

Welcome to Parcels Middle School



4th to 5th Grade Transition 2024

Parcells Middle School Administrators



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Principal



Mrs. McGrath
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Parcells Middle School Mission And Values

Our Mission: Cultivate Educational Excellence By:

- Empowering Students
 - Valuing Diversity
 - Inspiring Curiosity
 - Pushing Possibilities

Our Vision: One inclusive community learning together

Values:

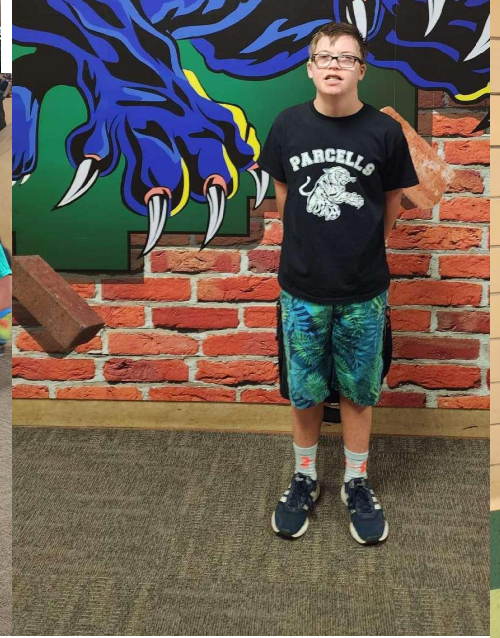
Reach ALL students - Set High Standards

Continuous Improvement - Parents as Partners

Integrate Technology - Promote Diversity & Inclusion

Overview of Middle School

- Great opportunity to meet new friends and take advantage of many wonderful opportunities in and out of the classroom.
- 5th Grade Transition - One Homeroom Teacher w/ Teaming in Core
- 6th Grade - Team of 2-4 Teachers in Core Areas that share students
- 7th & 8th Grade - Grade Level Teams with a “Junior High School” schedule
- Grades and GPAs are given in recognition of student achievement and behavior/conduct is monitored and taught through PBIS Program
- Assistance is always available from counselors, teachers, support staff, and administration.



A Day in Middle School...

- 5th Grade
 - Homeroom with Advisory SEL instruction
 - Students are placed into teams
 - Students rotate with the same students through their core instructional time
 - Core Instruction (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)
 - Specials/'Choice' Electives
 - Lunch Block with outdoor recess
 - All students have the opportunity to go outside for recess daily

5th Grade Electives

PLUS additional 'Choice' Elective

5th Graders will be enrolled in:

- Art - Every Other Day - Half the Year
- Spanish - Every Other Day - Half of the Year
- ELA Extension - Every Other Day - Year

5th Graders will ALSO have the opportunity to choose two of the following:

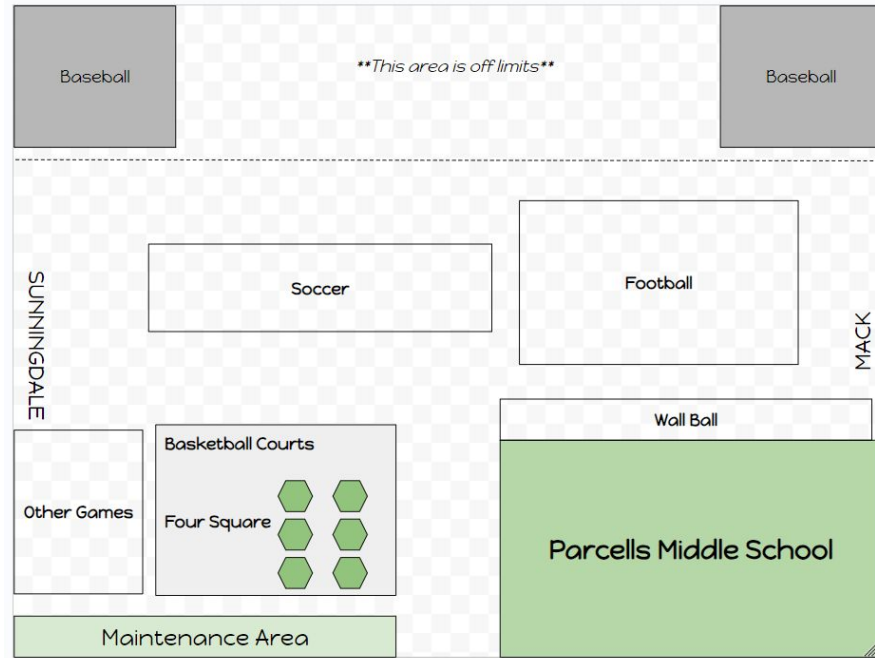
- Choir & World Music - Every Other Day - Year
- Brass/Woodwinds/Strings - Every Other Day - Year
- Physical Education - Every Other Day - Year

All 5th Graders will have a Homeroom for Math/Science/ELA/Social Studies, as well as ELA Extension

How is lunch different?

- Breakfast and lunch free for all students
 - Students must arrive early for breakfast
- A la carte – purchase individual items/Snack Line
- Daily Lunch Choices that are presented buffet style
- Students can choose their lunch tables/seats
- Daily outdoor recess time during 30 minute lunch
 - Playground is structured into sections for sports/games
 - Parcels is investing in Play Works training this Spring

Outdoor Recess Map



Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

- System of rewards and interventions for recognizing and rewarding positive behavior.
- Positive reinforcements include: pep rallies, assemblies, before or after school snack rewards, cafeteria privileges, Panther Bucks, Raffles, Monthly Celebrations.
- Consequences for poor behavior: Options Room visits, after school detention, Alternative Learning Center (ALC) and Suspension. Students receive Conduct and Work Habits numerical assessments quarterly.





