




Mears Middle School

Respect, Responsibility, Creativity and Academic Excellence

Mears Community Gathering
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
6:00pm

Mears Middle School Mission

Through teamwork and cooperation, all students become partners in their own educational progress, fostering self-respect, responsibility and integrity.



I pledge allegiance to the flag of
the United States of America and
to the republic for which it
stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.



We are on Dena'ina Homeland

Mears Middle School acknowledges that we operate and gather on the traditional land of the Dena'ina Peoples and honor, with gratitude, the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.



Good Things and Affirmations!

Special thanks to Hayley, Ava, and Robin, for their commitment to serving all families with helpful, friendly customer service!



Agenda

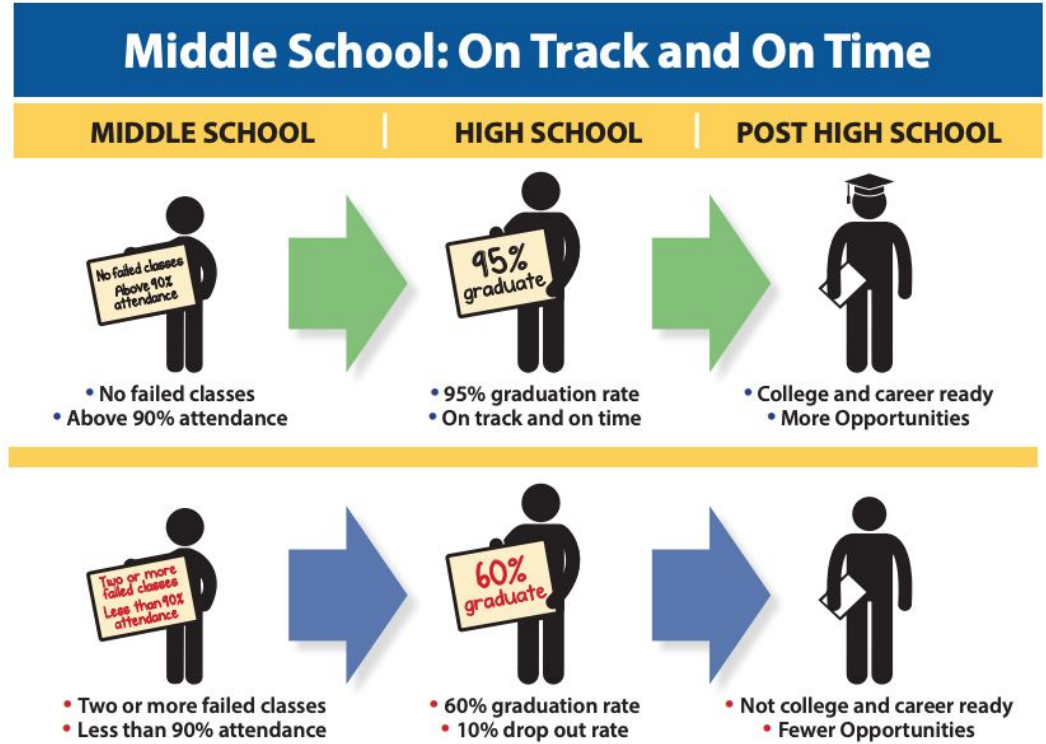
- Mears Commitments to Students and Families
- Middle School Matters
- Daily Bell Schedule
- Student Class Schedule Review
- Policies, Practices, and Guidelines
- Mears Activities
- School-Family Communication
- Getting to Know Mears Teachers, Counselors, and Staff
- Get Involved: PTSA
- Launch!
- Q and A

Mears Commitments

- ★ We consistently seek to build strong and positive relationships throughout our school community.
- ★ Mears guarantees a dynamic educational program designed to prepare students for college, careers, and life.
- ★ We focus on academics, AND social and emotional growth.
- ★ We value the diversity of our students and families at Mears and throughout ASD.
- ★ We consistently collaborate to support every Mears student.
- ★ Mears commits every day to the health and safety of all students and their families.

