

Can I Get An Encore?

JMA Encore Department

9/1/2017

Orchestra

Welcome to the 17-18 School Year! I'm very excited to work with your scholars and I'm looking forward to what the year will bring! Here is what we will be working on per grade level in Orchestra!

All Grades: Orchestra Dues are due by 9/20/17. Orchestra dues cover your orchestra T-shirt, method book, and field trip registration fees. Dues will be collected by either cash/check (made out to JM Alexander Middle School.) Before school rehearsals are on A days, except for Wednesdays, from 8:00AM-8:40AM.

Band

Greetings and welcome to the JM Alexander Blue Devil Band Program. During the month of September, we will be working on several things between each grade level and they are as follows:

6th- Learning instruments, what each sounds/ look like. Instrument repair and maintenance. Beginning to learn to read music. 4/12 Major Scales (B flat, E flat, F, A flat)

7th- Reinforcing notes and rhythms learned last year. Learning about tuning. Getting instruments. Begin sight-reading and selecting the concert music. 6/12 Major Scales (B flat, E flat, A flat, F, D Flat, G)

8th- Learning about tuning (what is a tuner? How do we tune? Why do we tune? How to play in tune.)

Reinforcing/ correcting habits from previous years. Begin sight reading and selecting concert music. 12/12 Major Scales (F C G D A E B.) Please ensure that your scholar has the proper materials needed to participate and be successful in the

6th grade: We will be choosing instruments on 9/8/17. Instruments will need to be rented/purchased by 9/20/17. In the meantime, we will be learning how to read music, rhythms, and general instrument maintenance and care.

7th and 8th: Both 7th and 8th Grade Orchestras will be going to Carowinds on 5/17/18. More information will be sent home at a later date. During September we will be reviewing what we learned last year as well as choosing our winter concert music.

band class each day that they have it. Remember: PRACTICE ON THE DAYS THAT YOU EAT!!

Dance

The JMA Dance program is well on the way! The scholars are currently working on basic technique; it is different for each grade level.

I do have a dress out policy. All scholars wear black bottoms, i.e., athletic pants, sweatpants, basketball shorts, or leggings for the young ladies. We will be ordering JMA Dance T-shirts as soon as I get approval of the design and cost. Please look for more information from your scholar within the next week.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with each of you.

Robin Clinard

Spanish

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This month in Spanish scholars will be learning about each other's culture and doing more to understand those cultures.

French

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6th grade: French alphabet, French Number; French number Packet homework, Flash card homework, and French Number Balloon bouquet project.

7th grade: Number and colors. Number flash card homework, number and color test will follow in the next week.

8th grade: reviewing unit II time, calendar and weather; French clothing store project attached to this unit. Project guidelines will be given at the end of the week. Our unit test will be at the end of next week, and unit II CMS Bench mark will be on the week of sept 25
Thank you!

Physical Education/Health

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PE has started a fitness unit. We are working on strengthening our cardiovascular endurance during the month of September.

Career & Tech Ed

Mrs. C. Jones

Welcome!

I'm excited about working with each of my scholars this year. I have high expectations for all of my scholars and I will be here to help guide along the way. Here is what we will be doing in September:

6th- Will take their pre-test for keyboarding and basic word. After I have assessed each scholar's prior knowledge of our content. We will be diving head first into learning about digital literacy and its importance.

7th and 8th – Will take their pretest. Next, we will look deeper into career clusters. Scholars will investigate their potential career cluster while examining other career options. Parents the best way to contact me is through email. You can reach me at cherie1.cummings@cms.k12.nc.us I would love to hear from you!

Computer Bytes

Ms. Sweeney

Exploring Economic Systems 5A and 5B

Scholars will be learning about the five major economic systems as they compare and contrast various elements. Scholars will be creating a presentation using Web 2.0 tools.

Academic Enrichment (Exploring Economic Systems) 2B

Scholars will be exploring various post high school educational opportunities. Scholars will share with their parent/guardians investment options for funding their post high school education

Introduction to Office Productivity 3A and 3B

Scholars will begin to identify various spreadsheet components and be able to create spreadsheets using basic formulas and functions.

Academic Enrichment (Introduction to Office Productivity) 2B

Scholars will begin to identify various spreadsheet components and be able to create spreadsheets using basic formulas and functions. They will continue to grow their skills using advanced functions and creating charts.

Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing 4A and 4B

As scholars learn "touch typing", they will be introduced to Digital Literacy using an on-line interactive program. Later in the month, scholars will become familiar with MS Word.

Mr. Robinson

Computer Science Discoveries:

we will begin to explore problem-solving and the basics of CS Discoveries.

Exploring Business and Entrepreneurship:

we will research What is a business and business types.

Keyboarding: we get to know the keyboard and begin to get to know the home row keys.

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