Peirce Middle School

Rising 7th Grade
Course Selection Assembly

Winter 2026

Middle School Course Description Guide Distribution

- Was pushed out to student laptops on January 15th
- Also available on the WCASD and Peirce website
  - **Course Selection 2026-2027**

Course Selection Timeline

January 7 through January 23	Teacher recommendation window
January 26 through February 13	Student and parent course selection weeks
February 14 through February 27	Course selections may be viewed on the Parent Portal. All requests to change course selections and/or recommendations must be submitted to Mrs. Roesener during this window.
February 27- Course change deadline – Course level waiver recommendations	Course change deadline - Course level waiver recommendations require administrative approval beyond this date.

LEVELING DESCRIPTORS

Grade Level	Honors	Accelerated Honors
➢Students who learn at a continuous pace ➢Courses provide essential skills & content knowledge aligned to grade level standards ➢Collaborative & guided learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments	➢Students who learn enriched content at a challenging pace ➢Rigorous grade level curriculum ➢Collaborative, guided, & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments	➢Students who learn advanced content at an accelerated pace ➢Rigorous curriculum that extends beyond grade level ➢Collaborative & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments

JANUARY 7TH - JANUARY 23RD

- Teachers made recommendations for Math, English, Reading/World Language.

- All recommendations were based on your performance and potential in your current classes.

English

- 6th Grade Teachers will complete recommendations
- 7th Grade Course Options
  - English 7 Accelerated Honors
  - English 7 Honors
  - English 7 Grade Level

Mathematics

- 6th Grade Teachers will complete recommendations.
- 7th Grade Course Options
  - Algebra 1 Accelerated Honors
  - Mathematics 7 Honors
  - Mathematics 7 Grade Level

Science and Social Studies (History)

- You will automatically be placed in Science 7 and American History to 1787 since these are unleveled courses.

Reading or World Language

- You will be recommended for either **Reading** or a **World Language.**
- If you are recommended for a World Language, you may still choose to take Reading Through Time 7 Honors instead.
- If you are recommended for a Reading class, you will be placed into a Reading Through Time 7 Honors, a Reading Through Time 7 Grade Level, or a Reading Plus 7 class.
- If you take Reading in 7th grade you will only have **one** reading class.

Reading OR World Language

- **IMPORTANT!**

➢ If recommended for Reading:

➢ You will see a Reading class listed as part of your recommendations (**DO NOT** select a World Language)

- ➢ If World Language is selected but a Reading recommendation was made, it will over enroll the student and the World Language will be dropped from the student's requested courses.
- ➢ If you would like to take a World Language and have a Reading class recommended for 7th grade, a waiver **must be submitted** to replace Reading with a World Language.

➢ If NOT recommended for Reading:

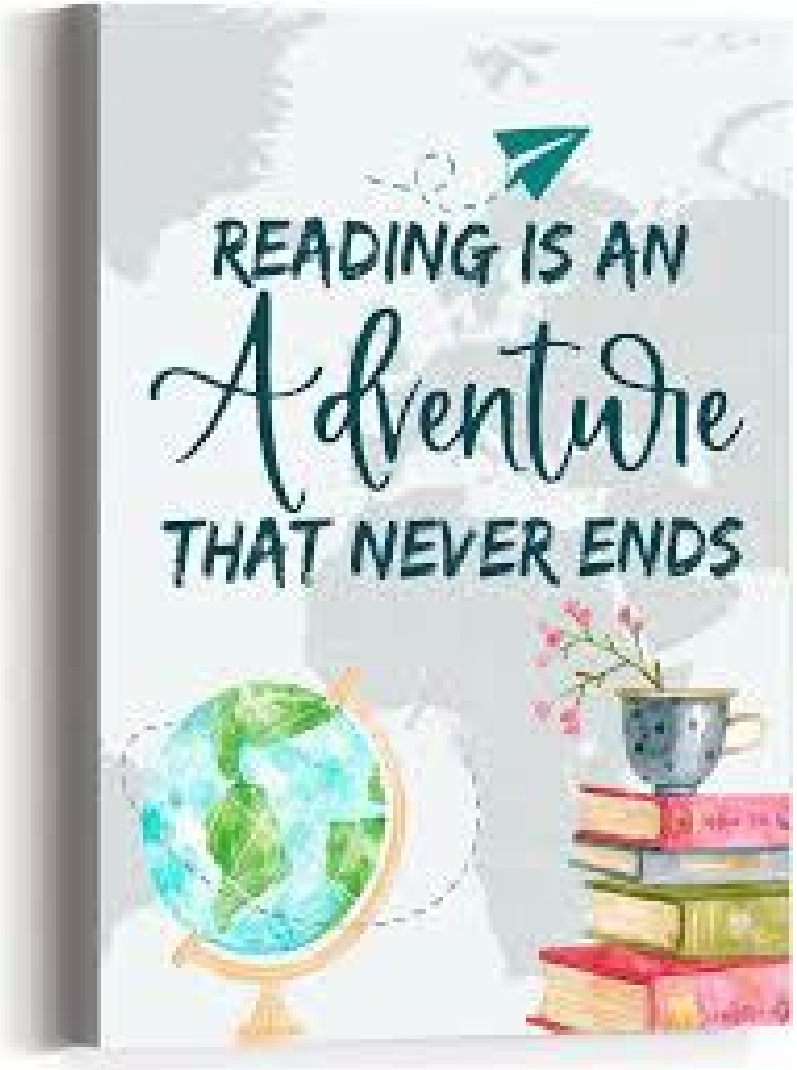
- ➢ Select either French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin1, Spanish 1, or Reading Through Time 7 Honors

