


SPOTLIGHT ON PALMER



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WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK
THE FIRST PEOPLES OF THE HƏNQ'ƏMIN'ƏM'
LANGUAGE GROUP
ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL AND UNCEDED TERRITORIES
WE TEACH, LEARN AND LIVE



HELLO GRADS OF 2030!

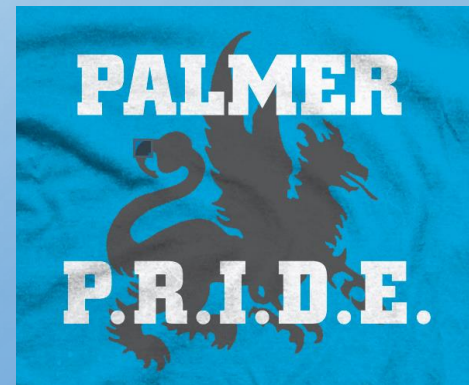
- 1) **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2) **OVERVIEW OF OUR SCHOOL – PALMER P.R.I.D.E.**
- 3) **THE GRADE 8 PROGRAM**
 - **COURSES, ELECTIVES, SCHEDULES & PROGRAMS**
- 4) **PALMER SCHOOL LIFE – TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS**
- 5) **QUESTIONS**

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

- **MS GILL: LAST NAMES A-HU**
- **MS LAI: LAST NAMES HUANG-Q**
- **MR PLUT/MS WHITE: LAST NAMES R-Z**
- **HOW CAN WE HELP?**

OUR SCHOOL

- **SUPPORTS A SAFE AND FRIENDLY COMMUNITY FOR ALL**
- **OFFERS A FULL RANGE OF PROGRAMS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING MANY DIFFERENT TEAMS AND CLUBS**
- **HAS A CAFETERIA**
- **IS HERE TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL SUCCESS**



PALMER

P.R.I.D.E.



- **P** - POSITIVE ATTITUDE: *WE APPROACH CHALLENGES BELIEVING WE CAN SUCCEED.*
- **R** - RESPECT: *WE VALUE EACH OTHER, OUR LEARNING, OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OURSELVES.*
- **I** - INTEGRITY: *WE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ACTIONS*
- **D** - DIVERSITY: *WE ARE PROUD OF THE DIFFERENCE IN WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM AND WHERE WE ARE GOING.*
- **E** - EXCELLENCE: *WE DO OUR BEST TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS.*

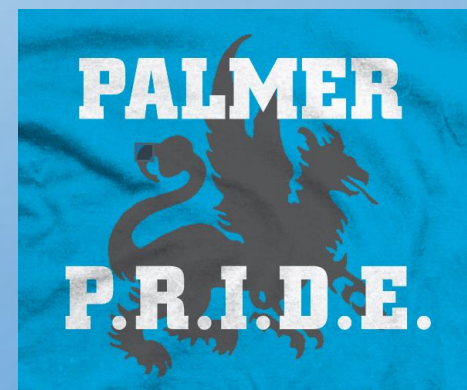
*As Palmer
Griffins, we
share what it
means to be a
part of the
Palmer
community
through
PALMER
P.R.I.D.E.*

GRADE 8 PROGRAM

- HUMANITIES (ENGLISH AND SOCIALS)
- MATH
- SCIENCE
- PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION
- FRENCH
- HOME ECONOMICS & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
- CHOICE OF ONE FINE ARTS ELECTIVE (ART/DRAMA COMBO **OR** MUSIC)

SAMPLE GRADE 8 TIMETABLE

FIRST SEMESTER SEP. to JAN.	SECOND SEMESTER FEB. to JUN.
HUMANITIES 8 (same teacher throughout the year)	
ENGLISH 8	SOCIALS 8
MATH 8	SCIENCE 8
FRENCH 8	P.E. 8
FINE ARTS ELECTIVE	HOME EC/TECH ED 8



HOME ECONOMICS/TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

- HOME EC/TECH ED: THIS COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO HALVES: TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND HOME ECONOMICS.
- AS AN EXPLORATORY COURSE, IT INTRODUCES THE HOME ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION WORKSHOPS AT PALMER.
- IN TECH ED, YOU WILL LEARN THE SAFE OPERATION OF BOTH HAND AND POWER MACHINERY. FOCUS IS ON EXPERIMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLS.
- YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE VARIOUS AREAS OF HOME EC, NAMELY TEXTILES AND COOKING.

