



## St Michael-Albertville Middle School West

# 8TH GRADE WELCOME

### Welcome 8th grade parents and students!

We are so excited that our 8th graders will be allowed to be in person every day! We want to give you an overview of what to expect and the exciting changes that come with in-person learning.

### CHROMEBOOKS & HOTSPOTS

Chromebooks will be collected at a later date. Students do not need to return them at this time. If possible, students should bring Chromebooks to school, to use during class.

### STUDENT COHORTS

Students will remain in a learning cohort throughout the school day.

BYOD policies will be in effect.

### SCHEDULES

Have your child review/print their schedule on SchoolVue prior to Tuesday, February 16th.

Daily bell schedule: students will start the day in their 1st-period class. This is where attendance will be taken, announcements are given, and they will have their Social Emotional Learning support (SEL time). With having a late lunch, all 8th grade students will be highly advised to take part in our free breakfast program.

### LUNCH & RECESS

- 8th grade will eat lunch between 1:25-2:05
- There will be 20 minutes of lunch and 20 minutes of recess with half the grade doing each at a time.
- Lunch tables will be assigned and limited to 3 - 4 per table. Initially this will be done alphabetically, but students will get the chance to take a survey, and every effort will be made to get them sitting with at least one other student of their choice.
- **Recess: If students are well enough to attend school, they are expected to go outside for recess.** Weather permitting, students will go outside. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather. Parents are encouraged to check the weather and monitor students' dress.

With our changes, students will have more opportunity to move throughout the day and have outside recess time.

If you need support, please contact our School Counselors:  
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