Reading OR World Language

- **IMPORTANT!**

- **If recommended for a Level 1 World Language**
  - You will not see a Reading class or a World Language class listed as part of their recommendations. A non-recommendation of Reading is the way students are "recommended" to take a Level 1 World Language
    - You may select a Level 1 World Language class
      - Select either French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin1, or Spanish 1
    - You may select Reading Through Time 7 Honors. However, your reading teacher believes you are ready for a Level 1 World Language class.

7th Grade Reading Through Time



- Reading follows the same standards as English
- Project based learning
- Whole class, small group, and independent choice novels
- Focused on making progress towards your goals at your own pace

7th Grade Reading Through Time



- Taking reading in 7th grade will support the reading you will do in Science, Math, History, and ELA.
- Focused on Strategies and skill building

7th grade World Language choices

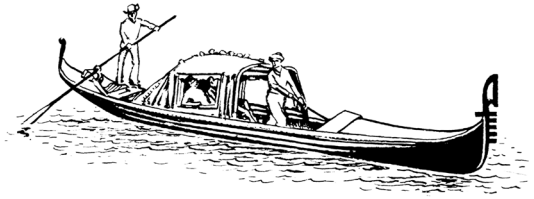
- French 1
- German 1
- Italian 1
- Latin 1
- Spanish 1











Español I

Start the year with Cognates and Conversation

Introduce yourself, ask and answer basic questions, and learn how cognates can help you understand Spanish!

Spanish 1 Unit Themes

Discuss your identity, school, house, family, and food!

Create Exciting Projects

Design a food truck to sell your creations, a family tree describing your relatives, and your dream house.

Explore Spanish Speaking Countries

Learn about Day of the Dead in Mexico, La Tomatina in Spain, school in Costa Rica, and more.





GERMAN 1

GERMAN 2

GERMAN 3 (HHS)

GERMAN 4 & AP (HHS)



Peirce MS German Program Key Offers



What German can offer YOU:

- Level 1-AP (Peirce MS to HHS)
- Strong European Business connections
- Real language usage: emails, communication and work life application
- Communication with the culture in Germany

Why should you take German?

- German family heritage
- Interest in Science and Engineering (Study Abroad)
- Visit Germany (School approved trips)
- Food and culture
- Unique alternative language



