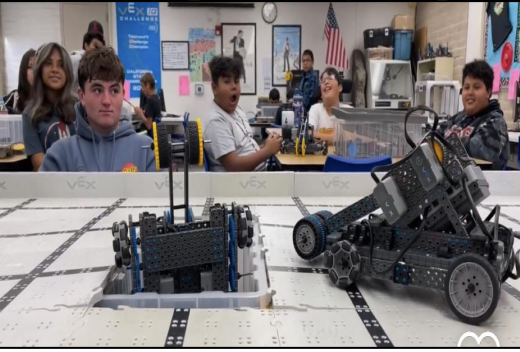






# Welcome to Marco Forster Middle School

*Home of the Roadrunners*







# Marco Forster Middle School

1. Welcome
2. Introductions

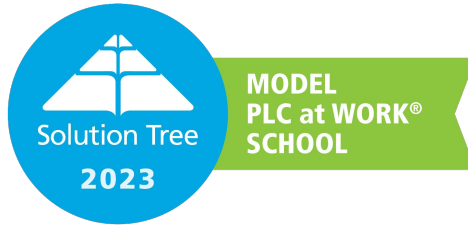
✓ **Principal: Catherine Thompson**

✓ **Assistant Principals: Lindsey Behm, Andrew Freeman, Bernardo Sabad**





# Student Speakers







# Award Winning Programs

## Awards and Recognition

- PAL
- PBIS
- Teachers
- Counselors
- PLC
- School to Watch

## Highly trained staff

- GATE/Advanced Classes
- STEM/STEAM Training
- NGSS Lead implementers
- Dual Immersion
- STEPS classes
- English Learners





# MARCO FORSTER

*Roadrunners*



## Our Mission

To ensure high  
levels of learning  
for all

## Our Collective Commitments

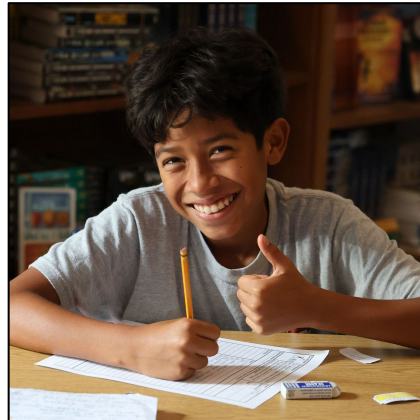
To be professionals who  
work interdependently  
and take collective  
responsibility for the  
continuous improvement  
of adults and students





# Bell Schedule

- Monday Late Start ~ begins at 9:45am with no Zero Period
- School begins at 8:45am
- Students attend 6 or 7 classes per day (Zero period starts 7:45)
- School Ends daily at 3:25pm





# 6th Grade Courses

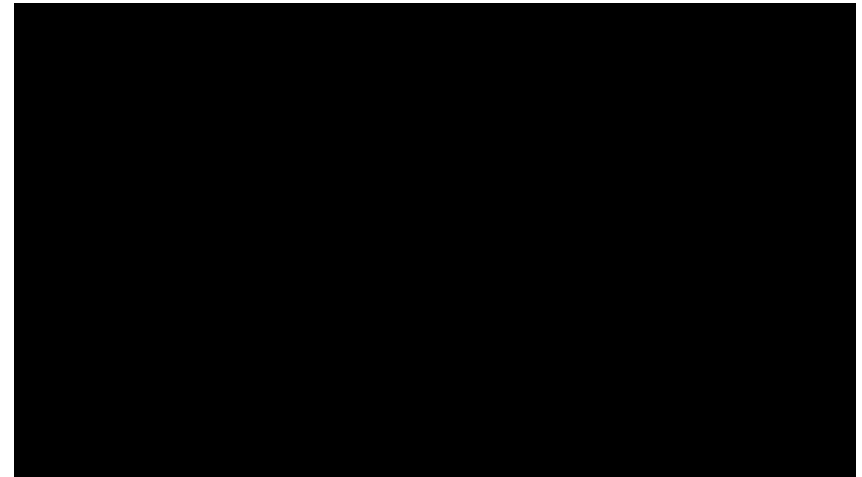
- Math
  - Science
  - Language Arts
  - Social Science
- 
- Program– (Industrial Arts, Robotics, AVID, Band, Orchestra, Musical Theater, Yearbook, Spanish Language Arts, PAL, ASB, ELD)
- 
- Physical Education