Extra Curricular Activities for 5th - 8th graders

- Intramural Basketball
- Cross Country Club
- Swimming Club
- Student Council
- Chess Club
- Art Club
- Yearbook Club
- Social Studies Olympiad
- Geography Bee
- All School Play/Musical
- Robotics Team (Parent Run)
- Green Team
- Bridge Club
- Japanese Club
- Other clubs and activities depending on student interest.

**Club fee required*



Schoology

- Parent and Student Log-In
- Track courses, assignments, status of assignments, assessments, grades and view teacher comments
- Individualized Calendar for each student, generated by their courses and updated by their teachers
- Check Schoology **at least once each week** to monitor student progress
- SCHOOLOGY IS YOUR FRIEND, download the app!



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Our district recommends a device with:

- A 10" or larger screen size
- A keyboard
- Wireless access



When you hear **“BYOD,”** it’s NOT referring to an e-reader, phone, or tablet (without a keyboard attached to it). We are recommending a Chromebook because of the low cost and great functionality, but any laptop will do. All students will be expected to have this device charged and at school each day

5th Grade BYOD

- All 5th Grade students **are participating** in the District's BYOD Program
- The focus of this initiative is for students to have the ability to create, collaborate, receive instructional materials, and turn in their work digitally
- Students will have access to Schoology and Google Drive
- The District is recommending a Chromebook device, as opposed to a tablet or laptop.
- Email administration if your family needs to borrow one from the school.

Off and Out of Sight

- Phones are not considered BYOD
- “Beginning to End of Day”
 - 8:05 AM (10 Minutes Before Class)
 - 3:13 PM (Student Connect at End of Day)
- Consequences Include
 - Turn in Phone to Options/ALC Room
 - Loss of Phone Privileges
 - Parent Pickup of Device

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SIGHT



**THAT'S THE RULE FOR
ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

WHAT?

Mobile Phones
Headphones
Tablets/iPads
Other Electronics

WHERE?

Classrooms
Hallways
Bathrooms
Auditorium

USE YOUR DEVICE=LOSE PRIVILEGES

ONE PARCELLS

Becoming A Community of ONE

- Administrators Visit Elementary Schools in January
- 4th Grade Visits to Middle School in the Spring
- Middle School Community Social - PTO planning for summer
- WEB Leader Support
- Pep Assemblies - Panther Pride
- Monthly Raffles with Panther Bucks

5th Grade Camp

Where: Bair Lake in Jones, MI

Adventure Challenge Education:

- Climbing Wall
- Zipline
- STAND Poles
- Square Dancing
- Team Building
- Lip Sync Challenge
- Egg Drop



5th Grade Camp

Dates: Tuesday, September 24 – Thursday, September 26

Cost: \$250 per student

Financial Assistance Available



Who?

5th Graders

Roughly 7 Staff Members

Parent Chaperones

(at least one camp medic!)







Course Selection Process:

- Monday, January 8th @ 6:30pm, Rising 5th grade parent information night at Parcels
- **Students/Parent/Guardian: Complete PINK course selection worksheet at home & hand in to your 4th grade teacher with parent signature:**
 - **Due date on top of worksheet: Jan 26th**
- Program of Studies linked on our webpage
- Registration Presentation dates and times for 4th grade students only:
 - Monteith - January 8th
 - Mason - January 18th
 - Ferry– January 9th

5th Grade: Instrument or PE Selection

All Students Receive Specials Rotation
as well as Core Programming

Return to 4th Grade Homeroom Teacher
By Friday, January 26th

Parent signature is required

[COURSE SELECTION SHEET Link Here](#)



PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE SELECTION SHEET- GRADE 5

2024-2025 School Year

DUE DATE: January 26, 2024

Please return to your 4th grade teacher

View the GPPSS Middle School [Program of Studies](#) online

LAST NAME (Please print)	FIRST NAME (Please print)
Students will be assigned a 5th Grade Teacher or Team of Teachers Students will be enrolled in the following Core courses	
English Language Arts	Science
Mathematics* <small>*Spring placement assessment will inform final placement</small>	Social Studies

Students will be enrolled in the following 5th Grade Electives	
Art-5 (Every Other Day- Semester)	Spanish-5 (Every Other Day- Semester)
ELA Extension - Every Other Day - (Year)	

Selection	5th Grade Choice Electives: Place an X in the selection column to indicate your full year elective
Put x below: Choose 2	5th Grade Choice Elective Choose 2 (Every Other Day - Year) * Please note: If selecting Band/Orchestra and Choir & World Music then student will not be enrolled in PE for their 5th grade school year
	Physical Education -5 (Every Other Day- Year)*
	Choir & World Music (Every Other Day - Year)
	Band & Orchestra: Brass/Woodwinds/Strings (Every Other Day - Year)

If your choice involves Band & Orchestra: Brass, Strings, Woodwinds- please indicate your first, second and third (1st, 2nd, 3rd) choice of instrument				
Brass	Trombone _____	Baritone _____	Trumpet _____	Percussion _____
Strings	Violin _____	Cello _____	Viola _____	String Bass _____
Woodwinds	Flute _____	Clarinet _____	Saxophone _____	

Student Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
Questions: Please contact the main office of your child's middle school My signature affirms that the above choices are those of my child
Email: _____ (please print)

Questions and Contact Information

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 - (Attendance Secretary)

We are excited to have you as future
Parcells Panthers!

