

# PEMBROKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Parent Night: Transitioning to PCMS



*April 24, 2023*



**OUR MISSION:**

To ensure student achievement through excellence in teaching and learning.





Principal: Donna McGarrigle

Assistant Principal/Team Chair: Tom Walsh

Guidance Counselors: Erin Goitia & Danielle McLean

School Psychologist: Bryanna Kerr

Social Worker: Cheryl Larson

School Nurse: Joanne Earner

Secretaries: Alicia Clancy (Front Office)

Tracey Smith (Special Education/Guidance)

# PCMS: Three Schools into One

Bryantville  
Elementary School

n= 58

Hobomock  
Elementary School

n= 58

North Pembroke  
Elementary School

n= 56

**Seventh Grade**

**n= 172**



**CLASS of 2029**

# PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts



Current enrollment: 411 students

Next year's enrollment: **371** students

- Seventh graders: **172 students**
- Eighth graders: **199 students**

Team model:

- “school within a school”

Licensed content-area teachers

- ~35 faculty members





# PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts



**School day: 7:20 am – 2:10 pm**

**Early Release Day: 10:55 am dismissal (no lunch served)**

Students can enter the building at 7:10 am

- ★ Front door for drop-offs (G7)
  - Basketball courts (G8)
- ★ Bus drop offs
  - Cafeteria (G7) or Gym (G8)

Seven class periods a day

- ★ 48 minutes/class
- ★ Titan Study: 33 minutes
- ★ Lunch: 25 minutes



# PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts

## Students tardy after 7:20 am

- Students sign the tardy book in the front office
- Obtain hall pass

## Student Absence

- Parents should call in to report
- Send in a note the next day
- Automatic absence call later morning



## Student Dismissal

- Parent note
- Students identify which class they will be dismissed from

## Forgotten materials

- Drop off in front of building (parent drop off box)

# Courses [daily]

**ELA:** standard & accelerated

**Math:** standard & accelerated

**Science 7:** Contact Forces; Thermal Energy; Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis; Ecosystem Dynamics & Biodiversity; Earth's Resources & Human Impact; Natural Hazards

**Social Studies 7: Social Studies 7:** Ancient Civilizations and the Geography of Asia and Europe. Students complete a major research paper project in the Spring. The course ends with a study of Republican Democracy in Rome.



# World Languages:

French  
Spanish



2 years of middle school language =  
1 year of high school language

Some students may be recommended  
for Honors levels in high school.

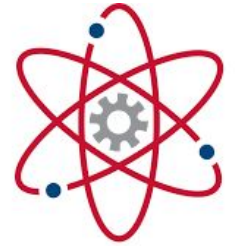


**World  
Languages**



# STEM LAB

[every other day: 90 days/year]



Students use math, science and technology to solve real world problems. Many hands on activities and cooperative group work. Designed to improve critical thinking and problem solving skills.

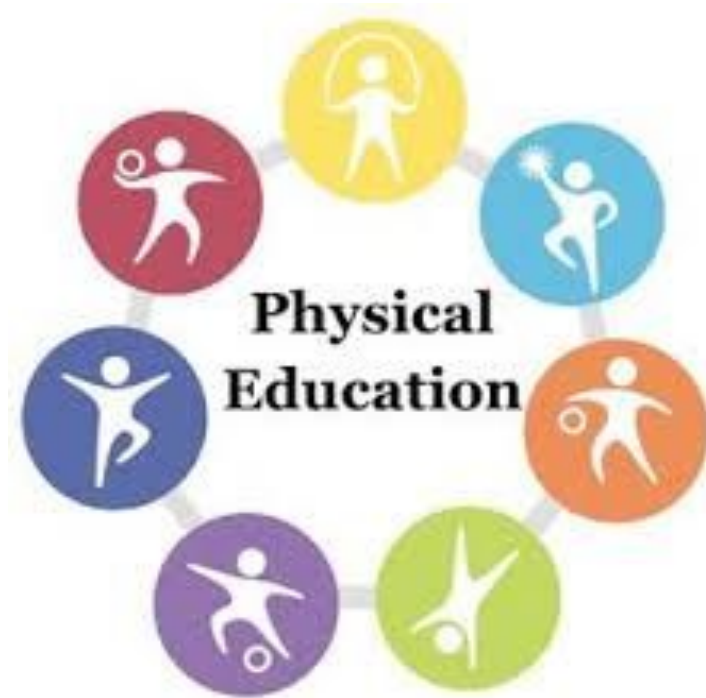
We use the Project Lead the Way Design & Modeling curriculum as one of the major units.

