Welcome to Royal Oak Middle School

Home of the Bulldogs
Administrators

Mrs. Marcus             Mr. Jones             Mr. Youanes
Middle Years Programme
What is MYP?

- A Curriculum Framework
  - A framework that provides a consistent, common language throughout 8 disciplines.

- An inquiry-based, student-centered methodology and international philosophy
  - The inquiry approach is more focused on using and learning content as a means to develop information-processing and problem-solving skills. There is more emphasis on "how we come to know" and less on "what we know."

- A character education program to develop internationally minded citizens.
  - A program which promotes self-awareness and tolerance.
Character Education:
The Learner Profile

• When students are...
  – Inquirers
  – Communicators
  – Thinkers
  – Risk-Takers
  – Reflective
  – Open-Minded
  – Caring
  – Balanced
  – Knowledgeable
  – Principled

...they can be successful anywhere in the world!
Core Classes

- ELA
- Language of Acquisition
- Social Studies
- Sciences
- Mathematics

- Arts (Performing or visual)
- Physical and Health Education
- Technology
  - Integrated
  - Stand alone
A Typical Schedule Might Look Like This...

1st Hour   ELA
2nd Hour   Math
3rd Hour   Social Studies
LEAP
LUNCH (Approx. 30 minutes)
4th Hour   Science
5th Hour   Language of Acquisition / PE (EOD)
6th Hour   Arts
Course Descriptions

• For information on the courses offered, please see the 2013-14 Course Catalog found online at:
  
  http://goo.gl/24iasx
6th Grade Science
Scientific method
- hypothesis
- observations
- conclusion

METRIC MEASUREMENT

PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES & CHANGES
Science

International-mindedness

Computer Modeling
ELA 6

- ELA 6 will develop integrated literacy skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and language conventions.
- Students will read, comprehend, and analyze texts of increasing complexity.
- Based on the Common Core State Standards, the required writing pieces will include the following genres: informational essay, personal narrative, literary analysis, and an argument letter.
- Students will continue to develop vocabulary and the conventions of standard written and spoken English.
Math 6 – 2 paths

• Math 6
  – Using Factors and Multiples
  – Rate and Ratio Reasoning
  – Using Fraction Operations
  – Extending Representations of Rational Numbers
  – Representing Univariate Data
  – Computing with Decimals and Percents
  – Introduction to Algebraic Thinking
  – Application of 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional Measurement Principles.

• Math 6+
  – Covers all of Math 6 and half of Math 7
  – Placement determined by assessment results:
    • 80% on PASS test
    • 80% on CCSS test

Both classes use explorations and investigations to help students practice, apply, connect, and extend these understandings.
Math in Motion!
6th Grade Social Studies

In Social Studies, students will look at their world and their role in it to address specific topics and questions past and present that include:

- Five themes of Geography
- Globalization
- Cultures at home and abroad
- Identifying global issues and solutions
Physical Education

- Locker Room Facilities
- Use lockers only during the hour
- Showers/sinks
- Bathrooms
- Every Other Day Class
Language of Acquisition

• Students can choose from the following three World Languages: 
  *French 1A, German 1A or Spanish 1A*

• Students are required to take this *same* language throughout middle school. The students will receive Language instruction on an even/odd schedule throughout the school year. By the end of their 8th grade year, students successfully completing the course will earn 1 high school credit.

• Students will select a 1st and 2nd choice
Arts

As part of our curriculum, all students select a core Arts class and can choose from the following options:

**Performing Arts**
- Band 6 (year long)
- Orchestra 6 (year long)
- Vocal Music 6 (year long)
- Technology integrated

**Visual Arts**
- Art 6 (semester) & Design Technology 6 (semester)

Students can switch into a different Arts program in either their 7th or 8th grade year. Switching into Band/Orchestra requires director approval.

Students will select a 1st and 2nd choice
Performing Arts

- Choir
- Band
- Orchestra
ROMS Choir Program

Diane Mehringer, Choral Director
6th Grade Choir

• All voices welcome!
6th Grade Choir

• We sing with our natural voices. Guys sing soprano, alto and bass. Girls sing soprano and alto.

