Student Name: _____ Advisory: _____

8th Grade Registration Form

Step 1: Select Your Preferences

DIRECTIONS: Select BAND or ORCHESTRA or NONE. Then write in your preferences for your elective classes. Your point total should add up to 12 points at the end. Classes you do not prefer should not be included anywhere on the worksheet.

REQUESTS: These are your TOP CHOICES. Pay close attention to the point totals, your point total should equal 12 and then you're complete.

ALTERNATES: These are your BACK-UPS. If, for whatever reason, you're not able to be scheduled into one of your requests your alternates will be used. DO NOT inculde classes you do not wish to take.

Step 2: Complete the Worksheet

Year-long Courses		Semester-long Courses	
Every-other-day		Art	2 points
Choir	4 points		
Every-day		Guitar	2 points
French	8 points		
		Keyboarding	2 points
German	8 points		
		Sew What More	2 points
Spanish	8 points		
		Fun. Foods 2	2 points
		Manufacturing	2 points
		Business	2 points
		STEM	2 points

REQUESTS (These are your TOP CHOICES)

Circle One: **BAND** | **ORCHESTRA** | **NONE**

*Please Note: You DO NOT have to fill up all of the boxes. Your POINT TOTAL is more important than filling up the boxes.		Points
	Total Points	12

ALTERNATES (These are your BACK-UPS)

*Please Note: You DO NOT have to fill up all the boxes	

Student Signature

Advisor (Homeroom Teacher) Signature

John Muir Middle School

8th Grade Electives - "At-A-Glance"