Students end the unit by designing a therapeutic toy for a child with cerebral palsy.

# Physical Education

[every other day: 90 days/year]

Students participate in a variety of activities, many team-based, like basketball, volleyball, badminton, handball, and floor hockey.



# Two elective routes:

**Band 7**

**Term  
electives**



# BAND

**\*taken in place  
of term electives**



- ★ Band meets for 150 classes/year
- ★ Increased expectations for sight reading & independent playing
- ★ Student perform in PCMS & district-wide concerts
- ★ Providence Bruins (fall) & Six Flags (spring) performances



## **Term electives**

- 1. Art 7**
- 2. General Music**
- 3. Engineering: Simple Machines**
- 4. Service Learning & Civic Engagement**



Term Electives

# ART 7

Students produce meaningful & unique drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures, etc.

**Mediums:** water color, acrylic paint, clay, pastels, pen & ink, foil



Term Electives

# ART 7





Term Electives

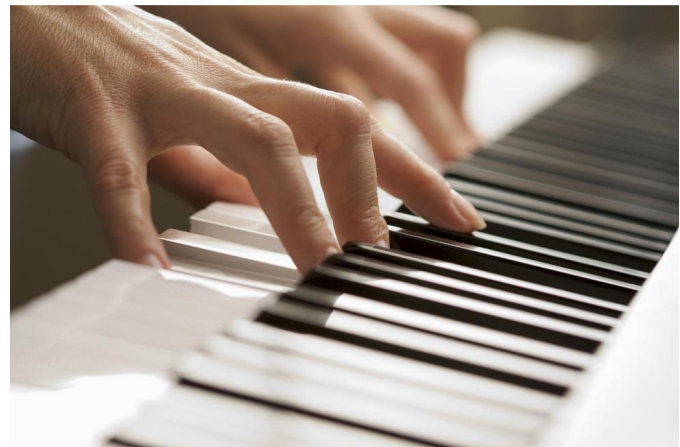
# ART 7



Term Elective

# GENERAL MUSIC

An exploratory class that offers students an opportunity to create, connect, perform, and respond to music. Students learn to play keyboard, guitar, bass, and a variety of percussion instruments.



# Service Learning & Civic Engagement

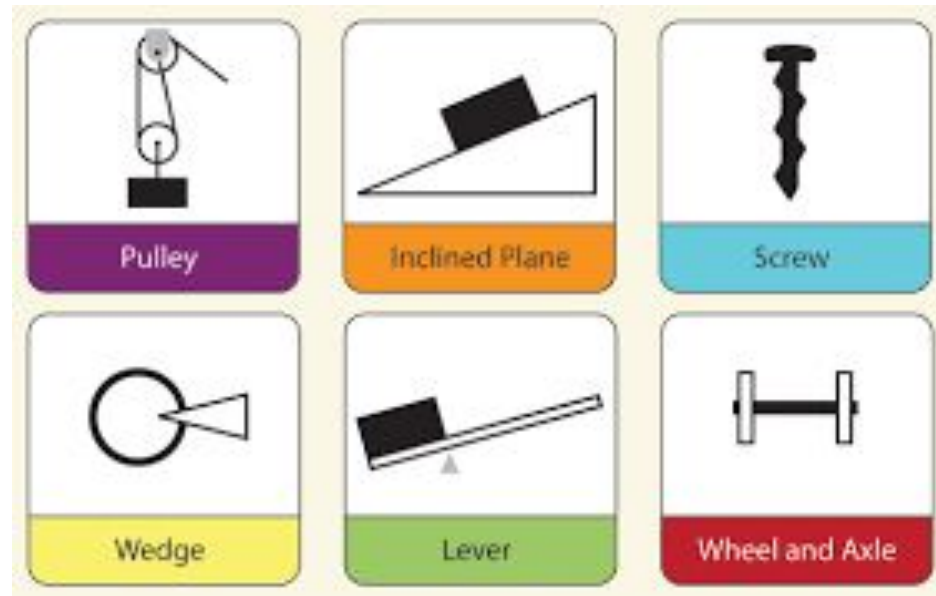


Students identify and research civic issues (at the local, regional, state, national, or global level). Students work collaboratively to explore the root causes and develop an action plan to address that issue.



