

8th Grade News

Heading for High School

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Important Dates

- 12/3 & 12/4/09 - Missouri Connections Career Interest Inventory
- Week of 12/7/09 - 9th Grade Course Description Booklets Mailed Home
- 12/7/09-1/25/10 - Holman 8th Grade Staff Make Course Recommendations for 9th Grade
- **1/25/10, 7:00 p.m. - "Informational Night" for Parents at P.H.S.**
- 1/26/10 - High School Counselors Visit Holman
- 1/26/10 - Registration Forms/ Recommendations Sent Home
- 2/4 & 2/5/10 - Registration Data Entry at Holman

We have just begun the process of planning our 8th graders' school schedules for 9th grade. We are also working on helping the 8th graders explore career interests and post-secondary plans.

On December 3rd and 4th, the 8th graders completed an online career interest inventory. This inventory is part of an extensive online program called Missouri Connections. Our students will be using Missouri Connections throughout their high school years to explore careers, interests, colleges, post-secondary job opportunities, and more! At this time, the 8th graders have tentatively picked career cluster pathways to start planning their high school programs.

In the next several weeks, our 8th grade staff will be working on making recommendations for 9th grade courses based on classroom performance, semester grades, and test scores. On January 26th, high school counselors will visit comm. arts classes to explain the 9th grade registration forms and teacher recommendations to our 8th graders. On the 26th, students will bring home the registration forms and career cluster pathway forms to discuss with their parents. Students will choose elective classes, if appropriate, and return the forms to school with parent signatures. On February 4th and 5th, 8th graders will enter the "course request" data from their registration forms in to PowerSchool through their social studies classes.

Very important! Course Description booklets from Pattonville High School are being mailed home this week. It is critical that the students hang on to this booklet. It is also very important for parents and students to look through the booklet, become familiar with it, and study the elective opportunities, should 8th graders have space in their 9th grade schedules for an elective or two. There is lots of helpful information in this booklet covering everything from career cluster pathways to graduation requirements to summer school.

Speaking of summer school... 8th graders can take P.E. and/or Health this summer for high school credit. Applications are on page 10 in the Course Description booklet, and must be returned directly to the high school by mail. No counselor signature is required on the form. Slots will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. No transportation is provided, and students missing more than one day will be dropped from the program.

While we are planning ahead for next year, promotion to 9th grade is contingent upon successful completion of 8th grade. So 8th graders, make sure your race car is on the right track!