Why Middle School Matters

- Strong attendance matters
- No Fs on report cards
- Build healthy, positive habits
- Be active; get involved
- Ask for help when you need it



Enrollment and Daily Attendance

Mears Projected Enrollment for 2022-23 - 750

88.8% - Ave. Daily Attendance (2021-22)

56% - Had a 90%+ attendance rate (2021-22)

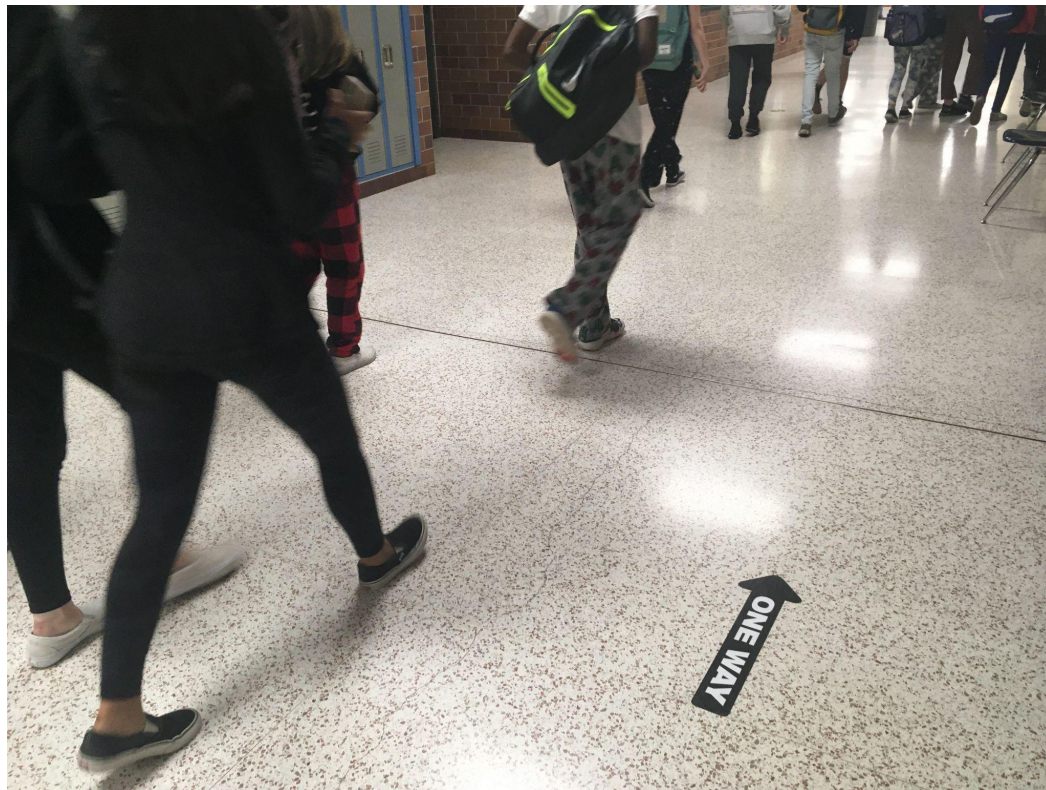
Mears Promotes Respect

“Upstander” v. “Bystander”

“If you see something, say something.”



Bell Schedule – Crysta



Mears Middle School Bell Schedule

22/23 School Year

M/T/TH/FR Bell Schedule Only <i>Warning Bell 8:10 a.m.</i>	
1	8:15 – 9:05
2	9:10 – 9:55
3	10:00 - 10:45
4	7th 10:50 - 11:35
8th Lunch 10:50 – 11:20	
4	8th 11:25 – 12:10
7th Lunch 11:40- 12:10	
5	12:15 – 1:00
6	1:05 – 1:50
7	1:55 – 2:45

Wednesday Bell Schedule Only <i>Warning Bell 8:10 a.m.</i>	
1	8:15 – 8:55
Den Time/Homeroom 9:00 – 9:40	
2	9:45 – 10:25
3	10:30 -11:10
4	7th 11:15 – 11:55
8th Lunch 11:15 – 11:45	
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7	2:05 – 2:45

ASD Bus Update

- Bussing will be inconsistent
- Look for carpooling options
- Arrive early; be patient

What Transportation Will Look Like?

- Rotating bus route scheduling similar to last year, but districtwide
- Impact will be to all ASD schools that receive busing services
- Special Education transportation will continue as planned for students with an IEP
- Bus Cohort Rotation
- Saturday, August 13 by 5:00 pm families will be able to see transportation status in Parent Connect
 - All bus information will be in Parent Connect only for parents—only send them here



Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up – Crysta

Due to ASD's transportation shortage, Mears will likely adjust student drop-off and pick-up locations to accommodate for more cars. Detailed information is forthcoming.

