

TEAM ENCORE NEWSLETTER

Miguel Juarez Middle School

Quarter 3

MEET THE TEAM

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ENCORE SCHEDULING:

6th Grade schedules will have:

Option 1: 1 Quarter of Art, 1 Quarter of General Music, 1 Quarter of Technology, 1 Quarter of Spanish/French

Option 2: 2 Quarters of Music, 2 Quarters of Art

Option 2: 4 Quarters of Band or Orchestra

7th and 8th Grade schedules have:

Option 1: 2 Quarters of Art, 2 Quarters of Technology, or 2 Quarters of Music

Option 2: 4 Quarters of Band, Orchestra, Choir, French, or Spanish

ENCORE REMINDERS:

Encore class **DOES** count as part of their overall Grade Point Average (GPA).

Encore class **DOES** count towards Athletic Eligibility.

Encore class **DOES** count towards 8th Grade Promotion Activities.

ART



Welcome 2nd semester Art Students! Please make sure your child has the following art supplies to be successful in class.

- Package of Broad Line Markers
- Package of Colored Pencils
- Spiral Bound Sketchbook
- Bottle of White Glue
- 1 roll of 1.5" beige masking tape *(8th Graders Only)*
- 1 container of Sanitizing Wipes *(6th & 7th Graders Only)*
- Sharpenable Pencils
- Large Eraser
- 2 Glue Sticks



The Learning Journal

Please join your child's Seesaw class to see completed work! You can see their written responses and also be able to comment for your child to see as well.

Please Sign Up Now!

1. Use the following link for your child's class period
PERIOD 1: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/964-089-370>
PERIOD 3: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/173-158-714>
PERIOD 4: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/533-109-604>
PERIOD 5: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/746-781-490>
PERIOD 7: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/742-951-704>
PERIOD 9: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/638-030-280>
2. Choose your child
3. Create an account (if you don't already have one)
4. I will approve you and you will be able to see your child's art pieces.

MUSIC/CHOIR

Choir:

Choir students are rehearsing for their concert on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019** at 6pm in the Juarez Gym. We are singing songs in up to three parts! Students have been singing in a large group and in smaller groups. We are excited to share what we have been working on on the 26th.

After our concert on February 26th, we will be starting preparations for our all district festival **April 11th** at the Genesee Theatre! Make sure you have both dates in your family's calendar!



**6th Grade General Music:**

Welcome New Quarter Three Music Students! So far in class we have been focusing on learning, performing, and composing rhythms. They will also be learning music fundamentals like note names, tempo markings, and form. This will culminate in a large rhythm composition project at the end of the semester. I look forward to see and hear amazing music making from students.

7th Grade General Music:

Welcome to a new quarter! We are finishing up on a Baroque Music History unit. Per student suggestion we are going to explore other music topics this year including: analyzing and creating music videos, music olympics, how instruments work, and using music to tell a story. Since we are a year long course, please continue to encourage your students to give their best behavior and best effort in class.

8th Grade General Music:

Welcome New Quarter Three Music Students! This quarter in class we will be looking at different careers you can pursue in music. We just finished a project where students created their own record labels. We will also be exploring how to create parody music videos, how to make a DJ set list, how to put on a musical theatre show, and competing in music olympics. I hope to continue seeing creative ideas from our students!

STEM TECHNOLOGY

I have a whole new crew of students this semester and I am excited about what I will get to see them do. The third quarter takes place on the website code.org. This is a website developed by people from Microsoft, Apple and all the larger tech companies. Their goal for creating this site is to get more students interested in programming, computer science and engineering. We just completed Unit 1 that has fun activities with the underlying theme of problem solving and perseverance. This is a life skill that I feel blessed to allow students to practice. Unit 2, which we are starting today, has the students create a website using the language of all websites, HTML. Students will create a three page website by writing the code, not by dragging and dropping pictures as one would do using Google Sites. This unit will show the importance of precision when writing code and how to debug code (fix the errors) as well as allowing students to create a website about one of their interests. Most computer languages have similar structures so this unit is an excellent introduction to the lucrative field of computer science.

SPANISH

Bienvenidos al segundo semestre! Welcome to second semester! Our year is halfway over and we have learned so much. And we have so much more to learn!! We just finished the book Pobre Ana and are working on our final projects for the book. Students can write the next chapter for the book, create a video to retell the story, a powerpoint presentation for the next chapter or an investigation of Mexico and its culture. I am excited to see what the students have created.

I am also excited to introduce Karla Zhagui, an intern from Lake Forest College. She will be with us as she helps plan lessons and learns all about becoming a Spanish teacher.

FRENCH

Bonjour! We are sending letters back to our French penpals, after the beautiful cards they sent us for Christmas! Family differences and similarities between francophone countries and the USA are currently being explored. March 11 we have a field trip to see Canadian singer Etienne! Did you know that in France it is not uncommon for pets to be considered members of the family? And in Belgium, one in four families owns a cat and one in five a dog!

BAND/ORCHESTRA

BAND

Several band students will be playing solos or in small groups for the annual IL Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) Solo/Ensemble festival held this year at Park Campus in Round Lake on Saturday, Feb 2. This is a great way to showcase our talented music students and a great way for them to improve musically.

On Sunday, Feb 10, 8th grade flute student Josue Martinez will be performing with the Northshore Concert Band at Pick Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. He is one of 50 students from the entire Chicagoland area selected to perform with this adult band. (Mr. Say plays in the Northshore Band)

Please encourage your student to practice more at home! Mr. Say has been continually reminding and asking students to practice more and take their instruments home....especially weekends!
A good routine of ½ hour around the same time most days can become a habit.

Any students/parents who still have candy from our fundraiser, please either return it along with the money from the candy sold ASAP, or if you want to continue selling it, please notify Mr. Say

On a Saturday in May, the 7th and 8th band will be performing for judges for the Music In the Parks Festival hosted by Great America. More information will be coming home as soon as soon as the candy sell is concluded.

Our next performance will be Thursday, April 11 with the combined Waukegan middle schools at the Genesee Theatre. Information will be coming home in March.

The 6/7/8 Spring Band Concert will be Tuesday, May 21.

BAND/ORCHESTRA

8TH GRADE BAND and ORCHESTRA will be traveling to Brookside HS the morning of February 13 to rehearse with the Waukegan HS students and be briefed about the great musical opportunities that await them in high school. Mr. Say and Mr. Fiala hope to see EVERY student continue their musical ambitions in high school! This is really where the fun is and where memories are made!