



Dear Parents and Students of Grades 6-8

We think that it is critical for our program to include a cross section of enrichment classes, with adequate time to pursue and enjoy these classes in depth. In order to do so, we schedule all students in Grades 6-8 for an ENRICHMENT BLOCK, a double period that meets during seventh and eighth periods (1:30 2:10/ 2:10 2:50) on Thursdays throughout the school year. Students will have an opportunity to select classes from the Creative Arts Block (Art, Computers and Current Events), or the Performing Arts Block (Scene Study, MTS Chorus, Dance Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Music & Computers and African Drum Ensemble.)

Some classes will meet for a double period (Art, Computers. and Scene Study), while other classes (Boys' Dance, Girls' Dance, MTS Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Current Events, Music & Computers, and African Drum Ensemble will meet for one period and change to another class for the second period.

Anyone with questions about their selection may direct those questions to the school office or to Cathy Angelo. Please note that students will be scheduled according to their preference in descending order; i.e., 8th grade choices will be filled first, then 7th, and finally 6th. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for the Enrichment classes on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 31st, with the clear understanding that not all choices can be honored in the first trimester.

We encourage all 8th grade students who are interested in being involved in the Spring Musical to seriously consider enrolling in the Performing Arts Block (especially if they have not taken any of these classes in previous years), in order to gain some performance experience in the concerts that will be scheduled at the end of the first and second trimester. We encourage students in grades 6 and 7 to explore their artistic talents and try different classes.

We will certainly do our very best to satisfy the wishes of all students, but we reserve the right to schedule students as we see fit, taking into consideration all criteria involved in that decision. Class assignments will be based on: limited size for some classes, previous classes each student has taken, and assignments will be made to insure the very best overall program for all.

Enrichment classes begin on Thursday, September 1st, the first week of school. We hope that you will enjoy your Enrichment classes.