

Welcome to Springhouse Middle School

6th Grade Parents' Night



Home of the Timberwolves

6th Grade Parents' Night Agenda

Springhouse Middle School

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Minotti

7th Grade Program Overview

Mrs. Steigerwalt

Math Selection

Mrs. Plattner

Program of Studies / Online Course Selection

Mr. Gross

Music Selection

Mrs. Reilly

Mr. Bauer

Health Requirements

Mrs. Troutman

Activities and Athletics

Mr. Bartman

Mrs. Thompson

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Middle School Links

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Parent Resources

Schoology Parent Portal

Parent Resources

[CLEVER Portal login instructions](#) – for all applications related to curriculum, log into Clever

[Student Google Apps login instructions from home](#)

[Volunteer Policy and Information](#)

[SCHOOLGY Portal login instructions](#)

Home Access Center

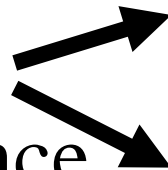
- Home Access Center
- Parent Home Access Center Information
- For HAC support, contact: hac@parklandsd.org

[Schoology Parent Portal](#)

Manuals

- Elementary School Student Handbook
- Middle School Student Handbook
- High School Course Catalog
- High School Course Registration Forms
- High School Student Handbook

View Grades
and
Attendance





Educating The Whole Child

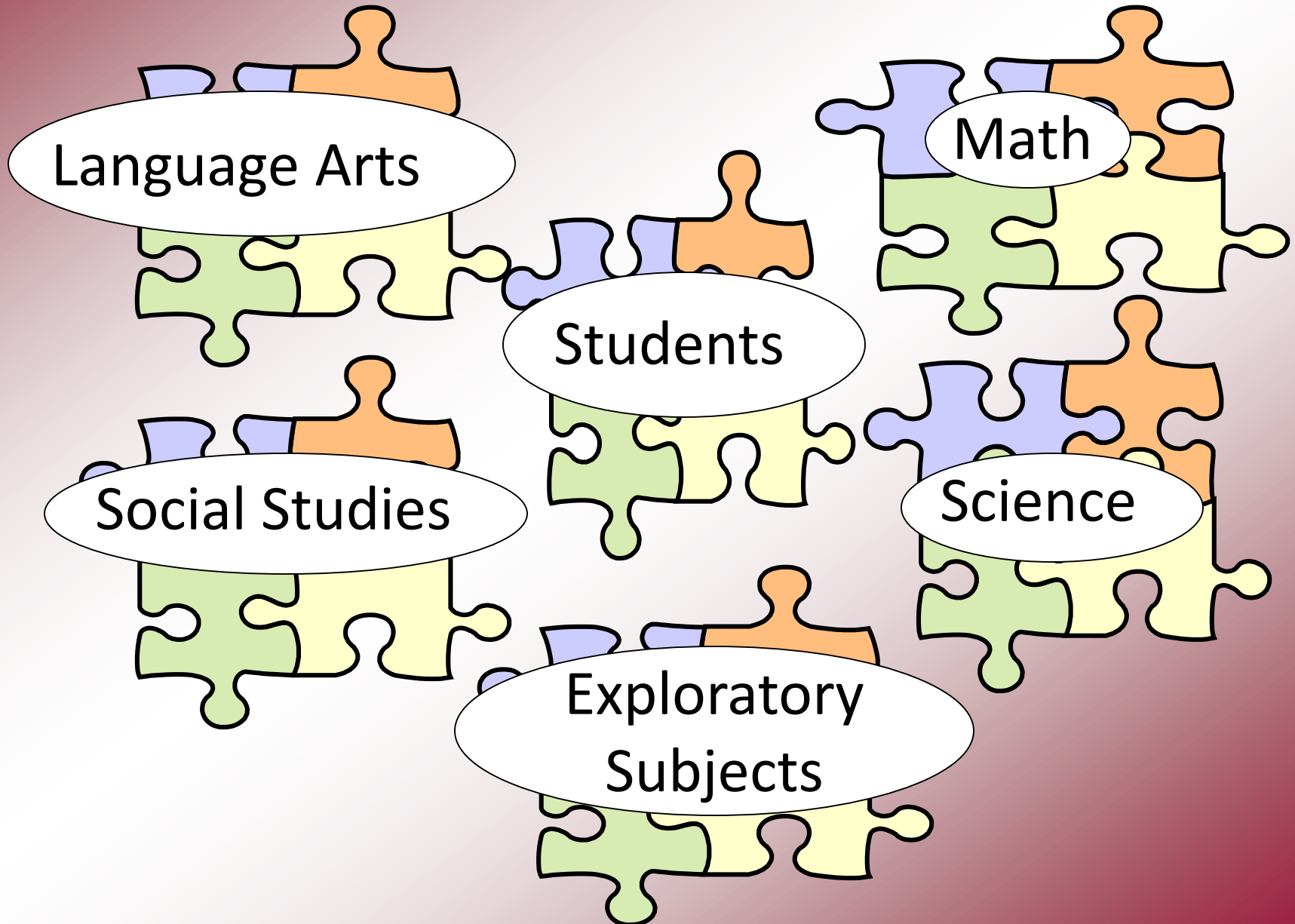
PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The Parkland Middle School is a collaborative effort of staff, students, and community which together cultivates the uniqueness of adolescents and addresses individual abilities, needs, talents, and interests through a challenging, integrated curriculum in a nurturing and safe environment.