# Program Overview

- ~Physical Education
- ~Programs
- ~Mathematics
- ~Science
- ~Social Science
- ~English Language Arts
- ~Counseling





# 6th grade Elective - CTE

## Mrs. Blakeney

### ***Career Technical Investigations***

- Explores a variety of CTE pathways, including...
- Digital Media
- 3D Printing
- Computer Game Design
- Podcasting
- Video
- T-Shirt Design/Printing

### ***Intro Web and Social Media***

- Explores the Arts, Media & Entertainment CTE Pathway
- Digital Media
- Digital Citizenship
- Web Design
- Special Projects  
explore future Careers





# Robotics & Engineering



- Hands on experience to apply Science, Technology, Engineering, and STEM to solve real world problems
- Design and control robots using VEX Robotics
- Create 3-D models and use them for 3-D Printing
- Team based solution oriented class
- Problem solving to find real world solutions to technology problems



# AVID

**A program for hard-working students who want to go to college**



- Learn the **real path to college** early and understand what it takes to get there
- Join a **family of motivated students** who want to succeed and support each other
- Work with peers who share the same goals: **teamwork, accountability, and encouragement**
- Build the habits that make school easier: **organization, planning, studying, and asking for help**
- Be **rewarded for hard work and progress** through trips, activities, and leadership opportunities
- Explore the world beyond the classroom: **universities, museums, and national parks**
- Grow confidence through meaningful experiences: **speaking, leadership, service, and mentoring**
- Live the values that matter: **integrity, compassion, and hard work**





# MUSIC



Intermediate Band

Intermediate Orchestra

Wind Ensemble

Advanced Orchestra

Full Orchestra

Mariachi Correcaminos

[www.mariachicorrecaminos.com](http://www.mariachicorrecaminos.com)







# LEADERSHIP

## ASB

LUNCH ACTIVITIES

DANCES

BUDGETING

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

## PAL

ROADRUNNER BRUNCHES

5-STAR STORE

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

HELPING OTHERS

## **BOTH PROGRAMS**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS; KEEPING THE SCHOOL INFORMED  
ABOUT EVENTS

ASSISTING STAFF MEMBERS WHEN NEEDED AND HELPING  
DURING EVENTS



# MUSICAL THEATER



Marco Forster Theater Arts puts on three productions per year.

When the students are not performing on stage they are learning from industry professionals & honing skills such as improvisation through theater games.





# STAGECRAFT



STUDENTS LEARN THE TECHNICAL ELEMENTS OF THEATER IN THIS CLASS WITH UNITS COVERING:

- SCENIC CONSTRUCTION / PAINTING
- LIGHTING
- SOUND
- MAKE UP





# INDUSTRIAL ARTS



- Students will learn the proper use and safety issues when working with hand tools, machines in our shop, and shop practices
- Students will learn about materials used in woodworking and metalworking (lumber, metals, fasteners, adhesives, & paint/stain finishes).
- Students will actively participate in designing and building projects.



# Accelerated Classes

- Language Arts and Social Science
- Differentiated lessons
- Curriculum follows State Standards
- Higher order thinking skills
- Collaborative learning groups
- ACC Math 6, Pre-Algebra, Algebra



*\* All fifth grade students who are GATE identified will be placed into accelerated classes.*

*\* Standardized district criteria determines the placement of additional students in accelerated classes*



# Dual Immersion

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes in Spanish:

- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Science
- Follows CA State Standards

## Middle School Classes in Spanish:

- 6th: Science, Social Science, Spanish
- 7th: Social Science, Spanish
- 8th: Spanish







# Student Support Services

- 3 Full-Time counselors to offer support for students and parents
- Award winning programs
- 2 Full-Time Assistant Principals
- 2 Full time Instructional Coaches
- Conflict resolution through Counselor and PAL
- Bilingual Community Liaison
- 2 Guidance Technicians





# Roadrunner Ambassadors

## Dates:

- Registration August 11th
- 6th Grade Orientation August 12th
  - Roadrunner Ambassador Transition Program
  - Community building Activities & Roadrunner SWAG
  - Tour of campus
  - Roadrunner lessons and expectations
- Flyer will be sent to elementary schools with information (May).