• ‘We Want To Sing’ clip
6th Grade Choir
Performing Arts

- Intellectual
- Emotional
- Physical
- Social
- Spiritual
6th Grade Choir

- Winter and Spring ROMS Concerts
Choir Opportunities for 6th Graders

• Regional Honors Choir
Choir Opportunities for 6th Graders

- MSVMA State SA Honors Choir
Choir Opportunities for 6th Graders

- Choir Clinics with guest clinicians
Choir Opportunities for 6th Graders

- R.O. All-Men’s Choir, MS + HS

- Oakland County ‘For Young Women Only,’ hosted at ROMS
Choir Opportunities for 6th Graders

- All-City Vocal Festival
More 6th Grade Choir Opportunities

• Solo & Ensemble Festival

• Songwriting

• Contests
7th & 8th Choir Options

- ShowChoir at Macomb Center
ShowChoir 2014

Two day workshop at Macomb Center!
ShowChoir 2014
NEW! Choir Jump Start

• Meet singers from other RO schools
• Learn our ROMS school song
• Date TBA; springtime event.
• Elementary & Middle School music teachers will communicate with you.
• ROMS
• Middle School
• Performing Arts, ‘Royal Oak Middle School Choir’
• Staff Pages, ‘Diane Mehringer’

Calendar
Events
Choir Jump Start information (TBA)
Thank You!
5th Grade Jump Start
Instrumental Music Program

What you need to know about:
Middle School Band and Orchestra and
Royal Oak’s 5th Grade Program
Introduction

Topics we’re going to cover:

• Middle School Band and Orchestra Program
• 5th Grade Instrumental Music Program – “Jump Start”
• Upcoming dates to remember
• Instrument Acquisition and Rental “How To’s”
Who you need to know!

Middle School Instrumental Music Staff:

• Keith Kohring
• Tim Foreman
• Albin Rose

McCourt’s Music:

• Dan McCourt

5th Grade Instrumental Music Program Coordinators:

• District – Carla Leo
• Addams – Norma Fenech
• Keller – Brian Arbeiter & Tom Romito
• Northwood – Melissa Glasson
• Oakland – Patti Moyer
• Oak Ridge – Rachel Forsyth
• Upton – Janette Catchpole
Overview of Middle School B & O
Keith Kohring

- **MS Visitations & Concerts** – February
- **Scheduling for 6th Grade and Introductory Meeting** – March 13th
- **Instrument Fitting Process**
  - March 18th – Northwood and Keller
  - March 19th – Oak Ridge and Upton
  - March 20th – Addams and Oakland
- Scheduling begins March 20th
- Obtaining an Instrument
5th Grade Jump Start Music Program
Carla Leo

Three Phase Introductory Instrumental Music Program which begins in April and runs through the summer

Sponsored by:

A Generous Grant From:
Royal Oak Elementary School PTA’s

In partnership with McCourt’s Music
Introduction and Background
Carla Leo

- Five years ago, Royal Oak’s 5th Grade Instrumental Music Program was eliminated due to district-wide budget cuts.

- Music is an important component to a well rounded academic experience. In fact, research has proven that students who receive instrumental instruction perform better both academically and socially.

- The majority of school districts in the area maintain an elementary school instrumental music program.

- We piloted a Jump Start 5th Grade Instrumental Music Program at Northwood Elementary four years ago and took it district-wide three years ago.

- The 5th Grade Program provides students with exposure to instrumental music, while also providing interested students with a basic foundation to prepare them for participation in middle school Band and Orchestra.
Phase I

Music assemblies at each elementary school for ALL 5th Graders

• Two simultaneous sessions
  – Students who signed up to play an instrument
  – Students who did not

• Taught by McCourt’s Instructors

• Students DO NOT need to obtain an instrument for this Assembly

• Dates:
  Tuesday, April 15th – Northwood and Keller
  Wednesday, April 16th – Addams and Oakland
  Thursday, April 17th – Oak Ridge and Upton
Phase 2

Jump-Start Band and Orchestra Classes after school at Royal Oak Middle School

- Taught by ROMS Staff – Keith Kohring, Tim Foreman and Albin Rose
- Different Dates for Different Instruments
- Students will need to obtain an instrument to participate in these classes
- Dates and Times:
  April 30\textsuperscript{th} and May 8\textsuperscript{th}, 4:15-5:00 p.m.
  Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Percussion and Cello
  May 1\textsuperscript{st} and May 7\textsuperscript{th}, 4:15-5:00 p.m.
  Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Violin, Viola
Phase 3

Partially Subsidized Private Lessons at McCourt’s Music in Berkley

• Parents will be able to purchase 4 private lessons for their student for $20. That’s only $5 a lesson!

