

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attached to this letter, you will find a course sign-up sheet for your soon-to-be sixth grade student. Below, you will also find several details to help you and your child sign-up for sixth grade classes and begin to get excited about the start of the sixth-grade school year.

- On **Monday, May 9th**, we will host a sixth-grade orientation meeting for parents in our cafeteria from 7:00-8:00pm. At this meeting, you will learn about the sixth-grade schedule, meet the teachers, and get a chance to see our facility.
- On **Wednesday, May 11th**, fifth grade students will visit Maple Creek from 10:00-11:30am for a tour, an introduction to the school by the administrators, and lunch in our cafeteria.
- Please notice that all sixth-grade students will take English, math, science, social studies, physical education, and study hall. Each student has English for two periods a day (Language Arts and Reading), and these periods are linked to provide extra instructional time as students make the transition to middle school. In addition to these required courses, families will have the ability to choose one elective option. If your child has an interest in music, then I strongly recommend band and/or choir as these are both excellent programs. The nine-weeks rotation that is offered is also a great opportunity for students to learn about a variety of topics as they will rotate through these classes during the school year.
- There are two steps to registering for classes: online and hard copy. Each family should register for courses through Powerschool using the student's log-in information. Directions for how to sign-up for sixth-grade courses through Powerschool have been attached to this letter. **Please note that the window for course sign-ups will be open from April 18th-April 27th**. Once the window closes, students will be assigned courses based on availability. Hard copies of signed course registration sheets are also due back to your child's fifth-grade teacher by April 27th. A course description guide has been attached to this letter and provides short descriptions of each of the courses available to sixth-grade students.
- At the top of the course selection sheet, you will also find that we offer two advanced courses at the sixth-grade level. These courses are designed for students that have displayed strong performances in the areas of English and/or math in the past. It is also recommended that students who qualify and choose to take these courses have strong interests in the areas of their choosing. Should your child qualify for one or both of the advanced courses, it is important that your family discusses what is best for your child and makes a decision that is in his/her best interests. If a student does not qualify for an advanced course, or chooses not to enroll in an advanced course, then that does not mean that there will not be other opportunities in the future for such experiences.
- Students who are trying-out for show choir should select *choir* when signing-up for courses. Once the final selections are made for the group, Mr. Teeple will share the list with our guidance office, and students will be transferred into the show choir course as needed.

I hope that this information is helpful to you and your child as you complete the course sign-up process and begin to get prepared for the start of middle school. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our administrators or counselors:

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I hope everyone has a great end to the school year, and I look forward to meeting you on May 9th at sixth grade orientation!

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