

**Current 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Elective Application**  
**2026-2027**



***Required for ALL applications:***

	Online Application	Use the QR code below to complete the online application
	Student/Guardian Contract	This is on the back of the course descriptions form. Please make sure ALL signature lines are signed.
	Teacher Recommendations (2 required)	Please make sure to ask two teachers to fill out the teacher recommendation form online

***Additional requirements for LEADERSHIP:***

	Leadership Committees	Complete the committee question on the online application (question #12)
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***Additional requirements for YEARBOOK:***

	Picture Assignment	Complete the picture assignment on the online application (questions #13-14)
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***Additional requirements for STUDENT AIDE:***

	Student Aide Preferences	If applying to be a student aide, please complete the online application (questions #15-18)
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***Course Descriptions***

<p><b>What is Leadership?</b></p> <p>This program gives students a clear and organized way to build their leadership skills. Students learn important skills like teamwork, problem-solving, communication, mediation, and leading groups. As they grow in these areas, they help make Marce Herz Middle School a safer and more positive place by planning and leading school activities and programs. Leadership is an elective class held during the school day, but it also requires some time outside of school. Students chosen for the program are expected to act as leaders and always be positive role models. In addition, Leadership students must agree to outside and internal media release.</p>
<p><b>What is Yearbook?</b></p> <p>Yearbook is a class where students create the school’s annual yearbook. At Marce Herz Middle School, the yearbook staff is called Talon. As a Talon staff member, students learn skills like writing, photography, design, technology, teamwork, organization, and leadership.</p> <p>The staff is made up of 7th and 8th graders who follow the Marce Herz RISE values. Because the yearbook captures memories from the school year, students must help promote MHMS and its activities. Much of the class time is spent working independently on tasks like interviewing, writing stories, taking photos, and designing pages. Students must be responsible, self-motivated, and meet deadlines.</p> <p>Yearbook is a special opportunity, but it also comes with extra responsibilities. Staff members are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan and design yearbook pages.</li> <li>• Write stories and choose photos that match the theme.</li> <li>• Edit writing, captions, headlines, and check name spelling.</li> <li>• Work well with others.</li> <li>• Meet deadlines and make sure pages are accurate.</li> <li>• Attend school and after-school events as photographers or reporters.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What is Student Aide?</b></p> <p>This course allows students the opportunity to assist in the office, library, or classroom. Oftentimes, our student aides are the first impression people have of our school, so it is very important that we have students who are welcoming and polite to our visitors.</p>

## Student/Guardian Contract

\*\*\*This contract must be signed by the student and guardian AND the online application must be filled out in order to be considered for leadership, yearbook, and student aide. Please make sure it is completed and returned to the main office by March 17, 2026.

***Late submissions (after 2:00 pm on March 17, 2026) will not be accepted.***

To be considered for Leadership, Yearbook, or Student Aide, students *must*:

- Work hard in all classes.
- Have passing grades in all classes.
- Have a positive attitude.
- Be on time for class.
- Be willing to help others.
- Be kind and respectful.
- Be a good role model.

As a student enrolled in Leadership, Yearbook, or Student Aide, I *will*:

- I will be a positive role model for my peers.
- I will be respectful to school staff, parents, visitors, and other students.
- I will be responsible, trustworthy, and always behave in a mature manner.
- I will follow all school policies and procedures.
- I will be on time.
- I will complete the task asked of me to the best of my ability.

I understand all the rules and regulations and what is expected of me as a student enrolled in Leadership, Yearbook, or Student Aide at Marce Herz Middle School. In addition, I understand that if I do not follow all the rules and regulations, then I will be removed from the class and assigned another elective.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Agreement

I understand the above requirements and that my child will remain in the above class *only* if he/she continues to abide by the rules and regulations above.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_