
CLASS SCHEDULE
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TEACHER
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
Peirce Middle School
Course Selection Assembly for
Rising 8th Graders

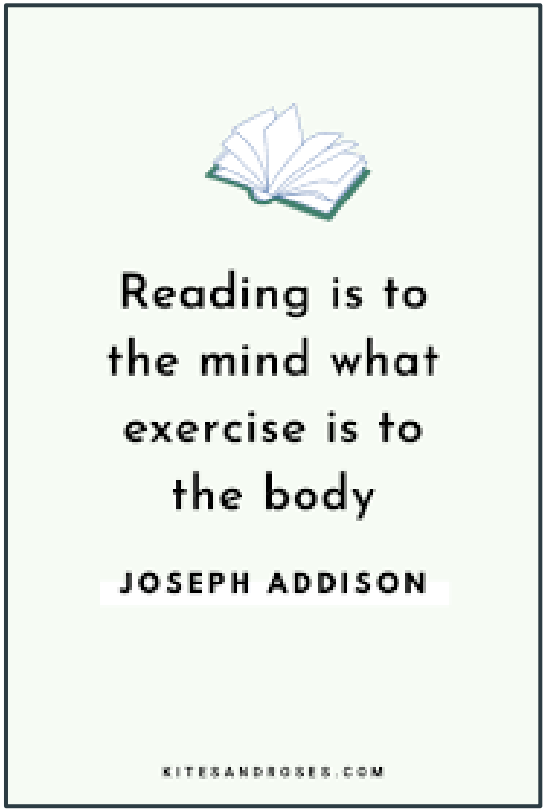
Middle School Course Description Guide Distribution

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

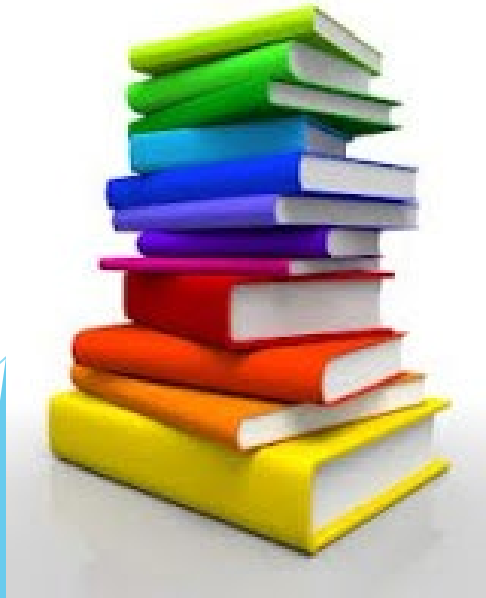
Course Selection Timeline

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. Gibb 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.

Reading and Writing for Life Grade Level Class



In this class we will study the craft of reading and writing and expand on your already exceptional skills to become lifelong critical thinkers, creative, analytical writers and avid, current readers!



Resources we commonly use…

- Your creative writing and reading brain
- Novels Novels Novels—self selected and class sets.
- Current events and Current Issues
- Project-based learning
- And all those other great interactive technologies we can get our hands on!

Google Slides

+Pear Deck Add-on



Things to look forward to…

- Your creative ideas!
- Debating, discussing and analyzing current issues
- Reading new literature and self selection in class.
- Projects that will relate to your generation and your ideas.

The sky's the limit in this student focused, interactive class! Join in the fun and expand on your creative ELA skills!

8th grade World Language choices

- French
- German
- Italian
- Latin
- Spanish











Español I, II



Start the year with conversation and cognates

Introduce yourself, ask and answer basic questions!



Explore Spanish Speaking Countries

Learn about baseball in the Dominican Republic, Day of the Dead in Mexico, Weather in Colombia, School in Costa Rica, Family in Mexico, music in Paraguay, and much, much more!

Create exciting projects

Design a food truck to sell your creations, a family tree describing your relatives, a music video on your childhood memories and more!





Move!

Perform skits, collaborate with your peers, learn Latin dances, and act out new vocabulary!

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



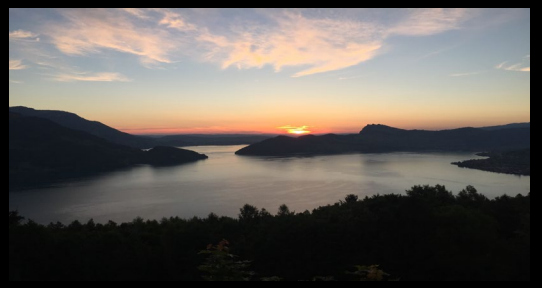
Switzerland / Schweiz



Spaghetti Style German Ice Cream



School approved Trips





In French Class, you will :