ELECTIVE OPTION 1: ART/DRAMA



ART: GENERAL 8 – No Prerequisite

This course provides a foundation for a basic understanding of art. Students will learn to produce and respond to works of art in many different art media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics sculpture and mixed media. Students will be expected to keep a visual journal as a record of their ideas, image development and explorations. This course is paired with Drama 8.

TH: DRAMA 8

No Prerequisite

This course is an introduction to creative drama. Students will explore the foundational skills of voice, movement, tableaux, pantomime, improvisation, and storytelling. Students will learn the basics of script reading, scene studies and character analysis. Students will develop their acting skills as well as their imaginations. No previous experience is necessary. This is course is paired with Art 8.





ELECTIVE OPTION 2: MUSIC



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: CONCERT BAND 8

No Prerequisite: Elementary Band experience recommended but not required.

This course is open to all grade 8 students who want to learn and continue to develop musical skills for playing a band instrument in an ensemble. Students will play a variety of musical styles and perform in several performances during the year. Regular home practice and attendance at concerts and rehearsals are necessary for success in this course.



ANTICIPATED ELL LEVEL – FOR SEPT 2025

- * ELL1 Beginning (Reading, Writing, SS&Sc)**
- * ELL2 Developing (Reading, Writing, SS&Sc)**
- * ELL3 Expanding (Reading, Writing)**
- * ELL4 Consolidating (ELL4)**

Level 3
Expanding
2 blocks of ELL

Semester 1

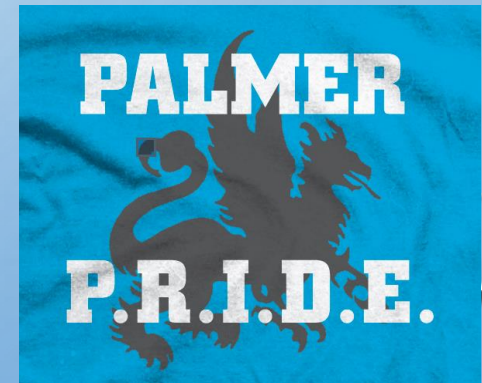
Semester 2

ELL3 Reading	ELL3 Writing
Science 8	Math 8
Humanities SS	Humanities EN
Home Ec/ Tech 8	P.E.8

Elective choices:

Art/Drama

Music





GRADE 8 COURSE SELECTION for 2025 – 2026

Name: _____
(Legal Last Name) (Legal First Name) (Usual First Name)

Birthdate (YY/MM/DD): _____ Home Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Parent/Guardian: (1) _____ (2) _____

(1): Work # _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____

(2): Work # _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____

Present Elementary School: _____ Other possible school in September: _____

Reason: _____

GRADE 8 PROGRAM – Each student takes 8 courses.

☐ I am not in ELL ☐ I am currently enrolled in ELL Level: _____

1

SELECT (✓) A PROGRAM: Standard, Incentive, OR an ELL program based on the projected 2025-2026 ELL level

**Note: Students must apply for the Incentive Program. (Unsuccessful applicants will default to the Standard Program).*

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1	HUMANITIES 8 (ENGLISH)	HUMANITIES 8 INCENTIVE (ENGLISH)	ELL 1A (READING)	ELL 2A (READING)	HUMANITIES 8 (ENGLISH)	HUMANITIES 8 (ENGLISH)
2	HUMANITIES 8 (SOCIAL STUDIES)	HUMANITIES 8 INCENTIVE (SOCIAL STUDIES)	ELL 1B (WRITING)	ELL 2B (WRITING)	HUMANITIES 8 (SOCIAL STUDIES)	HUMANITIES 8 (SOCIAL STUDIES)
3	MATH 8	MATH HONOURS 8	MATH 8	MATH 8	MATH 8	MATH 8
4	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8 INCENTIVE	ELL 1C (SS/SC)	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8
5	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8
6	FRENCH 8	FRENCH 8	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE	ELL 2C (SS/SC)	ELL 3A	ELL 4
7	APPLIED SKILLS 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8
8	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE	ELL 3B	FINE ARTS ELECTIVE

2

SELECT A FINE ARTS ELECTIVE: Provide 1st and 2nd choice: Music 8 or Drama & Art 8

FIRST CHOICE: _____

SECOND CHOICE: _____

3

REVIEW & SIGN: Go over the course selection very carefully. Changes are very difficult and may not be possible in September.

