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## Team colors – orange and navy · Wear team shirts on Thursdays · If you ordered a shirt and it has not General come in yet, those will be ready Information next week. More shirt options and hoodies will be sold in the fall

## Lanyards

- Lanyards are required around campus. Students will leave their lanyard in their classroom at the end of the day.
- Replacement ID \$5
- ·Lanyard \$2
- Pouch/case \$2

## iPads

Each student will have daily use of an iPad.

Students will have an iPad assigned to them, and they will have access to that specific device during school hours each day

iPads will be stored in homeroom classes.

Students will not take their assigned iPad home.



## Discipline

- Capturing Kids Hearts Social Contract, Social–Emotional Learning
- PBIS Rewards allow students to earn points and spend them in the PBIS store.
- •100 discipline points per semester
- Our procedures follow the school handbook

### PBIS Rewards

- PBIS Bucks are part of our school-wide PBS (Positive Behavior Support) discipline program. PBIS Bucks are awarded each week to students, mainly during homeroom, but may still be earned from ANY class up to the teacher's discretion. PBIS \$ can be earned by doing the following in homeroom:
- \$15 if the student has not received any silent lunches and detentions/referrals/ISS/suspensions that week
- \$10 if the student wears his/her team T-shirt on established days
- PBIS Store Students can cash in PBIS \$ for prizes, candy, etc.

# Discipline Points

- Students can lose points for the following consequences:
- Type of Infraction: Point Value
- Silent Lunch: 5 points
- Detention: 10 points per day
- In-school suspension: 20 points per day
- Bus Suspension: 25 points per suspension
- Suspension (Out-of-School): 25 points per day
- Alternative School Placement: 100 points per semester

## Silent Lunches

Silent Lunch	Consequence
1	-5 Discipline Points, student will complete a reflection that will come home to be signed
2	-5 Discipline Points, Reflection
3	-5 Discipline Points, Reflection, Parent Contact
4	-5 Discipline Points, Admin. Conference
5 or more	-5 Discipline Points, Office Referral

• Follow ACS policy (<a href="https://www.auburnschools.org/Page/5968">www.auburnschools.org/Page/5968</a>) - consistency is our goal and is a PRIMARY focus for us as we start 2023-2024 school year. Just because it was allowed last year – this year will be different!

#### Typical issues at DMS:

- Shorts that are above 5 inches from the bottom of the torso
- Pants with holes rips or tears must be below 5" from end of torso unless concealed by material beneath holes
- Tops must overlap with pants/bottoms to conceal abdomen/waist including during activity
- Pants must be worn at the waist

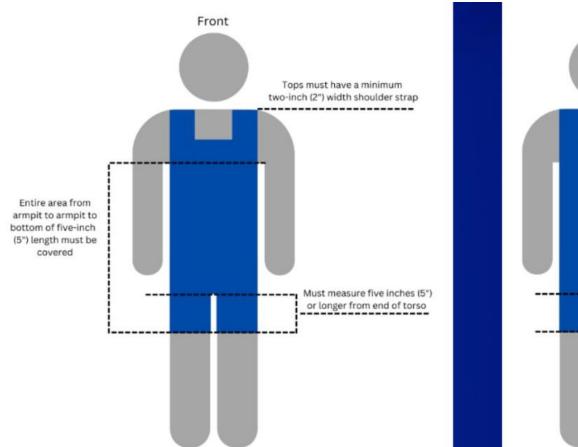
#### When in doubt, don't wear it!

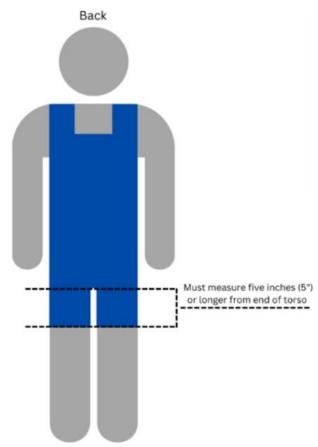
• Teach your child about the difference in school clothes and weekend clothes.