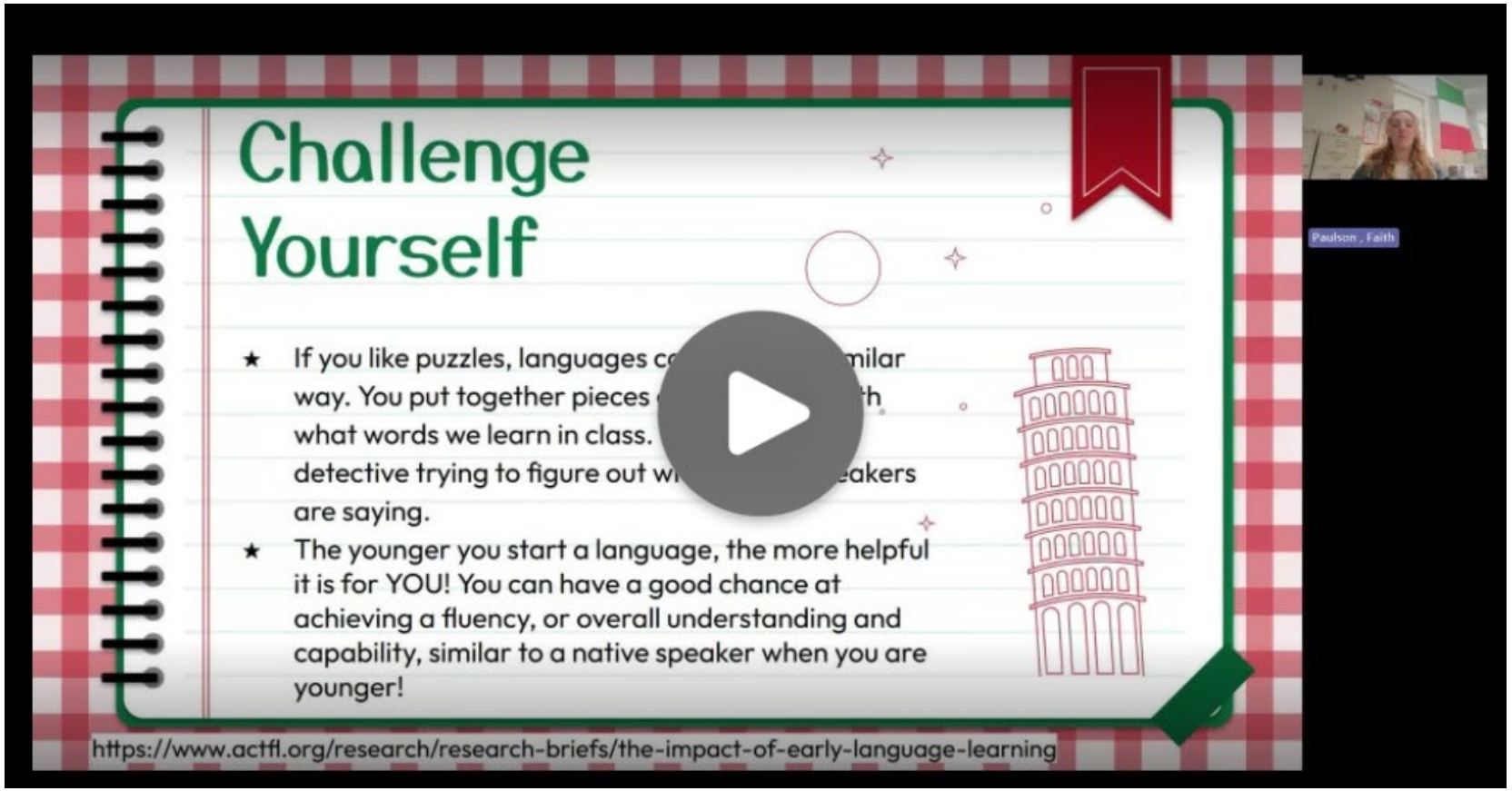
- Speak with someone new
- Talk about school & family
- Listen to music & talk fashion
- Learn about food & order in a French restaurant
- Plan a weekend getaway
- Give & follow directions around town
- Learn about cultures all over the world

