

2017-2018
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ENROLLMENT



Thunderbirds



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Parents,

The time has come to transition to eighth grade. Opportunities continue to open up around every corner. There will be opportunities to be involved, to learn, and to grow. We take great pride in our students, curriculum, and programming at the junior high. We look forward to working with you and your child as we move down this road together.

This packet has been prepared for your child. It has scheduling information unique to his/her team. It holds information about what happens, or is taught in elective classes and when they are offered. It also contains the form for filling out a practice schedule. An official form will be given to the student by their teacher to use on enrollment day. This year enrollment is April 11-13.

Each form from the enrollment packet is located on our Junior High website at jh.wcr7.org under Counselor's Corner. Feel free to look over the documents and/or print extra copies to have at home.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the counselors at 673-6030 or by email:

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or

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How you can help:

1. Talk with your child about the classes they wish to take next year.
2. Ask them if there are any particular classes they want to take at certain times of the day.
3. Talk with them about the choices they are making. Are they focusing on what will help them the most academically?
4. Help them make some plans in case their original plan does not work out.
5. Have them explain their choices to you.
6. Encourage your child to ask if they have questions or concerns. Don't hesitate to ask questions yourself if you need clarification.

8th Grade Elective Choices

Year Long Classes (2 semesters)

8th Grade Band: This is a year-long class designed to continue to work on fundamentals and developing a good concept of the band sound. It is divided into two ability-based bands. The 8th grade bands also perform at pep assemblies and continue the reinforcing basic marching skills. They will perform in parades and a field show. Students have the opportunity to participate in jazz band, solo and ensemble festival, and junior high honor band auditions second semester.

****Select Choir:** This is an advanced choir class that teaches more in depth concepts of music theory and performance. This is an auditioned group, and only students who make the group are allowed to sign up. In this class, you will sing a greater number of pieces of music, as well as more challenging pieces to help you grow as a musician. Additionally, as a member of this group you will be **required** to perform in the Junior High's musical in February each year you are a member. You also will have the opportunity to take a solo to contest, attend an honor choir event, and much more. Fees for this class cover t-shirts for performances and Silver Dollar City tickets. There will also be a required fundraiser for the musical.

****Show Choir:** Show Choir is an auditioned group only. This is a competitive singing and dancing group. We will attend several competitions starting in January and lasting until early March. We will also have several performances throughout the year. We will attend a music festival with opportunities for small groups and ensembles. This group will audition for Honors' Choir and perform at other special events. Fees for this class will cover costuming, t-shirts, and Silver Dollar City tickets. This class will also participate in the musical in February.

****Yearbook:** This is a course students must be selected to enroll in. The yearbook course has been designed to provide students with the journalism skills, and the ability to apply those skills to the actual production of the yearbook. Units of study include teamwork, responsibility, brainstorming, content, coverage, reporting, writing headlines, captions, editing, photography, typography, design, graphics, finances, yearbook campaigns, advertising and distribution. Students must have computer skills, and creative thinking skills, in order to create the pages of the yearbook with accuracy and professionalism.

****Tech Corp:** TechCorp is a by application ONLY class requiring students to make application for acceptance. Students will learn the latest in technology. They will be leaders in technology and are required to work hours or days when other students are off. They must be trustworthy, have a servant's heart, and love technology.

Semester Long Classes

8th Grade Choir: This class is designed to discover your voice, express yourself through singing, and prepare yourself for high school. This class has multiple concerts throughout the school year, attends a music festival and teaches the basics of music theory (identifying key words, time signatures, key signatures, reading rhythms, sight reading, etc.) to help students learn how to read and discover music at a higher level. This class allows opportunities for students to sing in a group or individually, take a solo to contest, attend an honor choir event, take part in a musical, and much more!

8th Grade Art: This class will be comprised of one quarter fine arts, and one quarter graphic design. The *Fine arts* part of class will include: Realism (Representing a person, thing, or situation accurately or in a way that is true to life: (in art and literature) the movement or style of representing familiar things as they actually are.), and Abstract Art (art that does not attempt to represent external, recognizable reality but seeks to achieve its effect using shapes, forms, colors, and textures.). Students will use the principles and elements of design on different art forms with emphasis placed on using problem solving and creative thinking skills to create original works of art. The *Graphic Design* (The art or skill of combining text and pictures in advertisements, magazines, or books.) portion of this class will all be done digitally on computers. Students will be required to upload images of family and friends to their school google drive, to use for an assignment. This class will include reading, and following step-by-step instructions.

8th Grade FACS: Family and Consumer Science is a comprehensive introduction to the various areas of Family and Consumer Sciences including but not limited to: Family Life and Relationships, Growth and Personal Development, Food and Nutrition, and Housing and Interiors. FACS is a fun way to learn about LIFE!