#### Extra clothes are an excellent idea for many reasons!

• Parents/ guardians WILL be called to bring clothes if your child is out of dress code. Students will be sent to ISS to sit until clothes arrive. Repeat offenders will earn disciplinary consequences.

# Dress Code



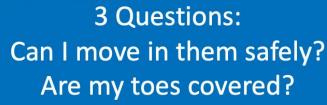


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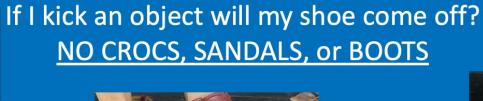
## INAPPROPRIATE SHOES FOR PE



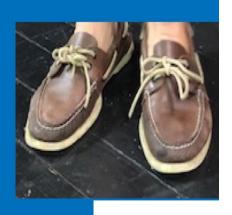




















Dress Code

#### Cell Phones

- •Phones are to be TURNED OFF and kept out of sight at all times between 7:50-3:30.
- •If a phone is "seen" or "heard," student will be warned. Parent will be contacted for repeated offenses.
- •If a student is using a phone including texting, calling, using video, using social media apps, etc. the phone will be confiscated according to district protocol in the ACS

#### Electronic Device Policy:

- •1<sup>st</sup>offense kept 1 day parent picks up
- •2<sup>nd</sup>offense kept 10 days parent picks up
- •3<sup>rd</sup>offense kept until end of semester, parent picks up

## Schedule

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:10- 8:30	20 min.	Bridge	Bridge	Bridge	Bridge	Bridge
8:33- 9:27	54 min.	<b>A</b> <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>3</sub>	$D_5$	E <sub>6</sub>
9:30- 10:24	54 min.	B <sub>2</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>3</sub>	$D_5$	E <sub>6</sub>	<b>A</b> <sub>1</sub>
10:27 - 11:21	54 min.	<b>C</b> <sub>3</sub>	$D_5$	E <sub>6</sub>	<b>A</b> <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>
11:24 - 11:54	30 min.	W.I.N Time	W.I.N Time	Advisory	W.I.N Time	W.I.N Time
11:57 -1:30	93 min.	SL <sub>4/</sub> Lunch				
1:33- 2:27	54 min.	$D_5$	E <sub>6</sub>	$A_1$	$B_2$	$C_3$
2:30- 3:24	54 min.	E <sub>6</sub>	<b>A</b> <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>3</sub>	$D_5$
3:27- 3:30	3 min.	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM	HMRM PM



#### Dismissal

- Buses dismiss at 3:30 and usually leave campus by 3:50
- Car riders dismiss to café at 3:30
- Walkers and car riders dismiss at 3:30



## Camp ASCCA

- September 6th 8:15–6:00 p.m.
- Forms went home first day of school
- \$60 cost due and permission forms by August 28 – preferred payment is online on myschoolbucks
- Buses will drop students off in front loop, so please do not park there.
- Students will be picked up from the back cafeteria car loop.

## Report Cards

- If you did not already have a PowerSchools parent portal set up, you should have received a paper with log in information at Open House.
- Progress Reports come home midterm
- Report cards will be sent home at the end of each 9 weeks.
- Let us know if you have questions about grades.

## Grading

- Major and Minor Grades
- •If an assignment has not been turned in, it will be marked as a "1" in the gradebook. This means that the student can still turn this in to be graded.
- •All missing assignments will be due mid-term and at the end of the 9 weeks. At this point, missing assignments will be changed to a "0" and can no longer be made up.

# Staying Informed

- Schoology! Use your child's log in to access their courses (do not rely on Schoology for grades)
- PowerSchools
- Weekly newsletter sent out on Mondays
- Email us any time
- Instagram follow @weteachtigers
- Like the Drake Middle School PTO 2022–2023 Facebook page

