Parent at Lunch - after Labor Day
- ▶ (Please limit as our cafeteria is at capacity during most lunch times)
- ▶ No check-outs after 2:30pm (new this year)
- ▶ Clubs/Sports - Most begin in September
- ▶ Meet the Teacher Nights
 - ▶ 7th/8th grade August 22nd 5:30-7
 - ▶ 6th grade August 24th 5:30 -7
- ▶ Contacting teachers - email is best

Final Thoughts

We are so excited about having your child and your family as a part of our Schilling family.

- ▶ Never hesitate to reach out to a teacher, an administrator or a staff member with any question or concern.

We are looking forward to an exceptional year!

Beth Robbins, Principal

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