Families are encouraged to consider safe alternatives to get to school, including walking and riding a bike. Please be sure that students are appropriately dressed for cold weather and that they have reflective clothing when it gets dark. Bike riders should always wear a helmet.

Additionally, families who will be driving to school should plan on an early arrival and also consider safe alternative places in the neighborhood to drop their children off. This will help prevent bottleneck traffic in the mornings and afternoons in the campus parking lot.

Student Schedule Review – Crysta

Please keep in mind that...

- Schedules will continue to adjusted up until the beginning of school
- Check schedules online using Parent Connect the day before school
- Core academic classes are the priority
- Elective courses are quite full; schedule changes will be limited
- Please be patient with our counselors, who are balancing class sizes for over 280 classes. :)



- ✓ Student Name
- ✓ Student ID
- ✓ Grade

✓ 7th Grade: Check for a Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts and P.E. Class

✓ 8th Grade: Check for a Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts and P.E. & Health Class

✓ 7th and 8th :Check for two elective courses **unless you are an immersion student**

SAMPLE SCHEDULE-SEVENTH GRADE

8/9/2022 3:51

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Student Schedule Report

Schedules As Of 08/19/2022 And After
Mears Middle School

STUDENT NAME/ID		Grade: 7 Gender: F		Counselor: Harrison, Teresa Advisor: Unassigned,		
Track: T Mears MS 22/23		School: Mears Middle School				
Course-Sec	Course Title	Per	Term	Room	Teacher	
M1007-31	Math 7	1	QA	213	Hundrup	
M2030-22	Integrated Science 7	2	QA	116	Hubbard	
M6064-31	Physical Education	3	QA	GYM	Perkins	
M3001-24	Social Studies 7	4	QA	206	Barclay	
M9007-51	Drama	5	S1	107	Davis	
M9054-61	Video Production	6	S1	201	Perry	
M0120ADV-27	Advanced Language Arts 7	7	QA	107	Davis	

Case Manager if Applicable

7th Grade Counselor

SAMPLE SCHEDULE-EIGHTH GRADE

8/9/2022 3:55

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Student Schedule Report

Schedules As Of 08/19/2022 And After


Mears Middle School

STUDENT NAME/ID		Grade: 8 Gender: M		Counselor: Burr, Caitlin Advisor: Unassigned	
Track: T Mears MS 22/23		School: Mears Middle School			
Course-Sec	Course Title	Per	Term	Room	Teacher
M2052ADV-11	Science 8 Advanced	1	QA	120	Mcdonald
M2075-211	Health	2	S1	115	Macdonald
M1010-33	Math 8	3	QA	204	Pascual
M3003-14	Social Studies 8	4	QA	110	Middleton
M9092-15	Transition Strategies	5	S1	102	Pak
M0125-16	Language Arts 8	6	QA	102	Pak
M9142-71	PLTW Design & Modeling	7	S1	119	Mclaughlin

8th Grade Counselor

Parent Connect, Q, and Canvas -- Crysta



ASD Parent Connection

**ParentConnection**

Welcome Mike Scott

Signed In: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 10:14 AM

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	Student Name	Grade	School Name	School Year	Birth Date	Advisor	Counselor
 	Sophia A Scott	8	Mears Middle School (T)	2021-2022	---	Unassigned	

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ASD Quick Links

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Special Ed ESER

No Data Available

Special Ed FBABIP

No Data Available

Special Ed IEP

The current copy of the Procedural Safeguards is available online at: <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped/docs/ProSafeguards.docx>

No Data Available

The Window Into Your Student's Day at School

Mears Policies, Practices, and Guidelines – Crysta

- **Safety #1 See Something? Say Something!** Increasing safety measures
- **Policies**
 - Cell Phones/Electronic Devices - Panther Path *Building-wide expectations*
 - Dress Code/Decorum - (School appropriate to maintain safe, focused, and respectful learning environment)
 - Leaving the classroom - QR code, sign out form in classrooms.
 - Lockers - Every student will have their own!

Please talk to your child at home about policies.

Remind them if, If they SEE something, SAY something!

Activities: Get Involved -- Crysta

- Great opportunities to make friends!
- Make certain to try something new.
- Have a great year!

All necessary forms and dates are available on the Mears School Website.

