

July 17, 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians of Monroe Middle School Students,

I would like to welcome you back for the 2024-2025 school year! I hope you all are able to enjoy the remaining days of summer, and our students are excited to start another school year this September. As the MMS Principal and father of an incoming 2nd grader & 9th grader, I am looking forward to the return of a daily school schedule and routine including an MMS building filled with students and staff. This letter serves two purposes: to introduce the MMS administrative team, consisting of myself and Assistant Principal, Lindsay Dahmen, and to make you aware of important dates, times, and information about the upcoming school year.

My name is Matt Brown, and I am entering into my 20th year in education. Previously, I worked as a Special Education Teacher at Verona Area High School. For the last 10 years, I have been the MMS Assistant Principal and completed my 1st year as the MMS Principal last year. I absolutely love this age group, but it definitely has its literal and figurative growing pains in all aspects of working and living with pre-teens and teenagers. As some of you are realizing right along with me, our own children could not be more different no matter how similar their upbringing has been! I know and trust the MMS staff will continue to connect and build your childrens' academic skills and social emotional well-being to assist them in navigating all that encompasses life as a middle schooler in 2024.

I am Lindsay Dahmen, and I will be starting my second year in the Assistant Principal position at MMS. Prior to this, I served as a Special Education Teacher in our building for 20 years. Initially, I student taught at MMS, and I am thrilled to continue my tenure here. Monroe is an amazing community, and I thoroughly enjoy working with our students at MMS. The middle level is definitely where my heart lies, and I truly cannot see myself working at another level. I am married to my husband, Ryan, and we have two amazing boys, Drake (12) and Luke (10). Drake will be starting his middle school experience as a 6th grader here at MMS, and Luke will be a 4th grader at Northside Elementary School. The boys are involved in a variety of extra curricular activities that keep us very busy. I am excited to work with MMS parents and families as well as members of our community to ensure our students remain disciplined and focused, while receiving the appropriate attention to make social, emotional, and developmental progress while meeting their educational needs.

We are looking forward to the beginning of the new school year and working in partnership with you all to help build upon and grow the best group of young people we can!

Please make note of the important dates, times, and information on the back of this letter. This includes our daily bell schedule that runs from 8:00a-3:28p Monday-Thursday and 8:00a-1:28p on Friday.

Sincerely,



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## 2024-2025 School Year - Important MMS Dates/Times

### 8/5: Online Registration via Skyward Opens

- If the online registration is not an option for you, our office staff will be available August 12th-14th from 7:30am-3:30pm to assist you. Schedules will also be available at this time.

### 8/28: Open House at MMS 5:00pm-8:00pm

- 5:00pm-8:00pm: ALL students and parents 6/7/8 are welcome.
- 6:30pm-7:00pm: Volleyball and Cross Country Meeting (upper gym)
- 7:00pm-7:30pm: 8th Grade Washington DC trip--introductory informational meeting. (Auditorium)

### 9/3: 6th Grade Orientation Day, in person for ALL 6th graders and WEB leaders only

- Orientation will focus on welcoming 6th graders to MMS and getting them oriented.
- This in person day is required for all 6th grade students and is a full day. Dismissal time is at 3:28pm.
- *7th and 8th graders do not attend school on 9/3.*

### 9/4: ALL students 6/7/8 attend in person

This is Student Picture Day at MMS.

### 10/17: Student Picture Retakes

*Look out for our monthly newsletters to stay informed about upcoming dates and events!*

# 2024-2025 Bell Schedules

MMS REGULAR SCHEDULE (Monday-Thursday)		
Homeroom (Nutrition Brk)	8:00-8:35	35
1st hour	8:38-9:31	53
2nd hour	9:34-10:27	53
3rd hour	10:30-11:23	53
6th / 7th Grade	7th / 8th Grade	
Lunch A 11:26-12:06 (40)	4th hr B 11:26-12:19 (53)	93
4th hr A 12:09-1:02 (53)	Lunch B 12:22-1:02 (40)	
FLEX	1:05-1:35	30
5th hour	1:38-2:31	53
6th hour	2:34-3:27	53
Announcements / Dismissal	3:27-3:28	1

MMS EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE (Friday)		
FLEX (Nutrition Brk)	8:00-8:30	30
1st hour	8:35-9:14	39
2nd hour	9:17-9:56	39
3rd hour	9:59-10:38	39
6th / 7th Grade	7th / 8th Grade	
Lunch A 10:41-11:21 (40)	4th hr B 10:41-11:20 (39)	79
4th hr A 11:24-12:03 (39)	Lunch B 11:23-12:03 (40)	
5th hour	12:06-12:45	39
6th hour	12:48-1:27	39
Announcements / Dismissal	1:27-1:28	1