Learn and enjoy the unique German culture



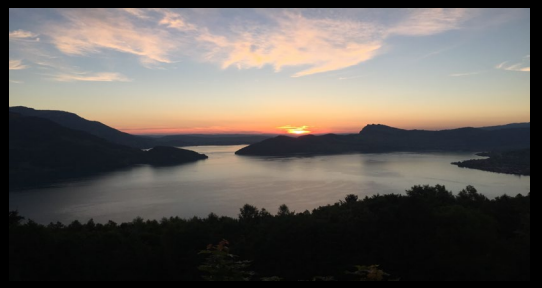
Switzerland / Schweiz



Spaghetti Style German Ice Cream



School approved Trips





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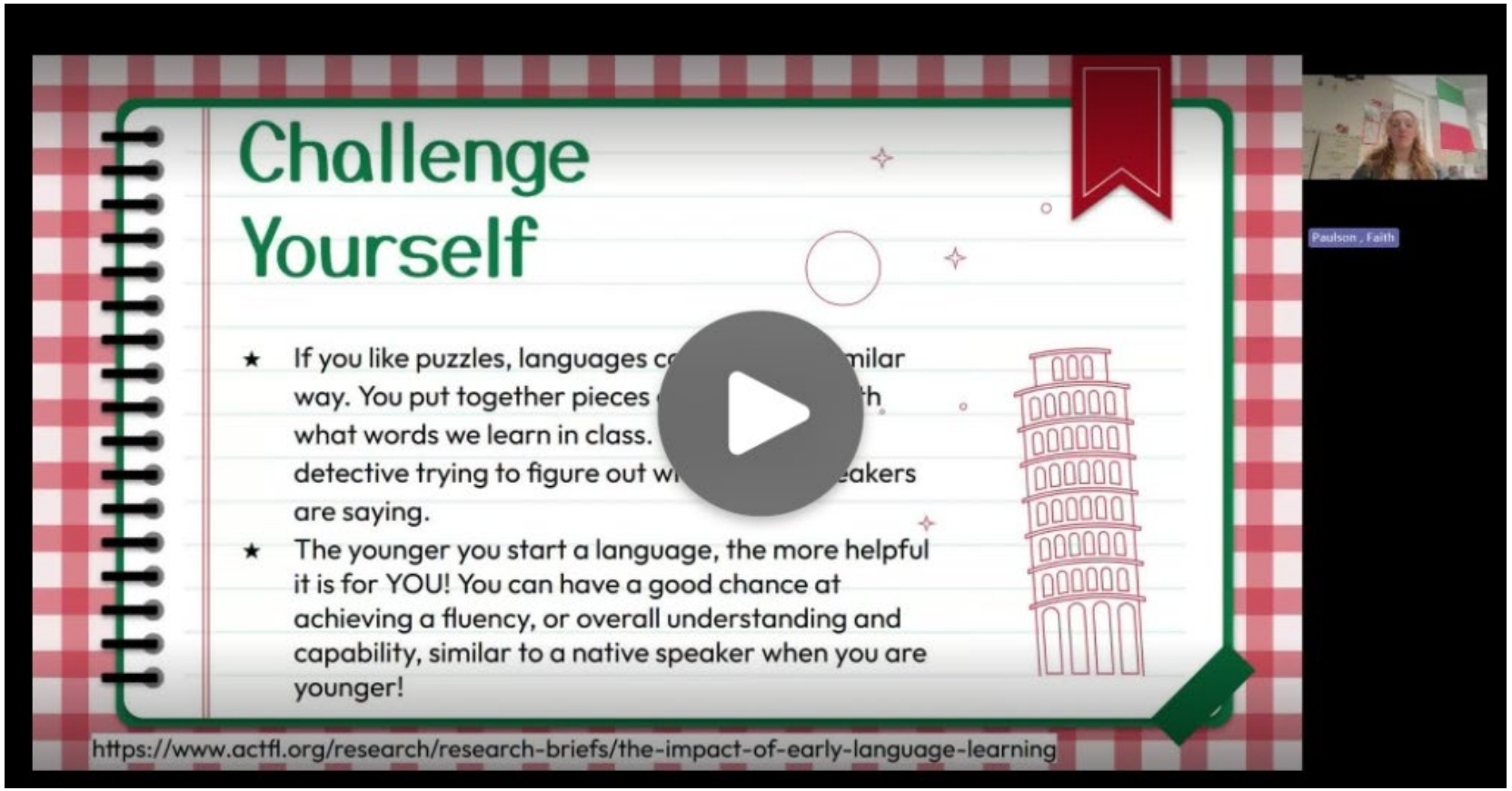
- Speak with someone new
- Talk about school & family
- Listen to music & talk fashion
- Learn about food & order in a French restaurant
- Plan a weekend getaway
- Give & follow directions around town
- Learn about cultures all over the world

Reasons to Learn French

- French is spoken all over the world –
  - 450 million native speakers
  - 29+ countries
- looks great for high school and college
- travel more easily
- useful for future jobs
  - Science, Business, law, Art