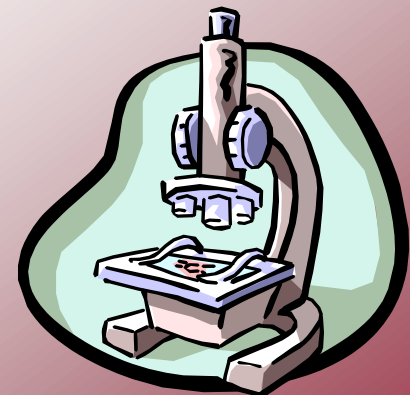
Teaming



7th Grade Program

Major Subjects

- Language Arts (GHP option)
- Social Studies (GHP option)
- Science (GHP option)
- Mathematics
 - Math Seminar 7
 - Pre-Algebra
 - Algebra 1



Critical Factors that Affect Student Decisions

Consider All Available Information



- ✓ **Individual Strengths and Needs**
- ✓ **Previous and Present Performance**
- ✓ **Study Skills and Work Ethic**
- ✓ **Future Goals and Direction**
- ✓ **Current and Planned Activities**
- ✓ **Recommendations**

Math Selections

- Math Seminar 7
- Pre-Algebra
- Keystone Algebra 1



Teacher Recommendations

Teacher recommendations are based on:

1. Algebra I Placement Test
2. Study Island Benchmark
3. Test/Quiz Average

The recommendation is the best way to determine how well your child would do in Algebra I and on the Keystone.

Parkland School District Mathematics Assessment

GRADE 6 ALGEBRA PLACEMENT TEST

- ✓ **Measures a Student's Knowledge Base and Readiness for Algebra Instruction**
- ✓ **Serves as a Predictor of Success for Various Levels of Algebra Instruction**
- ✓ **Individual Student Percentage Score**

Pre- Algebra Curriculum

- A. Real Numbers and Integer Operations**
- B. Variables and Expressions**
- C. Solving Linear Equations and Inequalities**
- D. Proportional Reasoning and Percentages**
- E. Graphing on the Coordinate Plane**
- F. Data Analysis and Probability**
- G. Geometry**

Keystone Algebra I Pre-Course Skills

Students entering Algebra I should have mastery of the following topics:

- Order of Operations with Rational Numbers
- Classification of numbers (Real, Natural, Whole, Integer, Rational, Irrational)
- Algebraic Properties of Real Numbers
- Variables and Expressions: Combining like terms, Distributive Property
- Solving multi-step equations
- Graphing on a coordinate plane
- GCF and LCM of monomials
- Scientific and standard notation

****Algebra I only preps for 50% of what is on the 7th grade PSSA****

7th Grade Program of Studies Related Arts

- **Exploratory Cycle**

Family Consumer Science

Technology Education

Music/Band/Chorus/Orchestra

Art

- **Phys. Ed./Health**

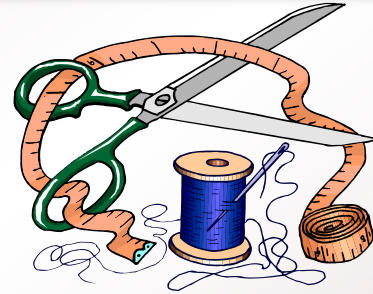
- **Information Technology**

- **Study Skills/Guidance/Media Center**

- **Intro. to World Languages/Reading Seminar**

- **Reading Preparation**

- **Mathematics Preparation**

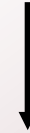


Lehigh County Career Pathways

K-5
Career
Awareness



6-8
Career
Exploration



Lehigh
County
Public
Schools

Choose a career pathway
from one of the following clusters:

- **Arts & Humanities**
- **Business and Communications**
- **Engineering/Industrial**
- **Health & Human Services**

Career Cruising

www.careercruising.com



- This web-based career exploration site is introduced in 7th grade guidance classes!
- Interest Inventory, School Searches, Hundreds of Careers to Explore, Scholarship Information and More...!

