

SOME GENERAL QUESTIONS (AND ANSWERS) THAT WE HAVE BEEN ASKED OVER THE YEARS.

FOR BAND, WHAT IS A LOW WOODWIND AND A LOW BRASS INSTRUMENT? IF A PARENT RENTS AN INSTRUMENT AND THEY DECIDE TO GO TO BAND NEXT YEAR CAN THEY APPLY THE RENTAL TO THE PURCHASE OF THAT INSTRUMENT? Low woodwind and low brass instruments are very large, expensive instruments that are provided by the school. Examples are Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Baritone Horn, and Tuba. The students who play those usually have started on one of the five basic beginner instruments: flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, and trombone. A Clarinet student will be moved to bass clarinet, an alto sax student will be moved to tenor or bari, a trumpet or trombone player will be moved to baritone horn or tuba. Music & Arts is the company that rents instruments, and their rental program is a rent-to-own plan.

AS STATED ON THE FORM, DO NOT PURCHASE OR RENT AN INSTRUMENT UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL STARTS AND THEY FIND OUT THAT BAND FITS THE SCHEDULE. SOMETIMES IT WILL NOT FIT.

IT SAYS TO CONTACT MRS. UBER WITH ANY QUESTIONS...HOW LONG AFTER THE END OF SCHOOL DOES SHE WORK AND CAN THEY CONTACT YOU AFTER THAT IF THEY HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ANYTHING? We both check our email over the summer, however, schedule choices need to be made **PRIOR TO THE END OF JUNE** so we know how many sections to have, etc. In reality, we are starting to calculate the number of sections, teachers, etc. in mid-June. Thus this is why you have to make your selection and stick with it. If we were to allow changes, it would affect sections, numbers, and the hiring of staff.

LOOKING AHEAD TO GRADE 7, WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SPANISH I AND HONORS ALGEBRA I? Please reference the prerequisites to take these classes that are listed on the registration forms

DO THE STUDENTS HAVE TO PURCHASE A PE UNIFORM AND WHAT IS THE COST? Yes. That information will be on the supply list that goes home with the elementary report cards at the end of June.

HOW MANY TIMES A DAY CAN A STUDENT GO TO THEIR LOCKERS? WHEN? This varies from team to team and from year to year. This will be explained in detail to the students at orientation and the first few days of school.

WHAT SPORTS ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR?

Girls basketball: Tryouts first week of school (6th & 7th), Boys basketball: Tryouts mid November (6th & 7th), Softball: Tryouts mid to late February (6th & 7th), Baseball: Tryouts late February (6th & 7th) (This is not a scheduling/course selection question...this will be given out at orientation and the first week of school.)

TELL US ABOUT THE TEAMS? NAMES? HOW MANY? This changes from year to year. I know you all are would like to know this and get excited about it, however, we make changes over the summer and work on scheduling right up until the team names are posted on the windows by 5:00 P.M. the day before orientation. We just do not want to give out information that may change and thus confuse you even more.

STUDENT TAKE EITHER ALL ADVANCED CLASSES OR ALL STANDARD CLASSES, BASED ON THE QUALIFICATION (CRITERIA LISTED ON THE FORMS)? **Correct!**

**IF A STUDENT IS IN PAAS ART AND OR CHOIR...DO THEY HAVE TO TAKE PAAS ART AND OR PAAS CHOIR?
Yes, unless they are taking band, as band is a year-long course.**

HOW MANY CLUBS ARE THERE ? WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW DO YOU GET INTO THEM? **This information will be updated and available at orientation and thereafter. It changes each year and as such we have learned to only present current information as there is less confusion and disappointment!**

HOW LONG ARE THE CLASS PERIODS, DO THEY MEET EVERYDAY? **Class periods for core classes vary in minutes from team to team; this will be explained to your students during orientation and the first week of school. Core classes (English 6, Math 6, Science 6 and Social Studies 6) do meet everyday. Non-core classes, such as PE, Band, and all exploratory classes meet every other day for an hour and a half. This is always subject to change and, once again, varies by team and from year to year.**

We know and understand you and your child are curious and excited, and that is a great thing! Because so many things change over the summer (from one year to the next), we have learned that it is best to wait until orientation and the first week of school to answer most questions. Many things, as you have learned from reading the above questions and answers, change from year to year and vary from team to team. If you find after school starts that some of your questions have still not been answered, please be sure to contact us so we can do our best to find an answer for you.