



Welcome Grade 5 Families

Sault Area Middle School



Introduction of Staff

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Grade 5 Class Structure

- Approximately 25 students per class, move together
- Morning SPARK and breakfast before 7:50am
- Classes start daily at 8:00am
- Three class periods among grade 5 team teachers
- Elective rotation (like elementary)
- WIN time for all students
- Grade level lunch from 12:10-12:40
- Two class periods among grade 5 team teachers

Grade 5 School Day Structure

7:00-7:50am - SPARK, playground daily (LMC during inclement weather)

7:55am - first bell

8:00am - school day starts

8:00-10:45am - core academic classes

10:50-11:40am - elective rotation

11:45-1:10pm - WIN time (lunch in between from 12:10-12:40)

1:15-3:00pm - core academic classes

How do we know what our students are doing?

Teacher websites on www.saultschools.org/SAMS

Student planners (issued by the school)

MiStar Parent Portal

There's an APP for that (QParentConnect, letter "Q" with a blue leaf)

Track grades, report absences, track attendance, receive updates

What is WIN time?

WIN (What I Need) Time is intervention and acceleration time for students to receive individualized instruction based on their students needs

Additional staff join WIN time instruction to decrease group numbers and increase personalized instruction time

Examples of WIN time instruction: Math Lab, ELA Lab, Study Skills, Organization

Lockers?

Yes, all grade 5 students will be assigned their own lockers

The start of the school year has all hands on deck for staff to support our learners with mastering their lockers

We promise, the vast majority of students will have their locker combinations mastered the first week of school

We do provide interventions for students that struggle beyond the first few weeks of school

Where are their classrooms?

Grade 5 classrooms are located at the end of the 700 wing at SAMS

All grade 5 classrooms neighbor one another, and student lockers are located right outside their classrooms

The assigned classrooms are purposefully located at the playground entrance, and next to one another

There are bathrooms and drinking fountains located in the same hallway

Students do move into the building for their electives, however, classes are escorted by their teacher

Lunchtime?

Grade 5 students are assigned their own lunchtime, from 12:10-12:40pm.

Other grade levels are NOT present during lunchtime or recess.

Students are required to sit for lunch for 15 minutes, recess is 15 minutes after eating.

Why is the schedule different than previous years?

We are celebrating our 5th year of grade 5 at SAMS. Through this experience, we have learned the following:

- Students are not fond of staying with one group/teacher for half a school day
- Interpersonal skills and relationships are paramount to academic success
- Student struggles from grade 5 to grade 6 with transitions are evident
- We are continuing to improve what was guaranteed 5 years ago - to honor the best of elementary experiences while incorporating the best of middle school

When will I know my students schedule?

SAMS hosts a “Boot Camp” for all grade 5 students

August 25, 2022 from 8-10am, this event is for grade 5 students and staff only

Students receive their schedules, tour the building, meet the staff, and are introduced to their handbooks, planners, and lockers (with practice time)

What are my students exploratory classes

Grade 5 students participate in either 1) Band or 2) exploratory rotation

The exploratory rotation consists of:

Art

Health

PE

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

What is the SHACC?

The SHACC is our Sault Health Adolescent Care Center that is supported by Chippewa County Health Department, located at Sault Area High School

All SAMS students are eligible to receive dental, health (including immunizations) and counseling services at the SHACC

Students are able to participate without parents leaving work for care once consent is given. SAMS staff walk students over to acclimate them and ensure safety.

Any Questions?

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