

Preparing for 7th and 8th Grade Registration



EASTSIDE CATHOLIC

PLAN FOR TODAY!

- Registration overview and timeline
- General schedule details
- Meet your elective teachers
- Schedule for students in SOAR and EMC
- PlusPortals information
- Time for questions



REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

- Register in PlusPortals until March 18
- Families will be emailed after school today with instructions
- If you have questions, contact Ms. Richardson



GENERAL SCHEDULE

- All students are pre-registered for Math, Humanities (Social Studies and ELA), Religion and Science – but you can choose your electives!

	Semester 1	Semester 2
1	PE/Health	PE/Health
2	Humanities ELA 7	Humanities ELA 7
3	Religion 7	Computer Science Discoveries 1
4	Spanish 1A	Spanish 1A
5	Pre-Algebra Plus	Pre-Algebra Plus
6	Science 7	Science 7
7	Humanities SS 7	Humanities SS 7



WORLD LANGUAGE

- If you are in EMC, you do not take a World Language class. If you are in SOAR, you either pick a World Language or Elective
- If you want to take a language placement test (you are a native speaker of one of the languages, have studied another language, etc.) you should do this before the end of the school year
- Otherwise:
 - 7th graders choose from Spanish, French or Chinese (all 1A level)
 - 8th graders select the language they took in 7th grade since world language is a two-year course in middle school – remember this is a high school class!
 - A student taking Spanish 1A in 7th grade will take Spanish 1B in 8th grade
 - *Students who take 2 years in 7th and 8th will receive credit on their HS transcript and a letter grade in 1B*



ELECTIVES

- You have the option to take one elective, either one semester OR one year-long class
- Semester Elective Options
 - **Drama**
 - **Visual arts**
 - **Computer Science Discoveries I or II**
 - If you register for a semester elective, you are enrolled in an additional semester of P.E. (equaling in a year of PE)
- Year-Long Elective Options
 - **Choir**
 - **Band**
 - If you register for a year-long elective, you are enrolled in one semester of P.E. (equaling in one semester of PE)
 - **Orchestra: zero period class; in addition to your elective**



DRAMA 7 & 8 | MR. DOMINO

- Join the fantastic world of theatre! Develop acting skills through improvisation, script work, movement and vocal exercises and theatre games!

- **Top 3 Reasons to Join:**

- Learn how to be creative on stage and create characters in a fun setting!
- Play improv theatre games and explore your artistic side by making props!
- Create your own original theatrical performance with your cast!

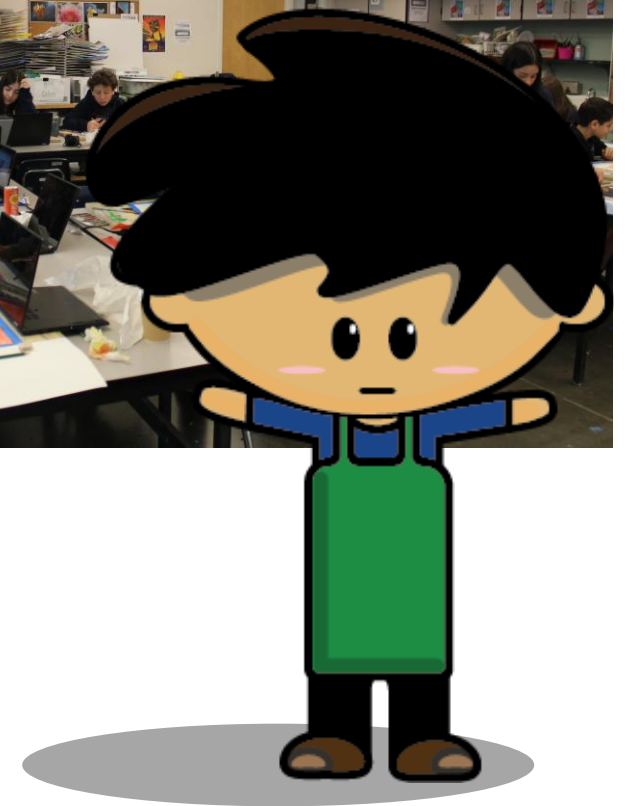
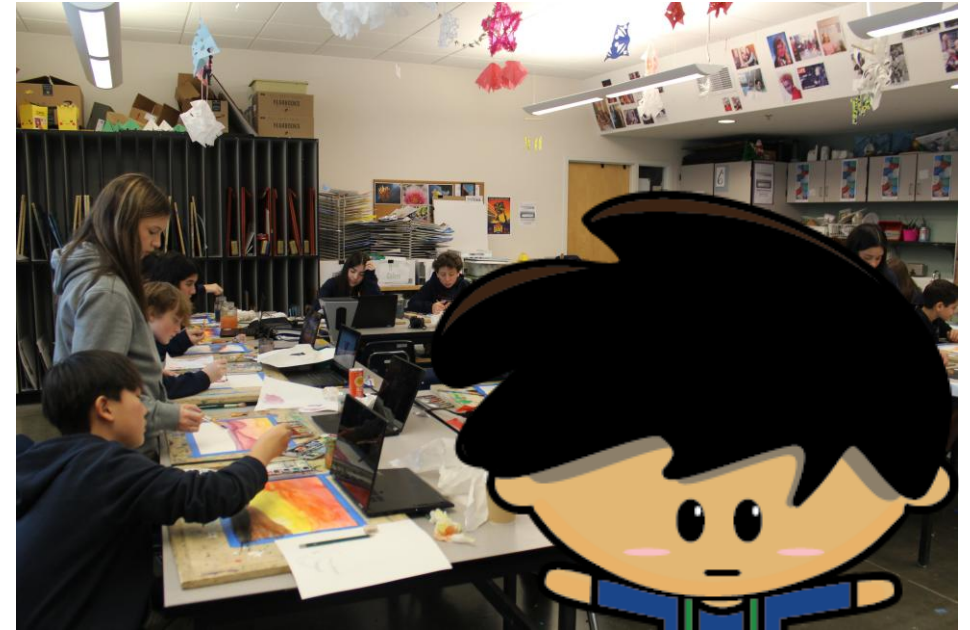


