

McCall Middle School
Transition & Recommendation Calendar for 2018-2019 School Year
Current Grade 8 Students & Parents/Guardians

Monday, February 26, 2018

- Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Meeting Winchester High School Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

- Grade 8 Assembly with WHS Principal, Mr. Mahoney (Period 4)

Monday, February 26, 2018-Friday, March 9, 2018

- Grade 8 Teachers make Grade 8 to 9 Recommendations in Aspen

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

- Washington DC Information Meeting for Parents/Guardians @ 6:30 p.m.
- Social Host Liability Presentation Immediately Following (Hosted by WPD & WCSC)

Friday, March 9, 2018

- Deadline for Grade 8 Teachers to make Grade 8 to 9 Recommendations in Aspen

Monday, March 19, 2018 through Friday, March 23, 2018

- Annual Grade 8 Trip to Washington DC or Week of Boston-Based Trips

Monday, March 12, 2018-Friday, March 23, 2018

- Grade 8 to 9 Course Selection Window in Aspen open for Grade 8 Students and Parents/Guardians – **Students and Parents will receive detailed information about how to access this information and other resources before this date.**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018-Friday, March 30, 2018

- Window for entering Trimester 2 Grades & Comments

Friday, March 23, 2018

- Last Day of Trimester 2
- Deadline for Grade 8 Students & Parents/Guardians to review Grade 8 to 9 Recommendations in Aspen
- Deadline to appeal recommendations to WHS Directors

Monday, March 26, 2018

- First Day of Trimester 3

Friday, April 15, 2018

- Last Day of Quarter 3

Monday, April 23, 2018

- First Day of Quarter 4

June 11, 2018

- Future Freshmen 2018 Night @ WHS from 5:00-6:45 p.m.

June 13, 2018

- Grade 8 Students are informed of the courses they will be scheduled for in Grade 9

McCall Middle School
Transition & Recommendation Calendar 2018-2019 School Year
Current Grade 6 & 7 Students & Parents/Guardians

Monday, March 19, 2018-Friday, March 30, 2018

- Grades 6 & 7 Teachers make Grade 6 to 7 & Grade 7 to 8 Recommendations in Aspen

Friday, March 23, 2018

- Last Day of Trimester 2

Monday, March 26, 2018

- First Day of Trimester 3

Friday, March 30, 2018

- Deadline for Grades 6 & 7 Teachers make Grade 6 to 7 & Grade 7 to 8 Recommendations in Aspen

Monday, April 2, 2018-Friday, April 13, 2018

- Grade 6 to 7 & Grade 7 to 8 Course Selection Window in Aspen open for Grades 6 & 7 Students and Parents/Guardians – **Students and Parents will receive detailed information about how to access this information and other resources before this date.**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

- Deadline to submit portfolio of art work as part of the application for Creative Arts Workshop (This course is for interested Grades 7 & 8 students.) - **Application information may be found at the end of this newsletter.**

Friday, April 13, 2018

- Last Day of Quarter 3

Monday, April 23, 2018

- First Day of Quarter 4

Friday, April 13, 2018

- Deadline for Grades 6 & 7 Students and Parents/Guardians to review Grade 6 to 7 & Grade 7 to 8 Recommendations in Aspen
- Deadline to appeal teacher's recommendation to Principal Goncalves. This form can be delivered to the main office or sent via email to jgoncalves@winchesterps.org

Week of August 20, 2018

- Welcome Letter from McCall with Team Assignment

McCall Middle School
Transition Calendar 2018-2019 School Year
Current Grade 5 Students & Parents/Guardians

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

- Grade 5 Special Education Parent/Guardian Meeting @ McCall @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

- Grade 5 Parent/Guardian Meeting @ McCall @ 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- Grade 5 ELL Parent/Guardian Meeting @ McCall Library 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 12, 2018

- Geography Night @ McCall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Grade 5 Students & Parents/Guardians Welcome!)

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

- Grade 5 Parent/Guardian Q & A @ Next Door Theatre @ 7:00 p.m.

McCall Staff visits Grade 5 Students on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

- Grade 5 Visit @ Ambrose

Thursday, April 5, 2018

- Grade 5 Visit @ Muraco

Monday, April 9, 2018

- Grade 5 Visit @ Lincoln

Monday, April 23, 2018

- Grade 5 Visit @ V.O.

Monday, April 30, 2018

- Grade 5 Visit @ Lynch

Monday, June 4, 2018

- Moving-Up Day for Grade 5

Week of August 20, 2018

- Welcome Letter from McCall with Team Assignment

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP APPLICATION INFORMATION
Information for Current 6th and 7th Grade Students

The **Creative Arts Workshop** is a time honored elective course designed to meet the educational needs of motivated and committed students of art at McCall Middle School. Admission to the CAW (7th or 8th grade) program **prohibits** admission to McCall's full year band, chorus, or orchestra classes in 7th or 8th grade. CAW meets for the entire year (as opposed to a half year art experience, as in the general art program)... so CAW students will receive twice as much time in art during school time in this exciting, faster paced course of study!

Traditionally, acceptance into the CAW course has enabled students to have opportunities to gain insight and a greater love of art making through interesting and thought-provoking studio experiences, the expertise of visiting artists, and participation in exciting field trips!

Students currently in grades 6 and 7 are invited to apply for a place in next year's accelerated art course, the Creative Arts Workshop. Students seeking to apply for admission to the CAW program (both 7th and 8th grade courses) should be prepared to submit a portfolio of art work to the art department staff (handed to one of the art teachers) on or before WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, 2018! Remember that date- the scheduling of students has to take place almost immediately thereafter! The portfolio should consist of approximately 5 to 8 works of art (2-D and/or 3-D) **packaged with the student's name, current grade, homeroom teacher's name, and homeroom number clearly marked on the package or folder of work.**

Works should be packaged in a sturdy cardboard container, and further wrapped up for protection (in the case of some 3-D pieces). Individual works should also include the student's name and grade level. Observational type drawings are **HIGHLY** recommended for inclusion in the portfolio (such as a self-portrait or a drawing of a still life arrangement). Any/all works done from craft-type kits, patterns, or copied from others' work are **STRONGLY** discouraged... as creativity and examples of divergent thinking are sought, in addition to manual skills.

Ms. Fairley and Mr. Van Dam will review all of the works submitted, reflect on each applicant's studio performance in the current school year, and determine next year's groups (one section each of 7th and 8th grade CAW). Because of time constraints, portfolios submitted after the April 5th deadline **WILL NOT** be considered for application into this program. The decisions of the art department staff are final.

PLEASE NOTE:

MANDATORY MEETING of ALL 6th and 7th graders interested in applying to next year's CAW program:

Wednesday, March 21st, 2:20 p.m. in the cafeteria! This meeting will provide students an opportunity to ask questions and gain a greater insight into the requirements of the portfolio submission process. Also, an observational "start-up" drawing assignment will take place at the meeting. Meeting will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

So... if you love art and would like to be a part of this incredible opportunity to make art in an exciting, nurturing, and challenging environment... well, GET BUSY putting your portfolio together!

If you should have any specific questions related to the process of applying... don't delay- please see Ms. Fairley or Mr. Van Dam.

GOOD LUCK!!!!

Please bring this notice home and share it with your parents!!!!