Please sign below indicating your consent to the completed student program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY: April 15, 2025



Name: _____
(Legal Last Name) (Legal First Name) (Usual First Name)

Birthdate (YYMMDD): _____ **Home Phone #:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

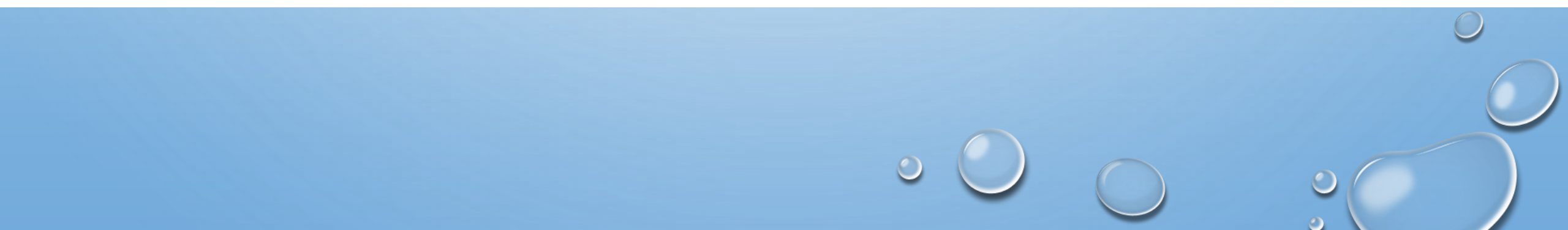
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MAKE YOUR 1ST AND 2ND CHOICES MUST HAVE A GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

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INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- **ENRICHED/ACCELERATED**

- 
- TO APPLY. WWW.PALMERINCENTIVE.COM

APPLICATION PROCESS

GRADE 8 APPLICATION

- **CAMPS & TRIPS, LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, POST-SECONDARY PREP**
- **APPLICATION IS OPEN → JANUARY 3 – JANUARY 31**
- **MATH & ENGLISH ENTRANCE EXAM AND GRADE 7 TEACHER REFERENCE FORM REQUIRED**
- **MR LIANG IS THE PERSON TO CONTACT FOR ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING INCENTIVE- PRESENTATION LATER TONIGHT IN THE LIBRARY**



RAIL PROGRAM



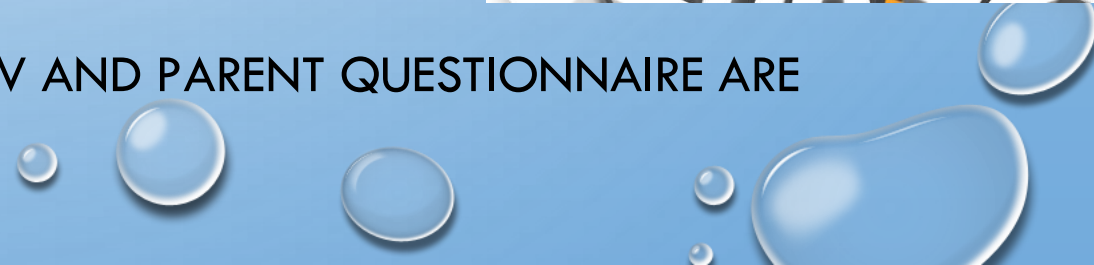
- **TEAMWORK, HANDS-ON PROJECT-BASED LEARNING.**
- PERSONALIZATION, CONNECTIONS AND COLLABORATIVE DESIGN
- CANDIDATES ARE INDEPENDENT, CREATIVE, MOTIVATED AND COMFORTABLE WITH USING TECHNOLOGY
- APPLICATIONS DUE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY



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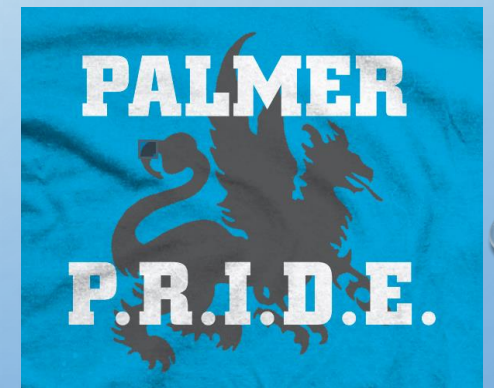
RAIL REGISTRATION

PLEASE NOTE: TEACHER REFERRAL, STUDENT INTERVIEW AND PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF APPLICATION



GRADE 8 LIFE

- LOCKERS
- STUDENT AGENDA
- BINDERS AND ORGANIZATION
- HOMEWORK
- CLUBS & TEAMS
- BREAK & LUNCH



GET INVOLVED!