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

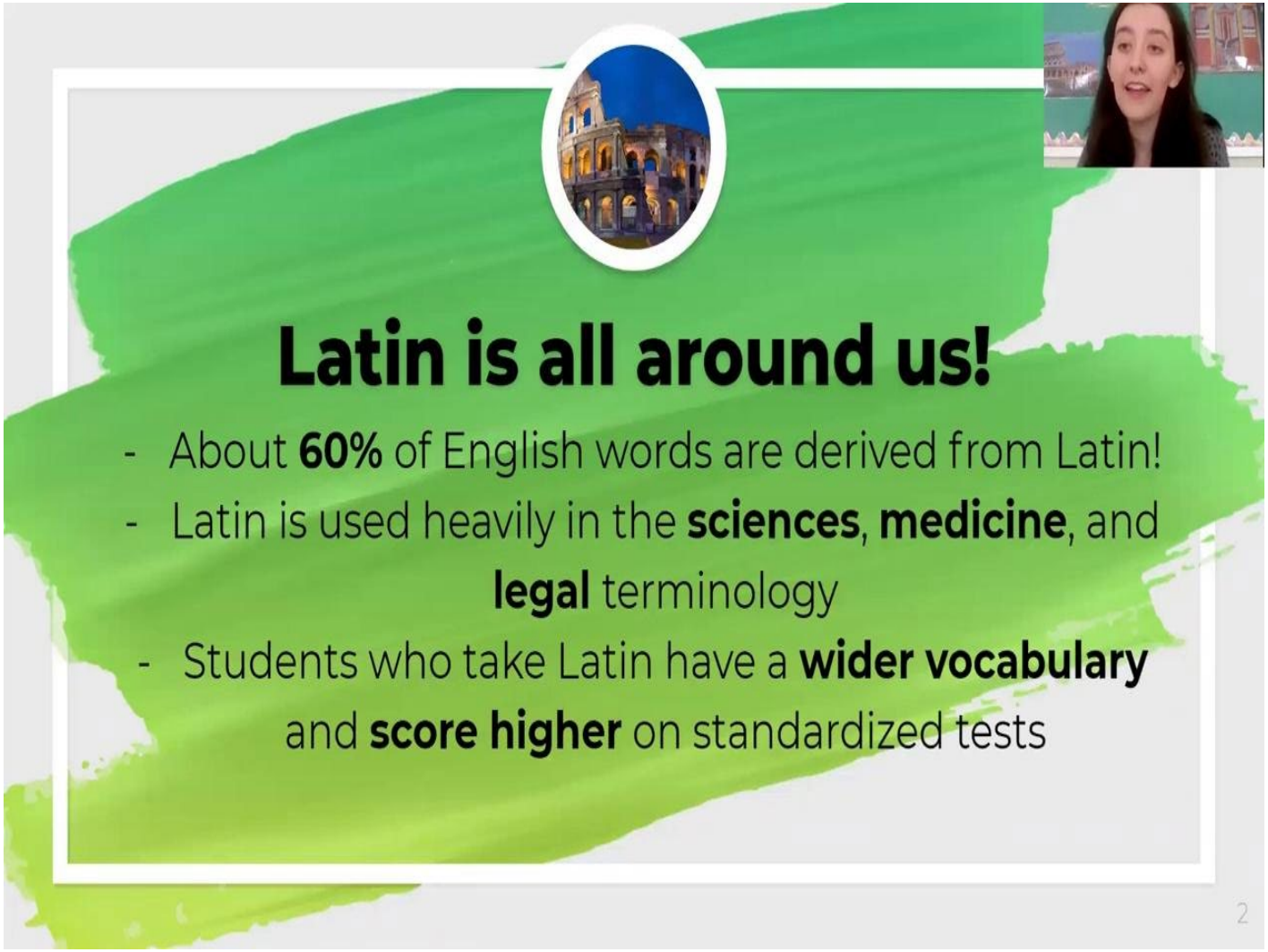


Italian



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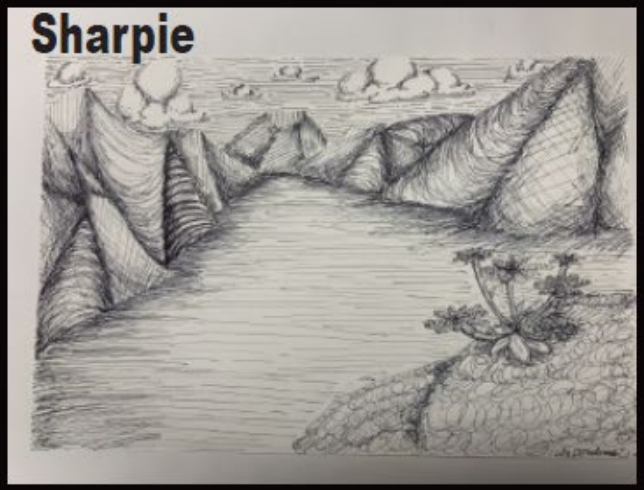
Latin


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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Unified Arts
Course Electives



