

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**7th grade Student Courses for 2017/18 school year**

Dear Parent & Student:

This letter outlines some information about the courses for 7th graders next school year. Please take time to read this carefully and mark your selections below. Most selections will be fulfilled but not guaranteed. If requests exceed the allowable class size, adjustments will be made by the school administration. Selections will be made by the administration for any student not returning his or her form. If you have questions, please call the school office at 910-347-2738.

**Elective Courses: (Please see the reverse side for course descriptions.)**

**Exploratory Choice #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exploratory Choice #2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exploratory Choice #3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exploratory Choice #4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Course Selection** \_\_\_\_\_

All 7th grade students will be assigned to the following classes: Homeroom, English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. They can also have a semester of Health/Physical Education. Band is only available if you also took it the previous year.

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE SELECTIONS: (Continued selection on back)**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND**

Students must have one year of band experience in order to participate in 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Band. Students will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances as part of their grade. They will also have the opportunity to audition for Onslow County Band and the Eastern District Band.

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EXPLORING CAREER DECISIONS**

This course is designed to provide an orientation to the world of work and introduces students to the skills needed for employment. Activities enable students to increase self-awareness and make wise educational and occupational decisions as they plan for career success.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EXPLORATORY LANGUAGE-CHINESE**

In this course, students will begin to explore China through customs, food, music, and tradition. Students learn to use and write basic Chinese words and phrases as well as write the Chinese alphabet. The students will participate in several Chinese cultural activities.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHORUS**

Chorus is a performance and skills based class through which students will learn to read music, sing, and experience a variety of music. Students are required to participate in concerts and there will be opportunities to audition for Honors, State, and County Chorus.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INTRODUCTION TO OFFICE PRODUCTIVITY (B)**

Students will learn to format advanced business documents, the basics of spreadsheets, the procedures for developing a multimedia Presentation and various methods for delivery and distribution of a presentation.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ADVANCED PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Advanced PE is a class that will be held mainly outside and will consist of individual and team activities to help improve one's health and physical well being. We will play team sports as well as work on personal health and well being.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GUITAR**

Guitar is a performance and skills based class through which students will learn to read and perform music. Students are required to participate in an end of semester performance.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE JAZZ**

Students must have a year of band experience in order to participate. This class introduces students to jazz-style music and playing techniques. Students will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances as part of their grade.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PIANO**

Piano is a performance and skills based class through which students will learn to read and play music. Students are required to participate in an end-of-semester performance.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EXPLORATORY LANGUAGE -SPANISH**

Let's start with the basics. Emphasis is on fun while being introduced to the Spanish language, mini topics and vocabulary focused on Central America

## **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VISUAL ARTS**

Students will explore a variety of art mediums. Topics generally include printmaking, clay coiling, pointillism, quilling, two-point perspective, and color theory. Students will discover art works and facts about various artists as well as exploring careers in the art field. Each class begins with daily drawing prompts followed by instruction and studio time.

## **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE TECHNOLOGY DESIGN AND INNOVATION (STEM)**

This middle school course focuses on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system. Through engaging activities and hands-on projects, students focus on understanding how criteria, constraints, and processes affect designs. Students develop skills in researching information, communicating design information, and reporting results. Activities are structured to integrate physical and social sciences, mathematics, English language arts, and art. Work-based learning strategies appropriate for this course include mentorship, school-based enterprise, service learning, and job shadowing. Apprenticeship and cooperative education are not available for this course. Technology Student Association (TSA) competitive events, community service, and leadership activities provide the opportunity to apply essential standards and workplace readiness skills through authentic experiences.

\*Due to potentially hazardous processes and equipment, a maximum enrollment of 20 is recommended.