



FLORENCE M. GAUDINEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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February 5, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming 6th Graders:

Along with great excitement and expectations, the transition from elementary school to middle school presents a choice of world language study preferences to your child. On the back of this letter, please indicate that choice by **Friday, February 26th**.

For the three middle school years, your child is required to study one of three languages: French, Italian or Spanish. Please understand that the decision to begin a specific language in grade 6 means that the student is committed to studying the same language through the end of grade 8; it is not possible to change languages in grades six, seven or eight.

World language teachers and guidance counselors are ready to assist students with advice and information. The three world language teachers, Mrs. Borton, Mrs. Cioffi and Mr. Krumholz, will be visiting Caldwell and Sandmeier Elementary Schools to provide an overview of their respective world language programs on Tuesday, February 16th. Soon thereafter, by **Friday, February 26**, please fill out and return the form on the reverse side of this letter to lock in your child's selection. Please be sure to discuss this selection with your child before submitting the form.

Upon successful completion of world language study at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, your child will then be asked again to select a language to study in high school. At that time, your child may opt to pursue a different language or continue on with the same language. The same three languages—French, Italian and Spanish—are available at Jonathan Dayton High School at different levels, depending on demonstrated performance and interest at FMG. Please note that while the state requires two years of world language study for a high school diploma, many, if not most competitive colleges are looking for three or four years of world language study.

Please discuss the choice of language with your child, and indicate that choice on the reverse side of this letter. The form should be returned to your child's 5th grade teacher no later than **Friday, February 26**.

Sincerely,

Tim Kielty



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**Complete this form and return to your child's 5th grade teacher by
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Grade 6 World Language Choices

Student's Last Name: _____

Student's First Name: _____

5th Grade Teacher: _____

I would like to take FRENCH ITALIAN SPANISH in grades 6, 7 & 8

(Circle only ONE)

Student's signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____

Homeroom teachers – Please mail all collected forms by Monday, March 1st to Bonnie Borton at FMG. Please indicate if you are missing any forms from your class and we will make phone calls to follow up with those parents.