• Lessons can be taken any time between June and September

• Lesson applications will be distributed at the final Jump Start Class

• Once parents submit their application and payment, they will receive a coupon to take to McCourt’s to begin their lessons

• Parents will handle the scheduling of the lessons with McCourts
Instrument Rental Process and Offer

Dan McCourt
Final Notes

• Make sure that you put your name on the sign-in sheet before you leave

• Contact information for the 5th Grade Jump Start Program is on the handout you received

• Any questions about the Middle School Instrumental Music Program can be directed to Keith Kohring

• Q & A
Student Life – Layers of support

- 6th grade office
- 6th grade counselor
- 6th grade secretary

- All student support personnel follow the class for all 3 years at ROMS. Building relationships!
Counselors help with...

- Scheduling
- Friendship/Peer Mediation
- Organization/Study Skills
- Personal Issues
- School Issues
6th Grade Office Staff

Mrs. Maurer
Elementary to Middle School Similarities

- Teachers
- Secretaries
- Maintenance Staff
- Cafeteria
- Media Center
- Extra-curricular Activities

- Computer Labs
- P.E.
- Classrooms
- Papers & Pencils
- Textbooks
- Quizzes & Tests
- Email
- A lot of friends
Elementary to Middle School Differences

- Cafeteria food
- Lockers with combinations
- Bigger with more kids

- 6 Classes per day
- Many teachers per day
- 5 Minutes between classes
Anti-Bullying
Lockers
STUDENT PLANNER

• Organizing Assignments
• Planning Homework & Tests
• Important Phone Numbers
• Map of School
• Royal Oak Rules & Policies
• Hall Pass
• MYP Learner Profile
• Locker Numbers & Combination
Passing Time
Clubs and Activities

• Jazz Band
• Yearbook
• Ski / Snowboard Club
• Animae Club
• Garden Club
  • STAND
  • PAWS
• Art
• Or Start Your Own!!
PAWS Club
Yearbook Club
Athletics

6th graders
• Intramurals

7th and 8th graders
• Interscholastic Sports
• * Track
  * Basketball
  * Wrestling
• * Football
  * Volleyball
  * Swimming
Spirit Events
BYOD at ROMS
What personal devices may students bring?

B.Y.O.D.  
(Bring Your Own Device)

- Students may bring personal devices such as smart phones, tablets and laptops that have wireless capability.
- Keep in mind they should be lightweight, in a protective case, and fully charged.
When and where can students use a personal device?

- We created three color zones to describe when and where students may use their personal devices.

- **Red**: Hallways, Restrooms, Locker Rooms
- **Yellow**: Classrooms
- **Green**: Cafeteria
Why now?

• Personal devices can be an asset in the classroom when used properly. Now that we have wireless access throughout the building, we are able to take advantage of these devices and their applications.
Frequently Asked Questions:

• Do students have to bring a personal device? What if they don’t have one or parents won’t allow it?
  – Students do not have to bring a personal device. That is a decision parents to make. Personal devices are not and will not be required.

• What if the device gets lost, stolen or damaged?
  – The device is the student’s responsibility. Students should not leave it unattended and be sure to store it properly. If students/parents are concerned about its security, it is best to leave it at home.
Frequently Asked Questions:

• What if my teacher doesn’t let me use my device?
  – That is entirely up to your teacher. Without permission from your teacher, your device must be powered off and put away. Failure to comply with this rule will likely lead to confiscation of your device.

• Should I use my 3G/4G service or the wireless network?
  – You must use our guest wireless network. Schools are required to filter internet access. Student use of 3G or 4G service is prohibited on school grounds.
What is a Digital Citizen?

- A digital citizen is a person who knows what is right and wrong, exhibits intelligent technology behavior, and makes good choices when using technology.
Completing Your Course Request Form

• 5\textsuperscript{th} grade students received Course Selection Sheets today, March 13.

• Additional copies can be found online at ROMS webpage and in back of the auditorium.

Due back to your school no later than March 17th
Scheduling Dates

- Upton and Oak Ridge: March 20
- Northwood and Keller: March 21
- Addams and Oakland: March 21
Welcome New Bulldogs!