8th Grade Industrial Arts: Opportunities are provided for project construction in each of these areas with emphasis on safety, problem solving, and quality workmanship. Students are required to purchase safety glasses. Students are also responsible for additional expenses related to individual projects.

8th Grade ICT : (Information Communication Technology)

In this course, you will learn how to utilize all the tools of Google Drive, including creating documents, presentations, and the use of many other applications. You will learn how to find, evaluate, and use information online, all while maintaining your safety and proper Internet etiquette. You will also learn how to use such applications as iMovie and many other fun options such as web design! Finally, you will have the opportunity to enhance your typing skills in this course.

8th Grade Speech/Drama: During this course the student will have exposure to the areas of Drama and Speech. The student will review and develop additional skills previously learned from seventh grade drama and speech class. Focus areas will be: vocal qualities, speech presentations, stage styles, acting areas, stage presence, pantomime, improvisation, and theatre history. The students will be acting out several in class scripts they have written and also by playwrights.

8th Grade Digital Leadership: Love technology, and directing your own learning? Then, this is the class for you! As a responsible member of this class; you will have the opportunity to research, learn and write code, discover robotics, and build apps. All of this, while setting and achieving your own learning goals.

****Leadership:** Leadership is an invitation only class. Leadership is a course that provides opportunities to study, practice, and develop group and individual leadership and organization skills. This course helps to share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers and administration. Throughout the year we will help raise funds for school-wide activities. Members will participate in activities to help create and foster a positive school environment and help out the community. Regular Student Council Meetings for elected members will be held before school.

****Cardinal Tweets/Video Productions:** This is a course students must be selected to enroll in. It is designed to create fun and entertaining videos with all of the announcements for the entire school. The class is like a news station. We are in charge of filming and editing videos each week to show to the school. It is a very important class because the school depends on us for all of their announcements. We will learn many different computer skills along with other communication skills needed for creating a news broadcast.

****Teacher's Aide (TA):** Students may enroll in one semester as a Teacher's Aide to a specific teacher. Students must be selected by a teacher to work with them performing various tasks to help in that classroom and around the school. The student must communicate directly with that teacher to set up a specific block that works with the student and the teacher in order to enroll as a TA.

****Indicates the class requires permission**

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White 1	Homeroom	White 2	White 3	White 4	White 5
Social Studies	Homeroom	Social Studies	Social Studies	Communication Arts	Cardinal Time
Communication Arts		Communication Arts	Algebra	Math	
Math		Science	Science	Science	
Writing		Writing	Geometry	Writing	
Geometry		PT	Choir	Geometry	
Art		Digital Leadership	FACS	Industrial Arts	
Tweets		Drama	ICT	Drama	
Leadership		Yearbook	Drama	TechCorp	
			Industrial Arts	GEMS (Gifted)	

Red 1	Homeroom	Red 2	Red 3	Red 4	Red 5
Social Studies	Homeroom	Social Studies	Social Studies	PE	Cardinal Time
Communication Arts		Communication Arts	Communications Arts	Show Choir	
Math		Math	Math	ICT	
Science		Science	Science	Drama	
Writing		Writing	Writing	Art	
Geometry		Geometry	Geometry	Art	
PE		Choir	Industrial Arts	GEMS (gifted)	
Select Choir		Digital Leadership	Digital Leadership		
Digital Leadership		Digital Leadership	Digital Leadership		
Art					
Art			Band		

Required Classes

Year Long:

Math or Algebra (permission required for Algebra)
Communication Arts

Science

Social Studies

Writing

PE or PT

One Semester:

Geometry

Choose 3 Elective Classes

Year Long:

Band (counts as 2 electives)

One Semester:

Art

Drama

Industrial Arts

Digital Leadership

Must Have Permission:

Algebra

Tweets

TA-Teacher's Aide

Leadership

Yearbook (counts as 2 electives)

Select Choir (counts as 2 electives)

Show Choir (counts as 2 electives)

Tech Corps (counts as 2 electives)

GEM (Gifted) (counts as 2 electives)

Name: _____

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White 1	Home room	White 2	White 3	White 4	Cardinal Time
	Home room				Cardinal Time

Red 1	Home room	Red 2	Red 3	Red 4	Cardinal Time
	Home room				Cardinal Time

All schedules must include each of the following:

Math or Algebra I _____
 Science _____
 Social Studies _____
 Communication Arts _____

Writing _____
 Physical Education or PT _____
 1st Semester Geometry _____
 3 Semesters of Electives _____

*Permission is required for: Algebra I, Select Choir, Show Choir, Tech Corps, Leadership, Tweets, Yearbook, TA, GEM

Are you taking summer P.E.? Yes No