## MARCO FORSTER

SAVE THE DATE!

• 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION •

- 1 6th-Grade Registration - Tuesday August 11th
- 2 All 6th-Graders attend 6th-Grade Orientation - Wednesday August 12th



• ORIENTATION OVERVIEW •

### DAY 1

Registration for ALL incoming 6th-grade students and learn your child's Roadrunner Ambassador Group Leader and receive the following:

- Learn about the PTSA
- Receive Schedule
- Pick Up PE Clothes
- Meet Teachers and Staff

### DAY 2

6th-grade students will...

- Meet their Roadrunner Ambassador and Team!
- Engage in intentional TEAM BUILDING activities
- Participate in play to build relationships and make connections
- Tour campus and gain insight from student leaders

Parent  
MEETING

Informational Meeting and Welcome!

More information to come.



**ALL** 6th grade students will be pre-enrolled in the program.

Contact: Mrs. Coe

Coe Email: [HRCOE@capoused.org](mailto:HRCOE@capoused.org)



# Interventions

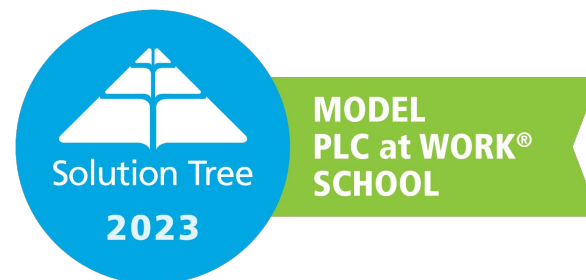
Students who struggle academically generally fall into one of two categories:

Students who “can’t” do the work due to lack of skills

Students who have the skills but “won’t” do the work due to internal/external circumstances.

MFMS is committed to regularly analyzing site achievement data to provide a **systematic approach** for identifying and supporting at-risk students. A “Tiered System of Interventions” purposes to help meet the needs of academic, social-emotional, and behaviorally at-risk students on our campus.

- *Parent Teacher Conferences*
- *Student Study Team Conferences*
- *Math Intervention Classes*
- *Reading Strategies Classes*







# PACE

## (Practicing Academic Concepts and Enrichment)

### What is PACE?

- PACE is an opportunity for students to receive extra help if they **need it** (ex. Re-take a test, make-up missed assignments, bring up a low grade, etc.)
- PACE is also an opportunity for students to participate in an activity of their choice if they **don't need** extra help
- Students needing help will be **mandated** to attend a class to get support
- Students not needing help will get to **choose** among many different classes to attend
- During the week, teachers will **assign** students to **PACE** classes
- Every day of the week has a PRIORITY subject
- Students assigned to PACE **must** report to the class that has PRIORITY on that day. Students without stamps, can choose an Open class to attend.



# School-Wide Expectations




**M**odel  
Respect

**F**ulfill  
Responsibilities

**M**ake a  
Difference

**S**how  
Kindness



 <b>MFMS</b> School-wide Expectations		
Expectation	Classroom	School Wide
<b>M</b> odel <b>R</b> espect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep your space clean</li> <li>- Respect your belongings and belongings of others</li> <li>- Follow classroom agreements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep our campus clean, this includes our bathrooms, library, main office and quad</li> </ul>
<b>F</b> ulfill Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be on Time for Class.</li> <li>- Be prepared for class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use PACE appropriately</li> <li>- Ask for help when you need it</li> </ul>
<b>M</b> ake a Difference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be inclusive of peers in classroom discussions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See something say something (Text a Tip or speak with a counselor)</li> </ul>
<b>S</b> how Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be kind, courteous, and positive.</li> <li>- Accept and support everyone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use kind words and appropriate language towards peers and staff</li> </ul>

