

Student Name: _____

8th grade student courses for 2017/18 school year

Dear Parent & Student:

This letter is being sent to give you some information about the courses for 8th graders. 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 8th 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.

Parent Name (please print): _____

Daytime phone #: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

COURSE SELECTIONS:

8TH GRADE BAND

Students must have two years of band experience in order to participate in 8th 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.

8TH GRADE EXPLORING BUSINESS, MARKETING and ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This course allows students to explore the nature of business in an international economy and to study related careers in fields such as entrepreneurship, financial services, information technology, marketing, office systems technology, public relations and promotion, and travel and tourism. Emphasis is on using the computer while studying applications in these careers along with problem solving and thinking skills.

8TH 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.

8TH GRADE EXPLORATORY LANGUAGE -SPANISH

No prior study needed. This course will prepare students for further language study in high school.

8TH 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.

8TH GRADE OFFICE PRODUCTIVITY APPLICATIONS (C) (Computers)

We will cover: Spreadsheets - Charts and Advanced Functions, Databases – Understand the basics of databases and Desktop Publishing Basics
Understand business publications

8TH 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.

8TH 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.

8TH GRADE JAZZ

Students must have two years of band experience in order to participate. They will learn about jazz music and improvisation. Students interested in playing guitar, bass, piano or drums will need to audition. Students will be expected to attend all rehearsals and performances as part of their grade. They will also have the opportunity to audition for the Eastern Region Jazz Band.

8TH 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-the-semester performance.

8TH GRADE VISUAL ARTS

Students will explore a variety of art mediums. Topics generally include grid drawing, clay slab building, mixed media, interior perspective, color wheel mandalas and quilling. 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.

8TH GRADE HANDBELLS

Handbells 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.

8TH GRADE EXPLORING TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS (STEM)

This middle school course focuses on students' understanding how technological systems work together to solve problems and capture opportunities. As technology becomes more integrated and systems become dependent upon each other, this course gives students a general back ground on the different types of systems, with specific concentration on the connections between these systems. Art, English language arts, mathematics and science are reinforced. 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. Technology Design and Innovation is recommended as preparation for this course.

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