

# Holmes Middle School

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Dear Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians:

We will soon be scheduling 7<sup>th</sup> grade students into their 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses for next year. Counselors will meet with students to review course selections and the scheduling process. Please become involved in the process by discussing the course descriptions with your child and then completing the “Course Selection Sheet.”

Careful, thoughtful course choices are extremely important as your student enters the second year of middle school and as they prepare to move to the high school one year from now. Electives should be considered not just because they sound immediately attractive, but also for their potential for new experiences that could lead your child to a deeper interest to explore in high school. Good choices also depend upon the level of study habits that your child has shown during 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please discuss course choices carefully now because there will be very few changes available later.

All students will receive one full year of Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science and one semester of Physical Education. If your student enrolls in Instrumental Music for the entire year and also chooses a World Language, please be aware that there will not be enough time in his/her schedule for Physical Education. In this situation, do not fill in the Physical Education portion.

Middle school is a very important time in your child’s life. Thank you for your continued support, as we begin a new school year.

Sincerely,

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