**At MFMS we treat others as we want to be treated!**



# Roadrunner Days

- Clearly communicate schoolwide and classroom expectations
- Review rules, routines, and procedures
- Model correct behaviors
- Provide information about key resources on campus
- Positive reinforcements



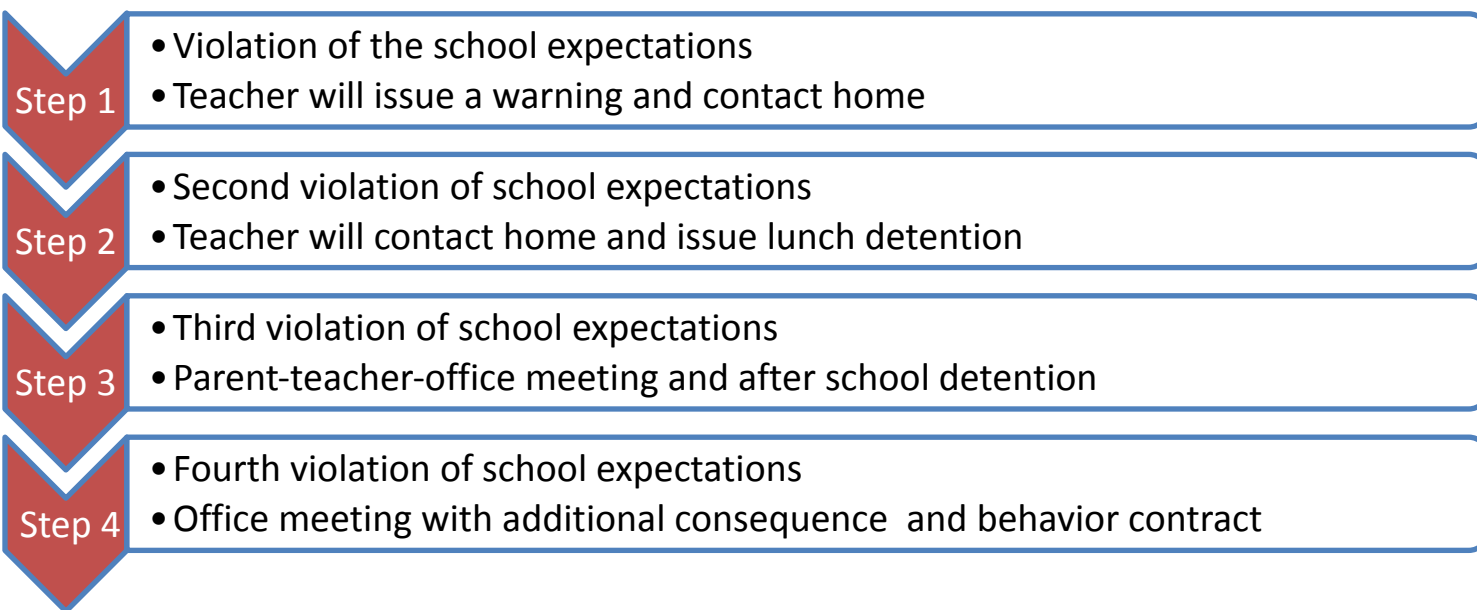




# Discipline - STEP system

- MFMS uses a step system for violations of school expectations.
- Major violations result in immediate consequences and referral to office.