Term Electives

# ENGINEERING: SIMPLE MACHINES



Students use six simple machines throughout the course. Students use the Engineering Design Process to brainstorm, create and test machines like balloon cars, grape catapults. The course will end in a final project of a Rube Goldberg (chain reaction) machine.



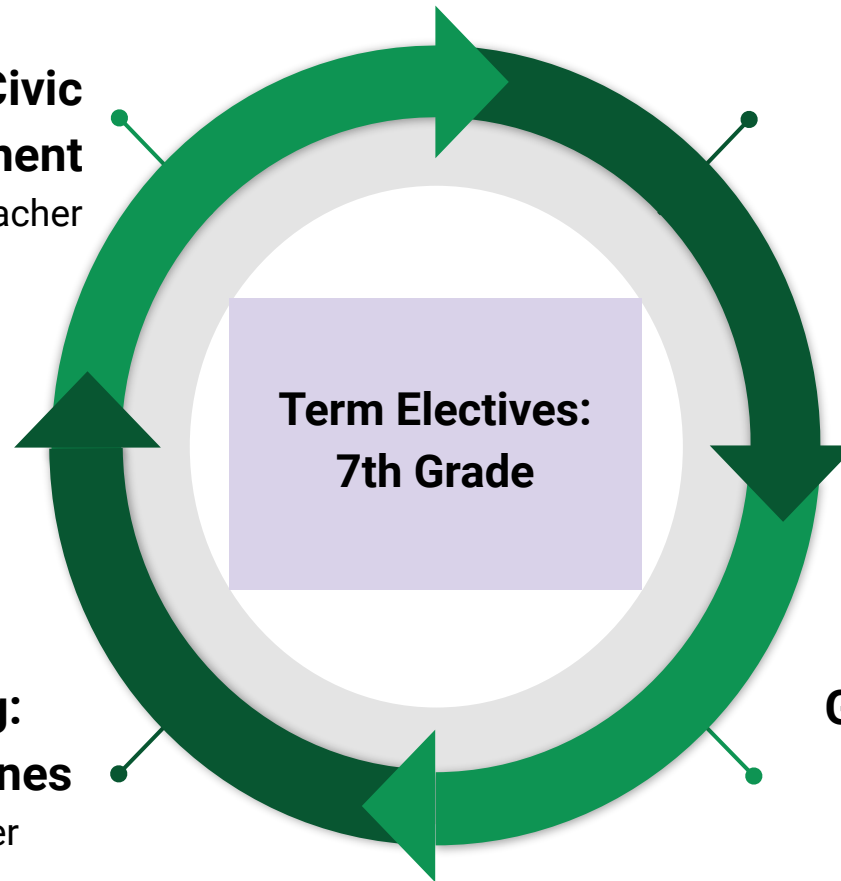
# 7th grade term electives: rotation

**Service Learning & Civic  
Engagement**  
Social Studies teacher

**Art 7**  
Art teacher

**Engineering:  
Simple Machines**  
Science teacher

**General Music**  
Music teacher





**These classes will  
meet several times  
a week in place of  
Titan Study.**

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**Sign-ups in the fall**

## **Orchestra**

Orchestra students will continue to develop their music reading and playing skills. Students will have the opportunity to select popular or rock music to perform.

## **Chorus**

Students will have the opportunity to sing popular & a capella songs. No prior experience needed.