Online Course Recommendations

- Teachers enter course recommendations based on the child's academic performance during the first three marking periods of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Home Access will **ONLY** be open for parents **February 12-21** to review the recommendations.
 - If you would like your child to be scheduled for those courses, click **SAVE** on the *Select a Course screen*.
 - If after considering the teacher recommendations in addition to your child's abilities, you wish to choose a different course, you will need to remove the original √ from the request column and place a √ in the request column of the course you would to select. Then click **SAVE** on the *Select a Course screen*.
- On **February 22**, any student whose parent has not completed the registration process will automatically be scheduled for the teacher recommended courses.

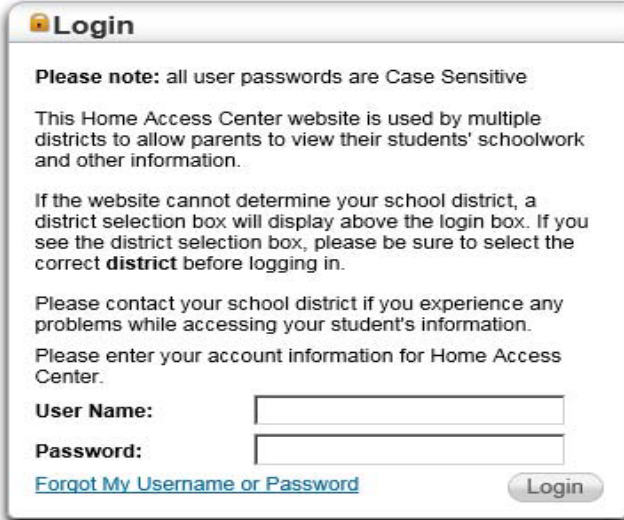
Online Course Recommendations

Home Access Center Questions? Email HAC@parklandsd.org

User names and passwords were mailed previously to the address of the student's guardian. If you are in need of your user name and password, please email HAC@parklandsd.org. Information regarding logins will not be provided by telephone.

Login to Home Access

1. Go to <http://pldhomeaccess.spihost.com>. Do not use a search engine such as Google or MSN to find the Home Access website.
2. The login screen opens. Log on with your user name and password.



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Login". The page contains the following text:

Please note: all user passwords are Case Sensitive

This Home Access Center website is used by multiple districts to allow parents to view their students' schoolwork and other information.

If the website cannot determine your school district, a district selection box will display above the login box. If you see the district selection box, please be sure to select the correct **district** before logging in.

Please contact your school district if you experience any problems while accessing your student's information.

Please enter your account information for Home Access Center.

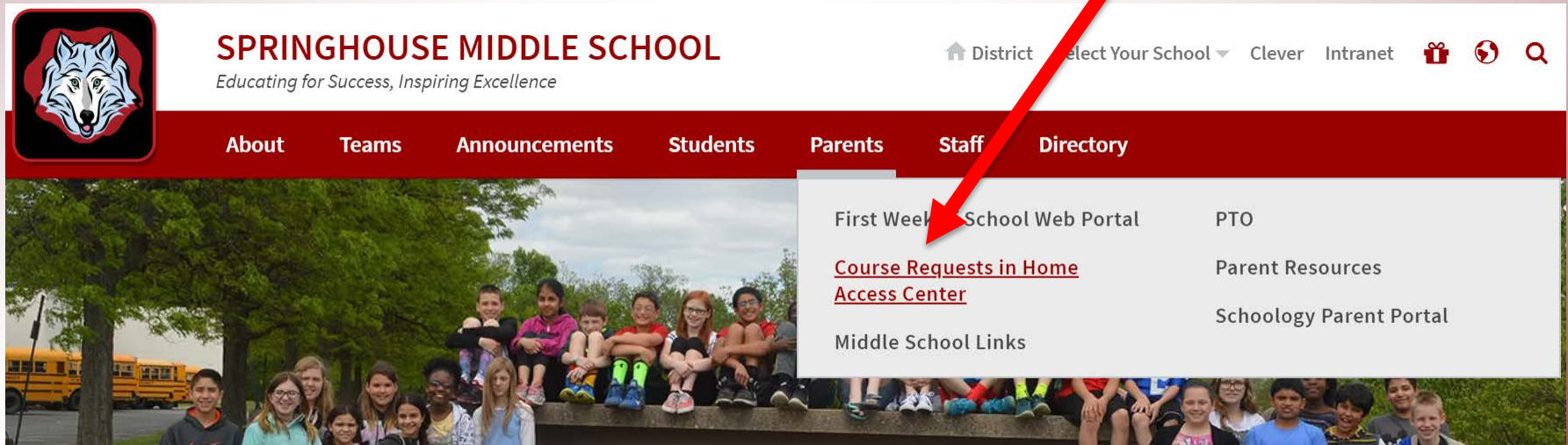
User Name:

Password:

[Forgot My Username or Password](#)

Online Course Recommendations

****For a complete set of Course Recommendation instructions, please visit the Springhouse Middle School website at <https://sms.parklandsd.org/> Click the Parents drop-down and Select Course Requests in Home Access Center****





Performing Music



- Band, Chorus & Orchestra are offered as a graded class.
 - Meet as a class during marking periods 2 and 5.
 - Two marking periods of Performing Music will satisfy music requirement for the school year.
 - Performing music groups may be taken in combination: Band/Chorus, Orchestra/Chorus, Band/Orchestra
- ** Students taking either Band or Orchestra must already know how to play a band or orchestra appropriate instrument well enough to be able to participate.****

General Music



- General music is designed to introduce students to the world of music:
 - 6th grade: Instruments and the Science of Sound
 - 7th grade: American Poplar Music
 - 8th grade: Classical Music History

*All grades of general music have both a music literacy and a performance component.