## STEP SYSTEM





# Report Card

## Marco Forster Middle School

2nd Quarter Grade Report

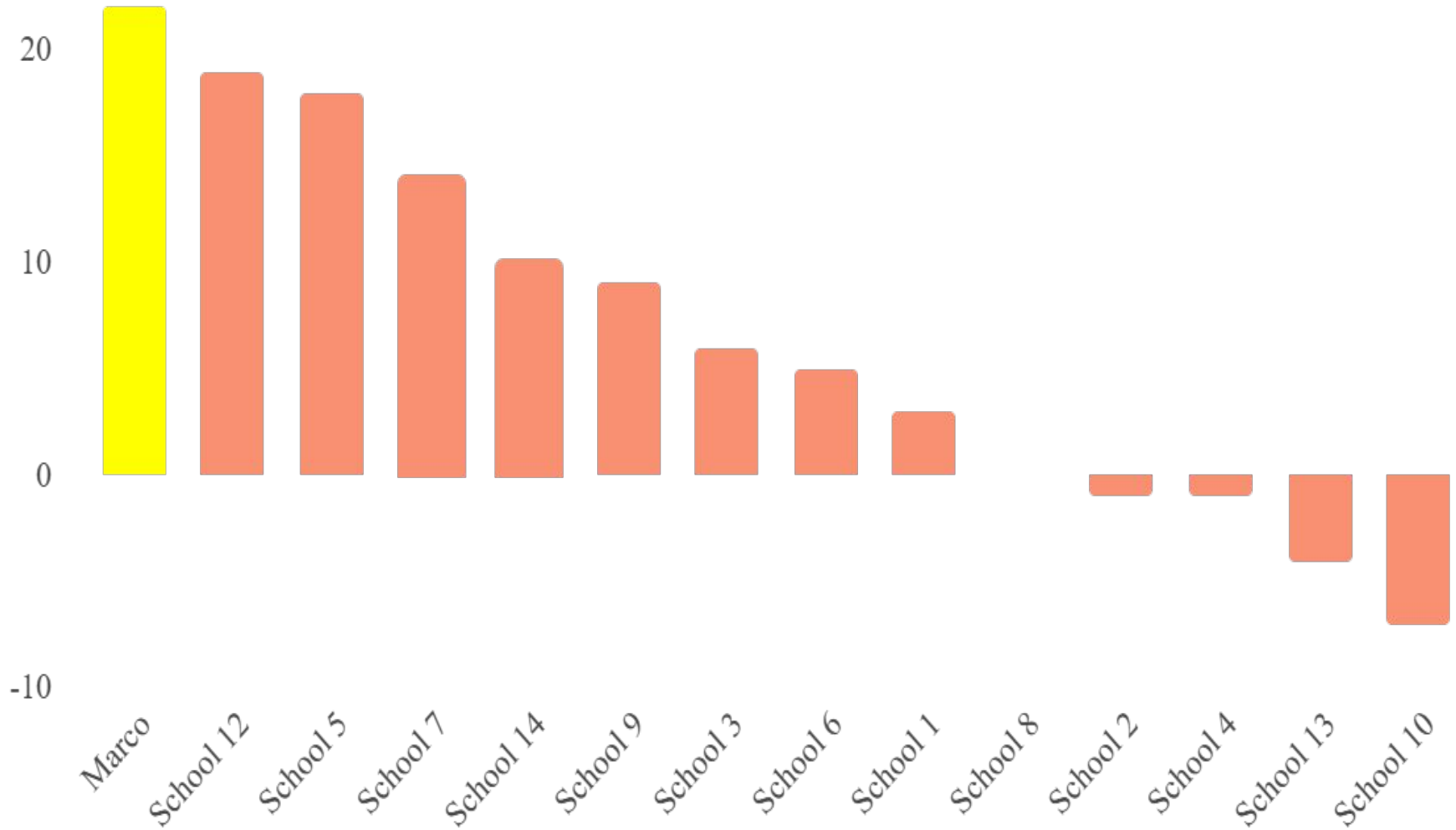
10/20/2025 - 12/18/2025

Student Name			Stu .	Grade	Counselor			
Per	Course	Teacher	2nd Qtr	Credit	Cit	W/H	Abs	Comments
0	PE 8	Fox, M	A	5.00	O	O	1	
1	Math 8	Mena Sanchez	A	5.00	O	S	4	
2	AVID Grade 8	Gerow, K	A-	5.00	O	O	4	Is a pleasure to have in class Consistently Respectful and Responsible Is a role model amongst peers
3	Student Gov-Asb	Lobo, B	A	5.00	S	S	4	Consistently Respectful and Responsible Is a pleasure to have in class
4	English 8	Aviles, M	A	5.00	O	O	4	Is a pleasure to have in class
5	Science 8	Vazquez, V.	A	5.00	O	O	4	Consistently Respectful and Responsible
6	Soc Sci 8	Webster, C	A	5.00	O	O	4	Is a pleasure to have in class Assignments reflect best effort

