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Dear Parents of Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,  
Preparations are underway for the 2023-2024 school year at Mill Creek Academy. A video presentation about course selection and recommendations can be found on the MCA website. We encourage you to carefully review this information and respond in a timely manner regarding your child's preferences relative to his/her 2023-2024 course schedule. All elective selections in HAC are due no later than March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

All students will have 7 courses built into their school schedule, 4 academic/core classes and 3 non-core classes. The academic/core classes for students will include Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies. Academic teachers are currently in the process of making course recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Non- Core Courses - Your child will have (3) non-core courses. All courses are year-long courses. Elective options may change based on availability and student interested.**

Students who are identified through our intervention processes as needing Intensive Reading will be placed accordingly. This course is a year-long and takes precedence over a non-core elective choice.

Please review the course choices on the video presentation posted on the MCA website. Students will be given the opportunity to select their choice for elective through their HAC account the week of March 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 during their Language Arts class. **We will do our best to give your student the requested course; however, due to schedule constraints and class size requirements, we cannot guarantee that the course chosen will be available. Students who do not submit course choices will have courses selected for them.**

All courses at Mill Creek Academy, whether core or non-core, are designed to facilitate the intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth of students in the middle years. Our intent is to provide a curriculum that will adequately serve the wide range of students' needs, abilities, and interests while they are in middle school and prepare them for a full and challenging high school experience. (IB, Dual Enrollment, Academy Programs of Choice)

According to Florida State Statutes, students may elect to take an online course at Mill Creek Academy during the school day. Online courses will be locked and unable to be changed 30 days prior to the start of the 2023 - 2024 school year. An online course taken during the school day has adult supervision; however, the course is taught by a teacher not on the Mill Creek Academy campus. Students are solely responsible for communicating with the online teacher, completing all assignments, staying on pace, and finishing the course on time. If you are interested in your child taking an online course, please contact your child's school counselor, Crystal Dean, [Crystal.dean@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Crystal.dean@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for further information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Goodwin  
Principal

**\*A Note Concerning Schedule Changes: The final date for all 2023-2024 school year course requests/changes is Monday, July 3rd. We will NOT accept requests for course changes after this date to allow enough time to balance sections to meet class size requirements.**