- *BE INVOLVED IN TEAMS AND CLUBS (WE HAVE DOZENS OF CLUBS AT OUR SCHOOL!)
- *BE A VOLUNTEER, E.G. SCOREKEEPER AT GAMES
- *BE OPEN-MINDED: TRY SOMETHING NEW AND PAY ATTENTION TO ANNOUNCEMENTS

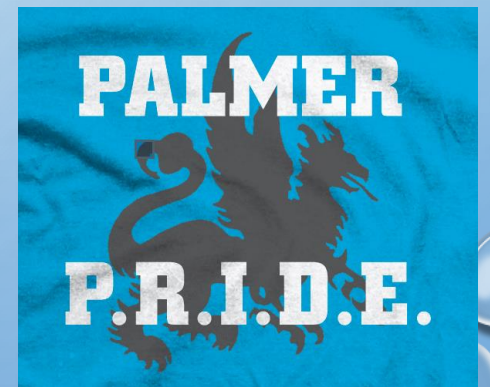
HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN GRADE 8

- **TAKE CARE AND LOOK AFTER YOUR OWN PERSONAL PROPERTY: BACKPACKS, TEXTBOOKS, DIGITAL DEVICES.**
- **BE PREPARED TO SPEND ABOUT AN HOUR DOING HOMEWORK EACH DAY.**
- **USE PLT: GO FOR EXTRA HELP, STUDY FOR A QUIZ OR TEST, WORK WITH GROUP MEMBERS**
- **ORGANIZE ALL YOUR WORK, USE BINDERS AND DIVIDERS.**
- **SHARE WITH YOUR PARENTS WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING AND DOING AT SCHOOL.**



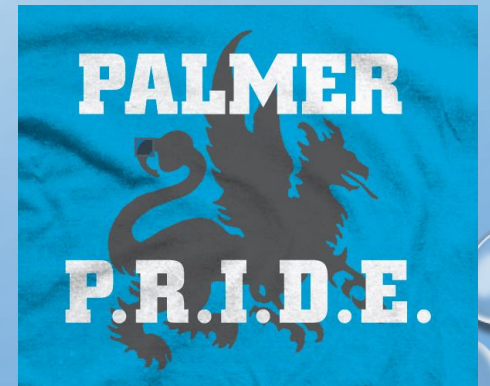
ABSENCES

- * TRY TO MINIMIZE ABSENCES (BOOK APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE OF CLASS TIME)
- * COMMUNICATE WITH TEACHERS: IF ABSENT FOR 3 DAYS OR MORE, PLEASE CHECK TEAMS OR EMAIL YOUR TEACHER
- * “FIND A BUDDY”: IF YOU MISS A CLASS, YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR BUDDY TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU MISSED



CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

- * 8 DAY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH PALMER STAFF AND STUDENTS (4 DAYS AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY AND 4 DAYS AT THE END OF AUGUST)
- * LEADERSHIP STUDENTS HELP NEWCOMERS CONNECT WITH THE BUILDING AND WITH OTHER NEW STUDENTS
- * APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AFTER SPRING BREAK



UPCOMING DATES

- GR. 7 INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE – **JAN 31**
- TRANSFER APPLICATION WINDOW: **FEB 3 – 28**
- PALMER TOURS AND COURSE SELECTION:
 - **APR 8-** DE BECK AND GARDEN CITY
 - **APR 9-** GENERAL CURRIE AND NON-FEEDER
- GR. 7 COURSE SELECTION SHEETS DUE TO GR 7 TEACHERS – **APR 15**
- 2025-2026 SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKAGES SENT HOME – **LATE AUG 2025**
- ASSEMBLY, & HOME ROOM (FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL) – **SEPT 2 2025**
- GRADE 8 DAY AND CLUBS DAY – **SEPT 2025**

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING – **ANY QUESTIONS?**
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT PALMER

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