



MARION CENTER AREA JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The following paragraphs explain a change which has occurred this year at the junior/senior high school. The following information gives you a concise explanation as to reasons for changing from a daily activity period to a four day per week STAR period. It is the district's intent to provide a rewarding and academically challenging experience for your son and/or daughter. By making the change we believe we can better address the academic needs of all students.

STAR Period

STAR is an acronym that stands for "Students and Teachers Achieving Results!"

As an academic institution, our responsibility is to provide academic enrichment for every student regardless of academic achievement. STAR period will maximize instructional time and increase academic opportunities for all students to succeed.

Why the change from Activity period to STAR period?

The idea of STAR period is to provide increased opportunities for all students to improve upon academic growth. STAR period is designed to allow students to access content area teachers for additional academic support and/or enrichment. It also provides additional academic time for those students that have full class loads and do not have an opportunity to meet with content area teachers for tutoring during the school day.

What happened to Activity period?

Activity period will be a weekly 40 minute period allowing students to access the same clubs that were offered in previous years. Students will be able to participate in various clubs on club day. This schedule will also allow 7th and 8th grade students to participate in clubs which were unavailable to them last year.

Respectfully,

Matt Jioio
Principal