8th Grade: 2-Dimensional

















8th GRADE: 3-D Sculpture













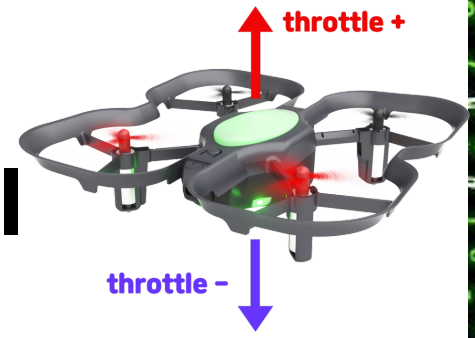


Computer Science



Innovative Coding and AI

Meets Everyday for 1 Quarter

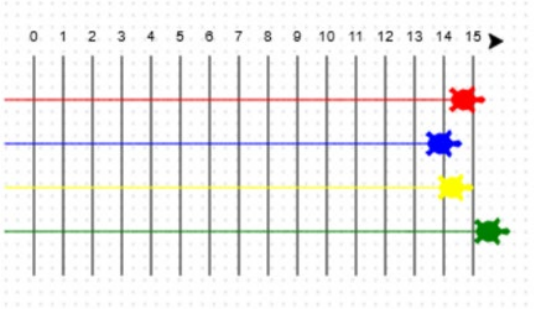




Join our Tech Adventure

- Learn Python
- Code Robots & Drones
- Explore AI
- Create your own games






```
1  from codrone_edu.drone import *
2
3  drone = Drone()
4  drone.pair()
5
6  # Welcome to Python for Robolink
7  drone.takeoff()
8  drone.set_pitch(20)
9  drone.move(1)
10 drone.set_roll(-20)
11 drone.move(2)
12
13 drone.close()
```



No Experience needed – just curiosity!

Junior Entrepreneur

Meets Everyday for 1 Quarter

Turn your Idea into Reality

- Create your own business
- Design a Unique Brand
- Promote your Business

Launch your Vision.

Build Your Future







2-Days a Cycle for a Quarter

Digital Media Creator



In this class, students will explore multiple ways of creating and sharing dynamic, engaging Interactive content with an emphasis on the use of video as a means of communication. The process of digital media design will include the planning, creating and editing of the project while utilizing various hardware and software tools to enhance a digital product.

Internet and Cybersecurity



Students will learn how the internet works and how to stay safe online. They will explore tools that make websites interactive and understand how networks connect. Lessons will include digital citizenship and ways to protect information, like strong passwords and encryption. Through projects, students will share ideas using writing and visuals while building skills for future technology courses.

Family Consumer Science

Food and Culture

A comprehensive foods course with a focus on the factors that affect dietary choices including multicultural cuisine, food trends, food science, and individual health & wellness. Within a cooperative learning environment students will engage in a variety of interactive activities, including meal planning, food preparation, and recipe evaluation.



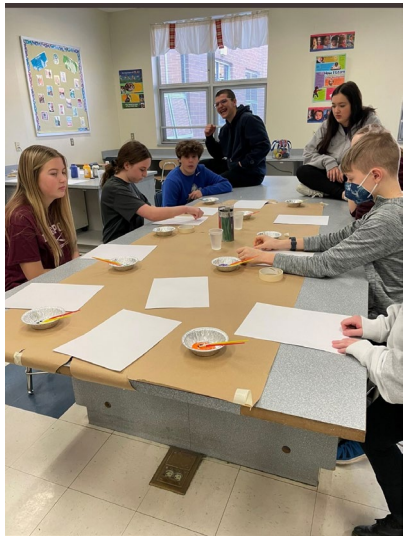






Family Consumer Science

Family and Life Essentials









This course is designed to explore family and community through real life situations. With an emphasis on practical reasoning and problem solving, students will engage in activities related to family life stages, the development and needs of children, budget conscious meal planning and preparation, event and space planning, goal setting, as well as nutritional requirements throughout life.

Family Consumer Science

Teen Impact

This class meets two times per six-day cycle for one marking period.

In this course, students will explore authentic, project-based, and service-oriented learning opportunities. Students will actively engage in critical thinking and problem-solving processes based on real world needs and concerns. Citizenship, communication, character building, and resource management will provide the foundation for learning opportunities and skill development.



Popular Music

Every day for 1 marking period


History


Song
Structure











Student Choice Presentation












Guitar
Every day for 1 marking period


Learn Chords


Solo!
YAMAHA

Technology Education



Technology Education



Technology Education

Design for the Real World

This class meets two times per six-day cycle for one marking period.

Students engage in hands-on activities from various areas of technology, including materials, manufacturing, and design.



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, select a World Language or the Reading and Writing for Life Grade Level class
- Select a music (Band 8, Chorus 8, or Orchestra 8) OR "No Band, Chorus, Orchestra Option"
- Select 4 Unified Arts classes (and two alternates)

February 14th – February 27th



- Review recommendations and course requests that you made in the portal
- Submit any course change requests by using a Course Request Form found in the main office or on the Peirce website