### SUPPORT Teachers and Our School Through PTO

Information from Mrs. Armstrong's parent email 8/20/23

- 1. Join PTO! On My School Bucks, search for "DMS PTO Membership Dues". A family membership is \$5.00 and can be purchased through My School Bucks or at curriculum night. As an incentive, any PTO memberships or teacher appreciation donations to this point plus those received on Monday and Tuesday of this week will enter your family in a special raffle drawing later this week!
- 2.Donate to the teacher appreciation fund! On My School Bucks, search for "Drake PTO One Stop Shop". These funds help provide breakfast, lunch, snacks, and launch teacher appreciation week in February 2024. As an incentive, any PTO memberships or teacher appreciation donations to this point plus those received on Monday and Tuesday of this week will enter your family in a special raffle drawing later this week!
- 3.Please consider donating snacks for the monthly teacher snack cart! Teachers love to see the PTO volunteers and the snacks coming down the hallway each month! CLICK THIS LINK to sign up to donate snacks! You may drop off any items for the teacher snack cart (even if you didn't sign up) at the table in the lobby at Curriculum Night!

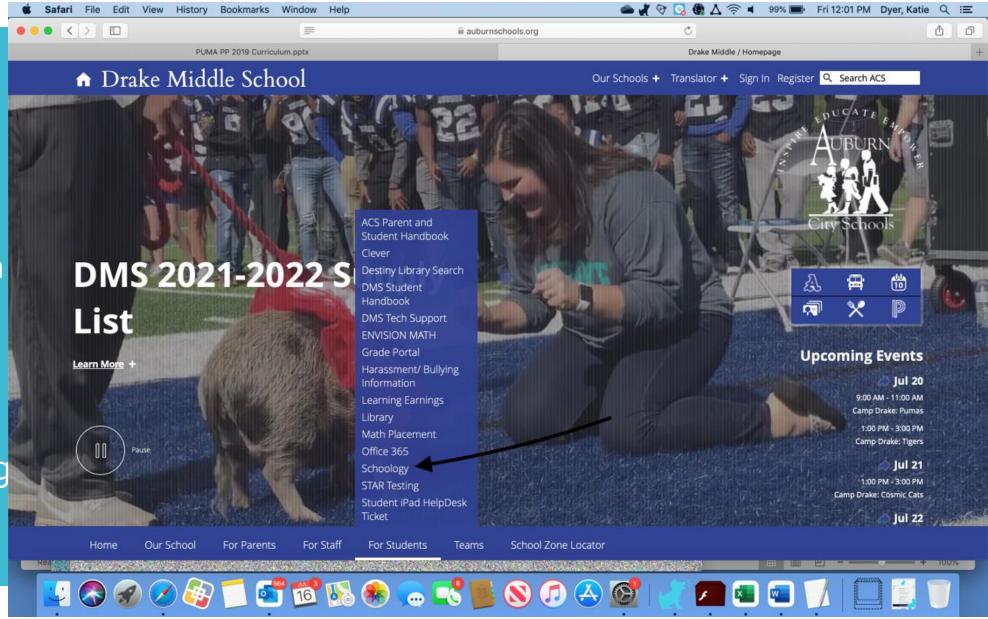
## Supplies

- Folder/Notebook for each core class
- Composition Book math
- Take home folder
- Pencil Pouch with glue, pencils, colored pencils, sharpener, ear buds, highlighters

## Schoology

Be sure to access Schoology through the ACS website.

Students can access daily assignments during absences.



## ELA

#### Sarah Kistler

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#### Reading

- Throughout the year, we will read works that cover a variety of genres, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama
- We will read novels in our book clubs, whole group, and independently

#### Grammar

- Grammar and vocabulary skills will be covered within the context of our reading and writing.
- Students will complete daily warm ups that review grammar, writing, and sentence structure.

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#### Writing

- We will explore the following modes of writing:
  - Narrative
  - Argumentative
  - Informational
- Students complete Writing of the Week as homework, focusing on basic skills such as grammar, punctuation, spelling, and paragraph formation.

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#### **Grading Policy**

- 60% Major Grades (Quizzes, Tests, Projects)
- 40% Minor Grades (Classwork, Homework, Warm Ups)

## Math Yari Davis

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#### Some of the units we will explore are:

- Expressions and Equations
- Number System
- Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- Geometry
- Statistics

Savaas Realize is our online textbook. The site can be accessed through Clever. Math homework will be completed online, but students without internet at home can complete Realize work in Bridge.