Please submit to AAFP Robin Spartz-Hays: spartz-hays_robin@asdk12.org

Please let Ms. Spartz-Hays or me know if you have questions

svendsen_crysta@asdk12.org Assistant Principal

Three required forms for sports

- 2022-2023 Activity Form
- Valid Sports Physical (18 months from exam date)
- COVID-19 Waiver

Interscholastic Sports Activities

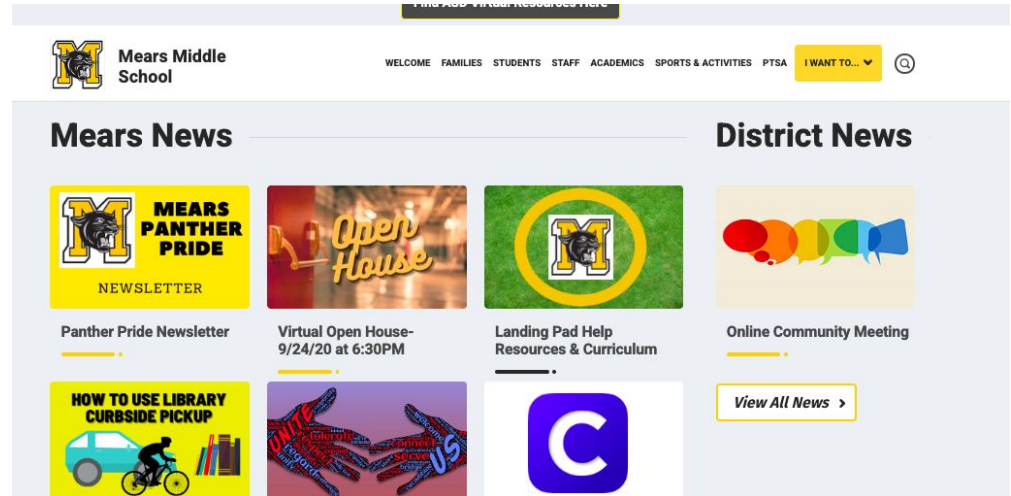
- \$110 activity fee
- \$15 t-shirt/jersey fee
- Student waivers are available
- Students have an individual cap of \$220 (ASD has discontinued the family cap)

Intramural Sports Activities (no fee)

All forms turned in after 1:00pm will be processed the following business day

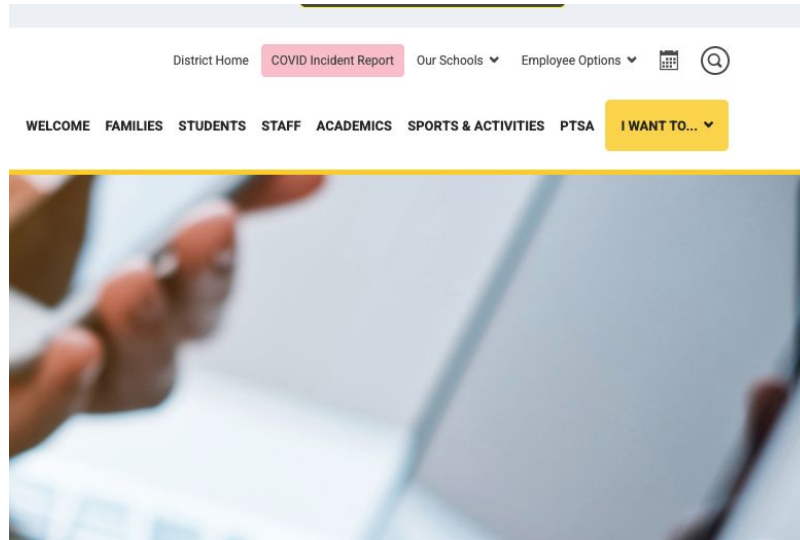
Details for all activities can be found on the Mears website

Communication: Stay Informed – Eric



Be sure to visit our school website regularly and read every issue of the newsletter for important information and updates.

Get to Know Mears Teachers – Eric



➤ [Mears Teacher and Team Video Introductions](#)

Mears Counselors



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Main Office Contacts

Ms. Hayley Adams-Kelly, Registrar and Attendance

Ms. Ava Goodman, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Robin Spartz-Hays, Budget and Finance Office



Mears PTSA

Parents and Families can support Mears students and teachers by joining PTSA as a member and volunteer.

Order Mears Gear Online ASAP
www.mearsptsa.squarespace.com

Join PTSA at www.MearsPTSA.com



Launch!



➤ Thank you all! Go Panthers!

Questions