2023-2024 School Year

Course Name	Course Description	Meets	Prerequisites	Fees
Band	Do you need a break in the school day to move your muscles, challenge your brain, be with your friends, and create something totally awesome?! If so, then you need to join the 8th grade band! In this high-energy and fun class, we will continue to rock out with your previous learning in 6th and 7th grade band, such as technical playing skills, tone production, and expanding our note and rhythmic capacity through music theory. However, participating in the 8th grade band is much more than just learning an instrument: it is also a GREAT place to build friendships, work as a team, and practice important life skills such as time-management, responsibility, and performing in front of other people. The awesome performance opportunities throughout the school year specific to the 8th grade band will include three concerts; one at Wausau West, Pisca's Army of ROCK, Jazz Band, District Solo and Ensemble Festival, State Honors Ensemble, and the Wisconsin Valley State Honors Band. Let's get Loud!	*Every-other day for the entire school year *Scheduled during resource time, NOT the allied block.*	*Students with no experience may have to enroll in summer lessons*	*Instrument Rental or Purchase*
Orchestra	Explore the power of music in eighth grade orchestra! In this grade level, students have the chance to further develop their musical skills and knowledge playing violin, viola, cello or bass, in rehearsals and small group lessons. The course of study in eighth grade orchestra is focused on further advancing technical skills and tone production. Several concerts are held during the course of the school year. Additional topics covered may include music history, music theory, even composing music on your instrument! Other exciting performance opportunities for eighth grade orchestra students include – Chamber Orchestra, District Solo and Ensemble Festival, and Middle Level Honors Orchestra.	*Every-other day for the entire school year *Scheduled during resource time, NOT the allied block.*	*Students with no experience may have to enroll in summer lessons*	*Instrument Rental or Purchase*
Choir	Choir provides a unique opportunity to sing, to perform, and to build relationships with others in an ensemble setting. We will continue to develop skills in reading music, singing with a proper tone, using correct diction and posture, and most importantly, expressing emotion through singing! Choir students are required to perform in two evening concerts. Students will also have an opportunity to participate in the District Solo and Ensemble Festival, Singing in Wisconsin, and could audition for the Pop/Jazz Choir and Middle Level State Honors Choir. Come and have some fun with us!	*Every-other day for the entire school year*	None	None
French	This year-long course presents the French language in realistic cultural situations that are part of the French speaking world. Students will develop the vocabulary needed for communicating about friends, school, sports and hobbies, food and cafes, family, and shopping. Students will begin to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing French. They will have the opportunity to do skits, sample French foods, sing songs and use technology. Students who continue their French studies to level 5 at Wausau West will have the option to take dual credit with the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay. The successful completion of 8th grade French will enable students to progress to level 2 of the language in high school and will also fulfill one year of high school level foreign language.	*Every day for the entire school year*	None	None
German	This year-long course presents the German language in realistic cultural situations that are part of the German speaking world. Students will develop the vocabulary needed for communicating about friends, school, sports and hobbies, food and restaurants, family, and shopping. Students will begin to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing German. They will have the opportunity to do skits, sample German foods, and use technology. The successful completion of 8th grade German will enable students to progress to level 2 of the language in high school and will also fulfill one year of high school level foreign language.	*Every day for the entire school year*	None	None
Spanish	This year-long course presents the Spanish language in realistic cultural situations that are part of the Spanish speaking world. Students will develop the vocabulary needed for communicating about friends, school, sports and hobbies, food and restaurants, weather, and family. Students will begin to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. They will have the opportunity to do skits, sample Spanish/Mexican foods, and use technology. The successful completion of 8th grade Spanish will enable students to progress to level 2 of the language in high school and will also fulfill one year of high school level foreign language.	*Every day for the entire school year*	None	None
Art	The unique design of 8th grade Art class is that it keeps the Art student in mind. Whether your passion is Art or you are career minded in Art this class works for you. Eighth grade art is an exciting class exploring a wide variety of media and subject matters. This class focuses on the individual's creativity and problem solving as you will work two-dimensionally and three-dimensionally. You will explore multiple mediums from paint to clay, and several more exciting art projects. We will explore Art and artists intent from around the world while learning Art history and appreciation.	*Every-other day for one semester*	None	None
Music Connections: Guitar	*Join us for a hands-on approach to learning music!! Making music provides our minds and body an opportunity to learn in a fun and exciting way. In this class, students will learn and perform on guitars beginning at their own level. This is a course where students are required to be responsible, independent learners. If you want to continue to develop your guitar skills, this is the music class for you!*	*Every-other day for one semester*	None	None
Music Connections: Keyboarding	Join us for a hands-on approach to learning music!! Making music provides our minds and body an opportunity to learn in a fun and exciting way. In this class, students will learn and perform piano music on keyboards beginning at their own level. This is a course where students are required to be responsible, independent learners. If you want to continue to develop your piano skills, this is the music class for you!	*Every-other day for one semester*	None	None
FCE: Sew What More	*The Sew What MORE course is designed to give students additional opportunities to explore machine sewing and project work. Students will continue to use patterns, vocabulary, and sewing tools and techniques to develop new skills as they select a construction project to focus on while gaining more independence with machine work. Students will be allowed the choice of a zippered duffel bag or clothing project. Students signing up for this course should have taken and received a passing grade in Sew What.*	*Every-other day for one semester*	*Sew What*	$4.00
FCE: Fundamental Foods 2	Fundamental Foods 2 is a course which allows students to expand their knowledge using the cooking principles and techniques learned in Fundamental Foods 1. Students will apply techniques practiced in their first foods course to develop additional skills. Students will explore various careers associated with food and the culinary industry. For each unit completed, students will practice the duties and skills of those professionals in varied food related jobs. Students will also focus on the unique differences of various cultural groups by exploring varied recipes and equipment used within each cultural group's cooking practices. Students should be open to trying these new foods. It is recommended that a student has completed and passed Fundamental Foods 1 to sign up for this course,	*Every-other day for one semester*	*FUNdamental Foods 1*	$4.00
Tech Ed. 8 Manufacturing	This is an exciting, real-world, hands-on approach that teaches students the world of high-tech manufacturing. Students will get the opportunity to build and set-up a real world factory that produces a product that they can take home. The factory will be built under the idea of "lean" concepts using automation and a large variety of power tools. For example, students will use the laser cutter, chop saw, router, CNC machine, lathes and Vinyl Cutter. Everyone will have a job someday, and this class will give each student skills they will need to be competitive. This course will be a great intro for Technology classes offered at West High School.	*Every-other day for one semester*	None	$4.00
Tech Ed. 8 Business	This course will introduce students to the world of business, marketing, personal finance and entrepreneurship. Students will use a variety of websites and other platforms such as Banzai, Canva to complete unit projects based on real-world applications and begin developing the necessary soft skills for successful money management and lucrative business and industry jobs. During this course, Students will work through a Junior Achievement entrepreneurial project modeled after the popular ABC show, Shark Tank. Students will round out the semester sharpening their interpersonal skills through interview prep and resume writing and will leave the class ready to land their first job!	*Every-other day for one semester*	None	None
STEM Innovations & Design	Explore the world of Computer Science through the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students will learn the fundamentals of computers, the internet, be tasked with creating an original concept for an app, build their beginning website and learn about the basics of game design. This class is a great segway for students who can see a future in the area of programming, game design or anything technology related. The content in the class will be aimed toward students with little to no programming experience and all are encouraged to register!	*Every-other day for one semester*	None	None