• Students are encouraged to purchase their own calculator. We us TI-30-XIIS

# Math

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- Each 9 weeks, we will have at least 3 quizzes, tests or projects. Before each test, students will be given a study guide and we will review it the day before the test. Students may get their study guide signed for 2 bonus points on the test.
- Homework received after the due date will be late and graded at 50%.
- Grading
- 60% Major Grades (Tests/Quizzes/Projects)
- 40% Minor Grades (Class work/Homework)

## Social Studies

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- •US History 1877 to present
- Class discussions and notes
- Activities and projects
- Study guides and review games
- Topics include: Second Industrial Revolution, World Wars I and II, Cold War, Civil Rights Movement

# Social Studies

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### Grading

- 60% Major test and projects
- · 40% Minor classwork and quizzes
- •Students need to keep up with all of their materials. At the end of each unit, we will clean out folders.
- ·Class notes, study guides, etc. will be posted on Schoology.

## Science

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## What will we study?

#### First Semester:

- Understanding Weather and Climate
- Exploring Plate Tectonics

#### Second Semester:

- Researching the Sun-Earth-Moon System
- Exploring Planetary Systems

## Science

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### Grading

- Minor Grades (Classwork/Homework) 40%
- Major Grades (Tests/Projects/Quizzes) 60%
- It is very important to keep up with daily notes, assignments, and data in science notebooks.
- All class activities will be posted in Schoology!

## Music



# Exploratory Classes

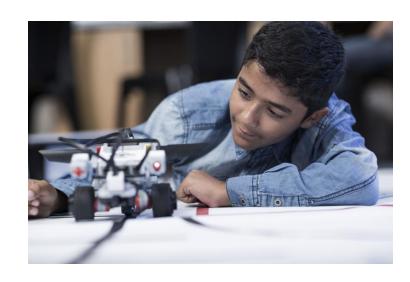
Each student has all exploratory classes in 6-week rotations

- In music, students will explore:
  - Rhythm Patterns
  - Note recognition
  - Elements of Music
  - Sight Reading
  - Creating Movement with Music
  - So much more
- My goal is to help students develop a deeper love and appreciation of music.

## STEM

# Exploratory Classes

- The focus of STEM class is to introduce students to careers in science, math, and technology.
- There will be a heavy focus on engineering and hands on learning assignments
- Students will work cooperatively in groups to do projects.



## Spanish/Foreign Language

# Exploratory Classes

- Students will develop basic conversation skills in Spanish
- They will also be introduced to the unique geography, history, and culture of the region.





Exploratory Classes

## Current Events

- Current Events, now called Elective Survey, will help students understand what is happening in the world while delivering the news in an age-appropriate manner.
- They will be required to read or watch a news story of their choosing for homework and share their findings with the class.
- This is a great class that will help students start to understand the importance of researching, organizing information, and citing sources.

# Exploratory Classes

## Art



- In art they will do many creative projects using various mediums.
- They will also learn different periods of art, characteristics of those works, and characteristics of art. We strive to bring out the inner artists.

## Exploratory Classes



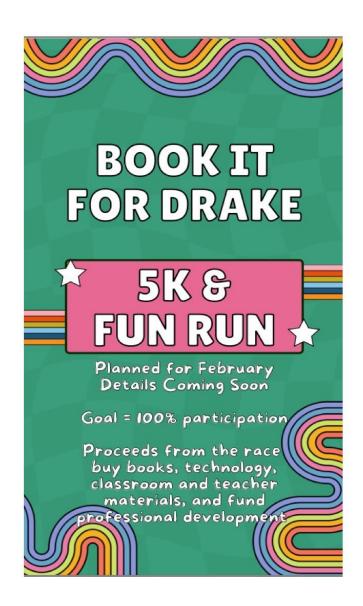


- In digital connections they will gain a deeper understanding of technology.
- They will become better typists, and do projects centered around digital mediums.

## PE

Coach Agee, Coach Kitchens, Coach Gilliland

- Goal: To develop physically educated individuals
- Team sports
- Individual/dual sports
- Fitness games
- Adventures learning
- Health lessons
- Fitness training



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