

GRADE 8

2025-2026

Every Friday, all LMS Panthers are encouraged to wear BLUE and WHITE to show their Panther Pride and School Spirit!

SCIENCE Mrs. Hollohan

In Science, we explore the world and **universe** around us through hands-on investigations and big questions. We study the **Solar System** and the planets, and learn about **Newton's Laws of Motion** to understand how objects move. We also connect science to the United **Nations Sustainable Development Goals**, discovering how science can help create a healthier, fairer, and more sustainable world.

The focus is on experimenting, problem-solving, and applying science to real-life situations.

SOCIAL STUDIES Mrs. Hollohan

In Social Studies, we explore the big idea of **empowerment**—how people gain or lose power in history and in today's world. We look at the **Wabanaki** and other Indigenous peoples, **colonization**, and how different groups were empowered or disempowered over time. We also learn about **Confederation** and **how it shaped Canada**.

The focus is on asking questions, thinking critically, and understanding how the past connects to the choices we make now.

MATH Mr. Mitchell

In Grade 8 Mathematics, students will build strong **number sense** by working with fractions, decimals, and percentages, while also applying ratios and proportions in practical contexts. They will explore **algebra** through linear relations, patterns, and solving equations. **Geometry** learning includes area, surface area, volume, the Pythagorean theorem, and circle properties. Students will also interpret and represent data, analyze probability, and explore chance in real-world situations.

Emphasis is placed on reasoning, estimation, problem solving, and connecting mathematics to everyday life.

ENGLISH Mr. Lidstone

Students will strengthen their **reading, writing, and communication skills**. They'll learn to express ideas with evidence, read and respond to a variety of texts, and think critically about what they encounter. In writing, students will focus on crafting purposeful pieces for different audiences, building vocabulary, and refining grammar and sentence fluency.

Above all, the goal is for students to **gain confidence** in sharing their thoughts clearly and respectfully—skills they can carry beyond the classroom.

PIF Mrs. Cole

In French, we build our skills in **listening, speaking, reading, and writing** while exploring the language. We practice using French in everyday situations, like introducing ourselves, sharing opinions, and talking about our interests. We also learn strategies to communicate even when we don't know every word. The focus is on building confidence, having fun, and using French in meaningful ways every day.

HEALTH Mr. Estabrooks

This year in health we will be starting with **Relationships**. Students will go through ins and outs of building, maintaining, and ending relationships.

As the year progresses we will touch on a variety of topics, such as; **mental health, career planning, conflict vs bullying**, and more! It is going to be a great year full of learning useful life skills!



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EAL Ms. Colpitts

Some students will receive bonus English lessons, (EAL/ English as an Additional Language) to help their English grow faster! 🌱🌱
Teachers have the names of EAL students who need the most help, and teachers expect students to show what they are learning based on the students' ability in English.

EAL (extra) classes will start soon.

For any questions please contact:

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TECHNOLOGY Mr. Halliday

In Technology, we explore how tools, systems, and design shape the world around us. We learn **problem-solving** and **creative thinking skills** by **planning, building, and testing projects**.

Topics include **design** and **innovation**, **digital tools**, **coding**, and **engineering challenges**.

The focus is on hands-on learning, teamwork, and using technology responsibly while finding creative solutions to real-world problems.

PHYS ED Mr. Ellis/Mrs. Boudreau Mr. Tremblay/ Mr. Thibault

This term in physical education we will be covering the following:

Fitness benchmarks and Physical education class expectations.

Cooperations games

Soccer unit

Team building activities

Volleyball unit

ART Ms. Jones/Mrs.Munn

In our fine arts classes we are covering the **elements of art** as well as the **principles of design**.

We will be refining our techniques and learning new ones!

We are exploring mediums such as; paint, clay, pastel, chalk, and charcoal.

MUSIC Mr. Rawlines/Mr. Harris

In our middle school music classes, students explore the **elements of music**, including rhythm, melody, and harmony through a variety of practical activities.

In Grade 6, we build musical skills using body percussion, bucket drumming, Boomwhackers, and ukuleles. In Grade 7, students branch out into guitar or band, while **Grade 8** focuses on developing ensemble skills in band.

Across all grades, we are learning to **perform, create**, and **listen** with growing confidence and creativity!

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