



# Oak Prairie Junior High School

*Home of the Bulldogs*  
Will County School District 92

Sue Forcash, Principal  
Scott Nyssen, Assistant Principal

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January 16, 2024

Dear 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Student/Parent/Guardian:

It is time to start the registration process for eighth grade.

The Junior High schedule consists of 8 classes. Each student will take 5 required courses, PE/Health, and will choose either 2, 3 or 4 electives depending on if they are semester or one-year courses. **7<sup>th</sup> grade semester courses may not be repeated.** Students may select a second year of Spanish, Choir, Band or STEM Lab. Eighth grade courses follow:

- **REQUIRED: Math, Reading, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies**
- **REQUIRED: Physical Education (3 Quarters)**
- **REQUIRED: Health (1 Quarter)**
- **ELECTIVE CHOICE #1 2 one-year elective courses,**  
**OR**
- **ELECTIVE CHOICE: #2 1 one-year elective and 2 semester elective courses,**  
**OR**
- **ELECTIVE CHOICE: #3 4 semester elective courses**

We have worked hard to enhance the elective course offerings at Oak Prairie and are confident that your child will find many of these interesting. **All elective choices are pending Board of Education approval, available space, scheduling and staffing.** We do our best to give students their top selection, but it is not always possible.

**Please complete the attached elective form and turn in to your child's Social Studies teacher by January 31, 2024. Students will be entering their selections electronically in school.**

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at Oak Prairie, 815-836-2724.

Sincerely,

Susan Forcash, Principal

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FULL YEAR ELECTIVE COURSES 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Beginning Band**- This course choice is designed for the student who is interested in playing a band instrument. This year long course allows students to select a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument and progress through the band curriculum. No prerequisite required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Concert Band**- This elective choice is designed for students continuing on their band instruments. Students will be placed in their respective grade level ensembles. Students must have completed Beginning Band.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Choir**-This choice is designed for the student who enjoys singing and has an interest in the choral program. Choir is designed to help singers improve their vocal skills, expand musical understanding and increase their personal growth. Students do not need to have had previous singing experience.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Spanish A/B**-This course is designed for students who have an interest in learning a second language. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in Spanish B in eighth grade. (*The completion of Spanish A and B content is equivalent to one year of Lockport Township High School Spanish*).

### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SEMESTER ELECTIVE COURSES 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

#### ART

- \_\_\_\_\_ **3-D Art**-This semester course will cover skills related to 3-dimensional art using a variety of media and sculpting techniques.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Digital Art**-This semester course will cover graphic design and creating artwork using digital photography, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, graphic tablets, scanners and iMovie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Art II**-This course will expand on concepts taught in 6<sup>th</sup> grade art rotation. A special emphasis will be placed on drawing and painting skills.

#### MUSIC

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Music Production**-This semester course will explore notation and sequencing software available for music composition. Students will be using MIDI controllers, Garage Band software, creating written music in Noteflight and orchestrating music for their own commercials with iMovie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Guitar**-This semester course will teach basic guitar skills: students will learn the open strings, approximately 15 chords, basic strumming techniques, how to read notation and tablature, and compose a 16-bar piece. Students do NOT need to own a guitar in order to take guitar class.

#### TECHNOLOGY

- \_\_\_\_\_ **STEM Lab**- This semester course will offer students relevant project-based/problem solving activities that integrates Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) study. Each semester is unique and students will not repeat curriculum; could be taken all year based on availability and instructor approval.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **STEM Lab (full year)** – This course can be taken as a full year. Please indicate here if you are requesting the full-year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Computer Applications**- This semester course will guide students through digital publishing, in-depth-Microsoft Office, (Office, Excel, Power Point), Google Docs, iMovie, Comic Life, Career Exploration, Digital Broadcasting and publishing an online News Magazine. Digital Citizenship and online safety will also be covered.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Computer Media Production** - This semester course is designed to guide students through Web Design and Digital Graphics. Students will learn to think in a logical manner and problem solve in Alice's 3D animation software (Alice 2.4) and be introduced to Object Oriented Computer Programming through story telling. In depth career and college preparation will also be explored.

#### CULTURAL STUDIES

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Discovering Language and Culture**- This semester course will provide an introduction to several languages including their related cultures and geographies.

All sheets are due to your Social Studies teacher by January 31, 2024