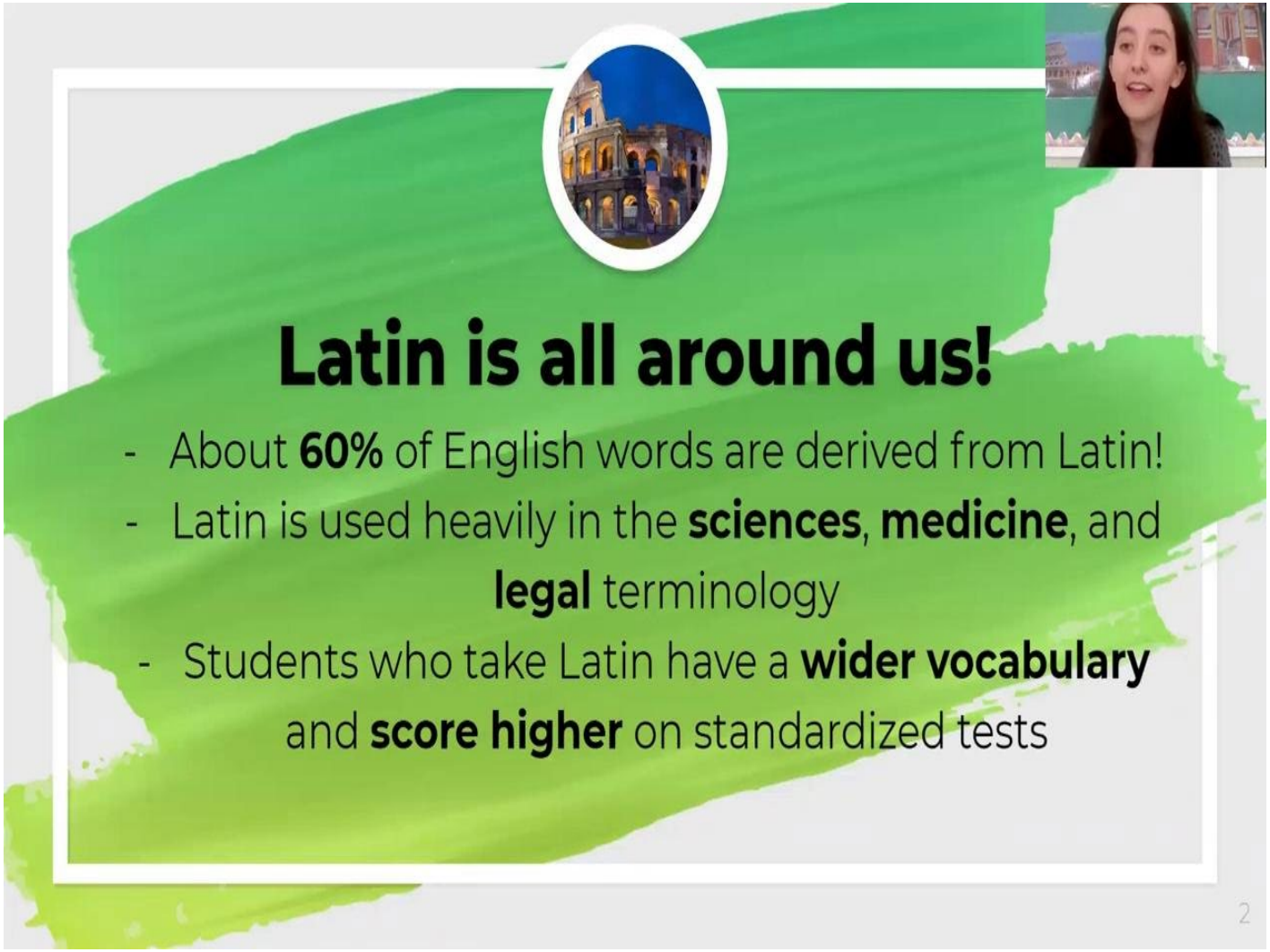


Italian



Italian Video Link

Latin


Latin is all around us!
- About 60% of English words are derived from Latin!
- Latin is used heavily in the sciences, medicine, and legal terminology
- Students who take Latin have a wider vocabulary and score higher on standardized tests
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Performing Music

- All rising 7th Grade students must select a music class:
  - Music Production and Technology **OR** a Performing Music (Band 7, Chorus 7, or Orchestra 7).

- Students in Band 7, Chorus 7, and Orchestra 7 will perform individually, in small groups, and in an ensemble.

- Students in all music classes will receive a grade.

- Students in a performing music class must have an interest in improving their singing or playing an instrument.

What do you need to do now and moving forward?



January 26th – February 13th

In an upcoming PRIDE PERIOD, we will have a meeting to discuss how to:

- View teacher recommendations from content area classes
- If not recommended for Reading, choose French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin 1, Spanish 1, or Reading Through Time 7 Honors
- Select a music (Band 7, Chorus 7, or Orchestra 7, or Music Production and Technology)

February 14TH – February 27TH



- Review your course selections on the Parent Portal. All requests to change course selections must be submitted to Ms. Roesener during this window (you cannot make changes yourself online during this time period).

- Use a Course Request Waiver Form found in the main office or on the Peirce website.