



February 4, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Central Middle School offers a comprehensive, challenging curriculum for students in 6th through 8th grades. Our philosophy encourages exploration and we are excited to share with you our expanded elective options for your incoming 8th grader.

If you would like information about any of the courses at CMS, gifted services or other student support services, please refer to the [Curriculum Guide](#) on the CMS website. [Click here to access the online registration form](#). **Online registration is open from February 4<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Core Curriculum**

8th grade students are able to choose Core or Enriched Core for: English, Social Studies, and Science. Students are automatically registered for Health and Physical Education. In consultation with their current math teacher, students may choose between Algebra 8 and Honors Algebra 8. Students currently enrolled in Spanish Social Studies may select Core Spanish Social Studies or Enriched Core Spanish Social Studies on their registration form.

#### **Advanced & Accelerated Courses**

Students taking Advanced courses in 7th grade may select Advanced courses in 8th grade in the registration form. All other students may express interest in Advanced courses in the registration form. Students are qualified for Advanced courses based on specific entrance criteria which can be found in the [Curriculum Guide](#). Students currently enrolled in Honors Algebra 7 will be automatically registered for Honors Geometry.

#### **Fine Arts Electives**

- Music: 8th graders will continue in the same Music Elective they took in 7th grade. Music will alternate daily with Physical Education.
- Visual Art/Theater Art: Students have a variety of options to choose from for their required Visual or Theater Art elective.

#### **Pathway Elective**

New to CMS this year are the Pathway Electives. Students make one selection from each of the following Pathways: Business & Management and Engineering & Technology. These are semester long classes.

#### **World Language Elective**

8th grade students will automatically be enrolled in the same World Language option they had in 7th grade as this is a two-year commitment.

You will receive a registration confirmation email on March 5<sup>th</sup> with an opportunity to make changes to the courses you select. We look forward to partnering with you to further your student's education at CMS.

Sincerely,

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