# Want to learn more about our courses?



## PCMS Program of Studies 2023-2024

# Yikes! Middle School





# Middle School Supports



*“The answer lies in preventing [...] failures, not in looking for better ways to fix the people who are failing.”*

**William Glasser, Choice Theory**

# Middle School Supports



## **Literacy (Title I support class):**

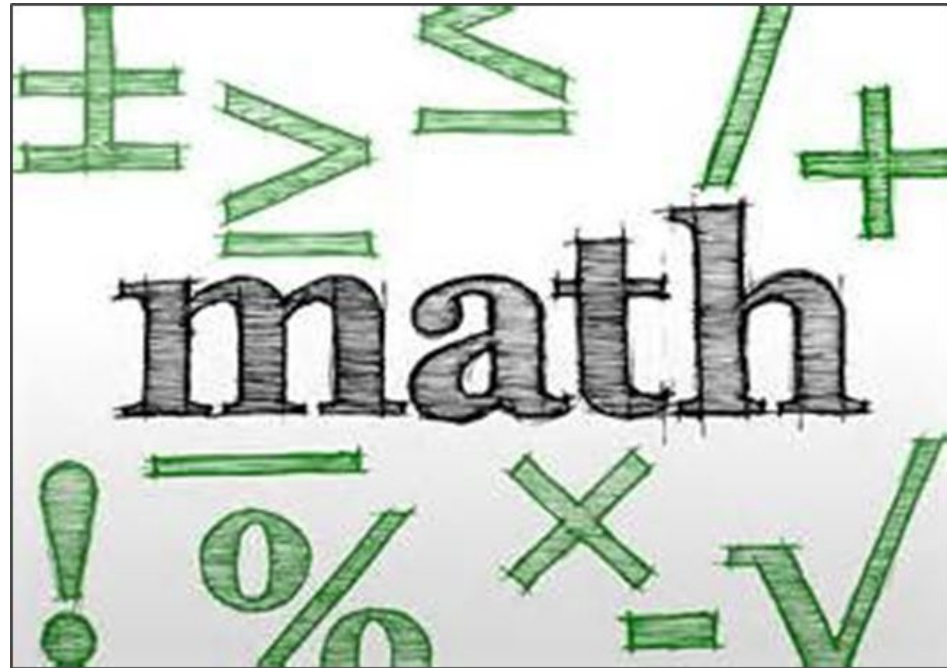
A small-group class, focused on strengthening reading, fluency, vocabulary, and writing skills. Students are identified based on teacher recommendations and assessment scores.

# Middle School Supports

## Math Foundations

### (Title I support class):

A small-group math class, focused on strengthening mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills. Students identified based on teacher recommendations and assessment scores.



# Middle School Supports

## Titan Study



Daily 33 minute block

Used for extra support & enrichment

Assigned to a smaller 'home base'  
~ 14-15 students

Teachers can pull students from other rooms to make up tests, provide extra help etc.

# Middle School Supports



**KID DAY:** Team teachers, counseling staff and administrations meet weekly to discuss and review any student concerns.

**STUDENT UPDATE MEETING:** Principal, assistant principal, school nurse, and counseling staff meet weekly to review and discuss student concerns.

# Middle School Supports

- ★ School (Guidance) Counselors
- ★ School Psychologist
- ★ Social Worker



~available to provide emotional, academic and/or organizational support

~ small skills groups

~ resources for parents





# Middle School Supports: School Counseling



**G7 School Counselor: Ms. Danielle McLean**



~your child's counselor throughout middle school

~guidance check-ins 4x/year (typically after progress reports)

~weekly guidance class

~ student check-ins for emotional, academic, organizational support.



# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

(30 days/year)

Taught by school counselors

Curriculum supports student development in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and career exploration skills.

- ★ Bullying & Social Conflict/Teasing
- ★ Study Skills
- ★ Career Exploration
- ★ Making Healthy Choices

# **PCMS Courses:**

## **6-day, 7 period schedule**



1. ELA
2. Math
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. World Language or Literacy/Math Foundation
6. Stem Lab and Physical Education (every other day)
7. Electives and 21st Century Skills

# PCMS Sample Schedule

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
period	HOMEROOM (10 minutes)					
1	ELA					
2	Math					
3	Social Studies					
4	Science					
	G7 Lunch (25 minutes)					
	G7 Titan Study (33 minutes)					
5	World Language or Literacy/Math Foundations					
6	PE	STEM Lab	PE	STEM Lab	PE	STEM Lab
7	21st Century Skills	Term 1 elective	Term 1 elective	Term 1 elective	Term 1 elective	Term 1 elective

# Rotating Schedule



- ★ Students are walked through the schedule and how it works.
- ★ After daily 10 minutes homeroom, Day 1 starts with period 1 followed by period 2, then period etc.
  - Day 2 starts with period 2 followed by period 3, etc.
- ★ Allows all content areas to be taught at different times of the day.
- ★ If late, students do not miss the same class.