- Any student not in a Performing Music will be scheduled for General Music.
- Meets daily for one marking period.

Seventh Grade Health Requirements

✓ **Hearing Testing**

✓ **Immunizations**

➤ **State Requirements:**

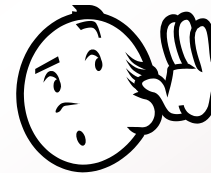
1) Tdap - tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis

2) MCV - meningitis

✓ **Dental Exams**

✓ **Scoliosis Checks**

✓ **Height, Weight, Body Mass Index & Vision**





Springhouse Middle School

Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Programs

“Be a part of SMS...
Get Involved!”



Co-Curricular Activities

Academic

- Accelerated Reading Program
- Envirothon
- History Day (7th and 8th grades)
- MATHCOUNTS
- Science Fair (7th and 8th grades)
- Spelling Bee
- Lift & Learn
- ASAP



Co-Curricular Activities

Literary/Communication

- Newspaper- The *Timberwolves*
- TV Studio – *S.U.N.N. TV*
- Yearbook

Theatre Arts

- Fall Play
- Spring Musical

Social

- Dances
- Field Day
- Game Night
- ARP Auction

Other Activities

Orchestra

Honors Orchestra (auditions)

Band

Jazz Band (auditions)

Chorus

Chorale (auditions)

Library Aides

Stage Crew

Student Council

Extra-Curricular Intramural Activities

INTRAMURAL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES:

- Sports and games played after school at Springhouse in friendly competition among Springhouse students --- just for fun.
- Activities may be open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.
- Activities run one, two or three afternoons per week and transportation is provided at 4:20 PM.

There is no set schedule for intramural activities. Interested students will be asked to sign up via the morning announcements.

Needed for participation: a signed parental permission slip before the first day of participation. Students may always join an activity in session.

Interscholastic Athletics

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS: Athletic teams, which compete after school against other middle school teams in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. These teams are picked on a competitive try-out basis. These sports are open to all 7th and 8th grade students. These teams practice every day until 4:15 PM and transportation home is provided.

Cheerleading	7 th and 8 th grade girls	Combined Team	Fall/winter	Spring sign-ups
Cross Country	7 th and 8 th grade students	Combined Team	Fall sport	Spring sign-ups
Dance Team	7 th and 8 th grade girls	Combined Team	Fall/winter	Spring sign-ups
Field Hockey	7 th and 8 th grade girls	Combined Team	Fall sport	Spring sign-ups
Football	7 th and 8 th grade students	Combined Team	Fall sport	Spring sign-ups
Girls Volleyball	7 th and 8 th grade girls	Combined Team	Fall sport	Spring sign-ups
Basketball	7 th and 8 th grade students	Boys & Girls Separate SMS Teams	Winter sport	Fall sign-ups
Wrestling	7 th and 8 th grade students	Combined Team	Winter sport	Fall sign-ups
Boys Volleyball	7 th and 8 th grade boys	Combined Team	Spring sport	Winter sign-ups
Softball	7 th and 8 th grade girls	SMS Team	Spring sport	Winter sign-ups

****Students are shuttled from Springhouse to their practice location if at another location**

Needed for participation: Signed parental permission form PLUS physician's examination BEFORE first practice. Physicals are provided by the Parkland School District, free of charge, if a student signs up during the preseason sign-up period.

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- **Sign-ups for Interscholastic Fall Sports** are held in May of the previous year.
 - Physicals in June/July
- **Sign-ups for Interscholastic Winter Sports** are held in October.
 - Physicals in October
- **Sign-ups for Interscholastic Spring Sports** are held in January.
 - Physicals in February

Dates and times are provided for all sign-ups via the daily announcements.

Thank you for coming

Springhouse Middle School



Administration

Dr. Michelle Minotti, Principal
Mr. Jeffrey Bartman, Asst. Principal
Mrs. Alison Thompson, Asst. Principal

Health Room

Mrs. Sara Troutman

Guidance

Mrs. Megan Bauer
Mr. Michael Gross
Mrs. Megan Jenkins
Mrs. Allison McPeck
Mr. Brian Barone, School Psychologist