Citizenship  
and Work  
Habits  
O, S, N, U



# Academic Growth



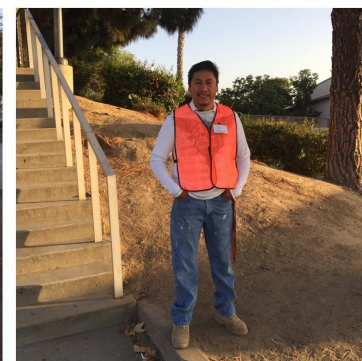
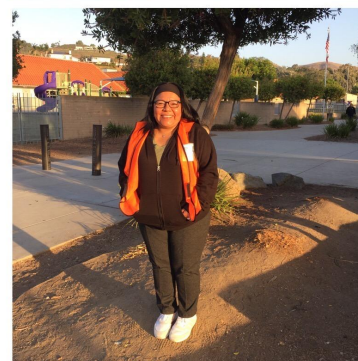




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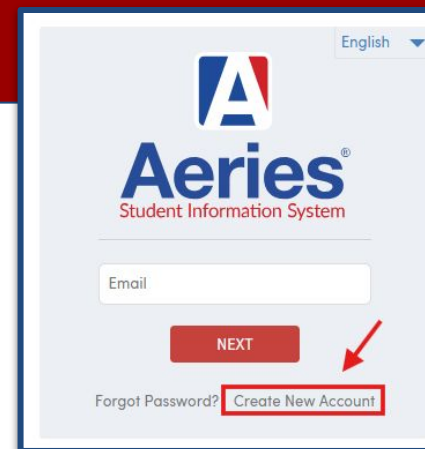
**MFMS ENCOURAGES** parent involvement IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...  
**Your Children still need you!**

- *Attend FUN FAMILY Events!*
- ***STAY INVOLVED:*** *Become a member of the Marco PTSA and/or Board or serve on a Committee to support your child's education!*
- *PTSA Website*
- *Serve on the School Site Council*
- *Participate in ELAC*





# Parent Portal



After the end of July, you MUST create or update your Parent Portal account!

- Go to: <https://portal.capousd.org/Portal.htm>
- In order to create a Parent Portal account you will need: Student ID, Home Phone Number, and Verification Passcode
- Parent Portal allows you to: update student records for registration, see/print report cards, and download important documents.



# Course Selection Form

**Due Date: February 27th**

- Paper forms handed out during student tours
- Posted on Marco Forster Website (Guidance)
- Sent to elementary schools





# Course Selection Form





# REGISTRATION

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration**

Dates and times will also be sent via School Messenger, MFMS website and listed in your Registration Packet.

***6th grade Registration: Tuesday, 8/11/26***

***6th grade Orientation: Wednesday, 8/12/26***

### **Parent Portal**

- Create or update your Parent Portal before your registration date (opens in late July)

### **At Registration:**

- Join PTSA, purchase PE clothes, Yearbooks, Lunches, meet teachers and students, and more!



# Stay Connected...

Connect

Marco Forster Middle School



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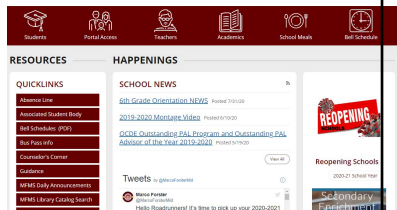
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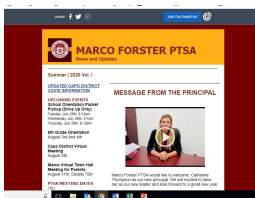
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2026-2027

School Year Begins:  
Tuesday, August 18th  
at 8:45 am