# PCMS Rotating Schedule

PCMS 22.23	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
Titan Homeroom 7:20-7:30	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
Block 1 7:20-8:18	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Block 2 8:18-9:06	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7
Block 3 9:06-9:54	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1
Block 4 9:54-10:42	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2
LUNCH & TITAN STUDY	G7 Lunch: 10:42-11:07   G7 Titan Study: 11:07-11:40 G8 Lunch: 11:15-11:40   G8 Titan Study: 10:42-11:15					
Block 5 11:40-12:34	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
Block 6 12:34-1:22	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Block 7 1:22-2:10	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5

# Academics



## Quarterly report cards


- ★ 4 terms
- ★ 45 days per quarter
- ★ Progress reports mid-term

## Academic Recognition

- ★ **High Honors:** 90% or better in all classes
- ★ **Honors:** 80% or better in all classes

# Course Registration

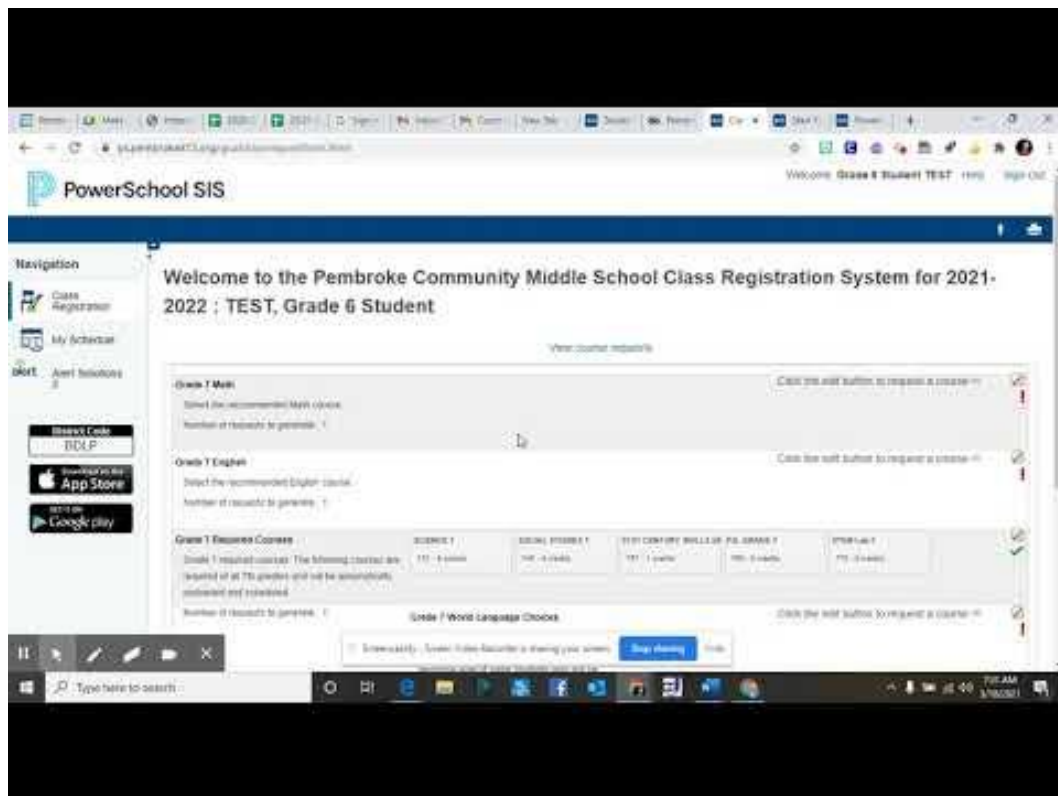


- ★ PCMS staff will go to the elementary schools on May 2 to register students for classes.
- ★ If parents/guardians prefer to register their child themselves beforehand, they should use the login information shared during parent/teacher conferences.
- ★ Contact PCMS if you need help 

Schedule is created in the late spring & early summer

- ★ Students not more likely to get requests with earlier registration

# Registering in PowerSchool: Tutorial



[Registering for PCMS G7](#)

# PowerSchool: Student Information System

To log into the PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal, you will need the school's PowerSchool Portal URL, your child's username, and your child's password. This information is located in the box below.

**Student:** NAME

**URL:** <https://www.pembrokek12.org/>



**Student Username:** XXXXXXXXX



**Student Password:** XXXX





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ps.pembroke12.org/guardian/home.html

PowerSchool SIS

Welcome, **Grade 6 Student TEST** | [Help](#) | [Sign Out](#)

Navigation

- Class Registration
- My Schedule
- Alert Solutions 2

District Code  
BDLP

Download on the App Store

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## Grades and Attendance: TEST, Grade 6 Student

Grades and Attendance

Type here to search

53°F 10:19 AM 4/27/2022

New Tab x Class Registration x Untitled document - Google Doc x +

ps.pembroke12.org/guardian/requestform.html

## Welcome to the Pembroke Community Middle School Class Registration System for 2022-2023 : TEST, Grade 6 Student

[View course requests](#)

**Navigation**

- Class Registration
- My Schedule
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**Grade 7 Math** Click the edit button to request a course →

Select the recommended Math course.

Number of requests to generate : 1

**Grade 7 English** Click the edit button to request a course →

Select the recommended English course:

Number of requests to generate : 1

**Grade 7 Required Courses**

Grade 7 required courses. The following courses are required of all 7th graders and will be automatically preloaded and scheduled.

Number of requests to generate : 1

<b>SCIENCE 7</b> 731 - 4 credits	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES 7</b> 740 - 4 credits	<b>21ST CENTURY SKILLS GRADE 7</b> 757 - 1 credits	<b>P.E. GRADE 7</b> 765 - 0 credits
<b>STEM Lab 7</b> 770 - 0 credits			

**Grade 7 World Language Choices** Click the edit button to request a course →

Please choose one of the following as your first choice for foreign language. All students select a language even if some students may not be scheduled for a language if not recommended.

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## Grade 7 Math

Select the recommended Math course.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACCELERATED MATH 7	706		4		Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH 7	705		4		Recommended Grade6 Teacher

&lt;&lt; first &lt; prev 1 next &gt; last &gt;&gt;

! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay

preloaded and scheduled.

STEM Lab 7  
770 - 0 credits

Grade 7 World Language Choices

Click the edit button to

## Grade 7 English

Click the edit button to request a course

Select the recommended English course:

## Grade 7 English

Select the recommended English course:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACCELERATED ENGLISH 7	700		4		Recommended Grade6 Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGLISH 7	701A		4		Prerequisites have not been met

&lt;&lt; first &lt; prev 1 next &gt; last &gt;&gt;

! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay

Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective

Number of requests to generate : 1

### Grade 7 World Language Choices

Please choose one of the following as your first choice for foreign language. All students select a language even if some students may not be scheduled for a language if not recommended.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	GRADE 7 FRENCH IA	751		4	<a href="#">Click to sort ascending</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GRADE 7 SPANISH IA	752		4		

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to  
request a course

Number of requests to generate : 1

### Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective

Check the box to be placed in the full year Band 7 elective. Skip this section if you do not want to be placed in Band 7.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	BAND 7	781A		0		

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✓ You may select up to 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay

scheduled for a language if not recommended.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to  
request a course



We have many free after-school clubs. Clubs start after the first few weeks of school.

Examples: Best Buddies, Spanish, Cooking, Jazz Band.

- Students can also recommend new clubs.

Our drama clubs performs a musical each year

**Late buses** (with paid bus pass):

~Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays





# Sports

Basketball, unified basketball,  
volleyball, track & field,  
cross country

PCMS student athletes compete against other local schools.

## PCMS SPORT USER FEES\*:

- ★ **\$50** for one child, one sport
- ★ **\$100** for one child, unlimited PCMS sports
- ★ **\$385** cap for a family with multiple athletes from PCMS & PHS

*\*subject to change*



**Mid/Late August:** Schedules will be mailed home along with other important beginning-of-the-year information

**Late August:** School tours

**First day of school:** Extended Titan Time period to begin our day and get students acclimated.



# QUESTIONS?

Transitioning to middle school can be challenging and exciting! We are happy to answer any questions you may have. 😊 Please email.

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