VISUAL ARTS 7 & 8 | MR. ORDOÑA

- **Semester Course**

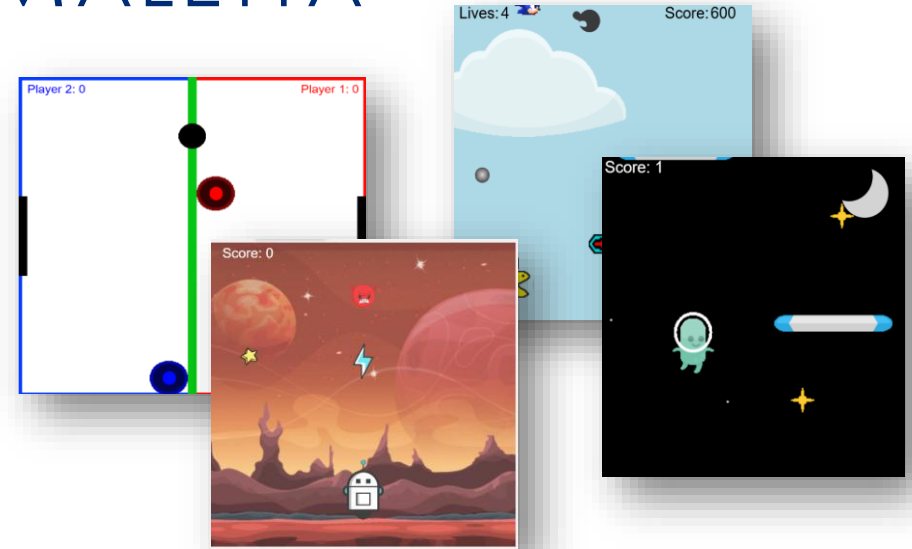
Course Description and Top 3 Reasons to Join:

- This class is like a super cool training ground to help you become more confident and creative. We'll learn the secret tools and tricks that artists use, like the building blocks of art called "elements and principles." You'll get to experiment with tons of different materials and ways of making art, like a scientist figuring things out!
- In this class, we won't just make cool stuff, we'll also think about it. You'll learn to ask yourself questions like "What did I make?" and "How can I make it even better?" This "thinking about your art" is like a superpower that helps you grow as an artist.
- By the end of this class, you might even discover that you're amazing at art! So grab your creativity and get ready to have some fun!



COMPUTER SCIENCE | MS. MALETTA

- CSD I and II are super fun and engaging computer science classes – for students of all abilities – where you learn to build websites, program all sorts of games, make art with code, program light patterns on circuits, and train AI.
- Semester course offered to 7th and 8th graders
- Top 3 Reasons to Join:
 - It's fun (no cap, bruh!)
 - No homework – all work in class 🙌
 - No tests 👍 – just cool projects to flex your programming skills



CHOIR | MS. MARSH-MAKUMPA

- In this class, you'll become a more skilled and confident singer. Learn about how your voice works and how to make it sound better alone and with a group. We do lots of performing, both on and off campus, and take a fun overnight trip in the spring. Not only do we focus on skills like tone production, breath, diction, vowel formation and music literacy...but we work as a team and become a tightknit community in the process!
- Year Long Course
- Top 3 Reasons to Join:
 - Get out of your desk, move your body and be creative!
 - Build community
 - Fun performances and trips



BAND | MR. BOYSEN

- Band continues the development of musical skills and experiences for wind and percussion players. Students will participate in concert band, chamber music and solo performances. Specific musical skills include but are not limited to scale studies, tone production, intonation, breath technique, stick technique, expressive techniques, sight reading and musicality.
- Year-Long Course
- Top 3 Reasons to Join:
 - It's fun
 - Can earn future scholarships and get preferential admissions for college
 - We travel



SUPPORT CLASSES – SOAR AND EMC

- Full year classes, placement by recommendation, automatically entered in your schedule
- SOAR: designed for students to build executive functioning skills, such as organization, work completion and test taking strategies
- EMC (English/Math Class): parallels the student's current math and English classes. Provides additional instruction, homework assistance, and other aid to meet needs of individual students



PLUS PORTALS

- You can access PlusPortals here: plusportals.com/eastsidecatholic
- Note! It is your account, not your parent or guardian account

Who can submit course requests?

- Only **STUDENT ACCOUNTS** are enabled to submit course requests through PlusPortals. Parent accounts will not have access to course requests.
- We strongly recommend that parents be available to help you request appropriate courses.

Selecting course request on PlusPortals

- Login to **PlusPortals student account**. Click on the "Course Requests" link on the tool bar



- View/Edit the Course Request or click on the form

Form Name		Status
View/Edit	7th Grade Course Request	Not Started

- If you have never logged into PlusPortals or have trouble logging in, please contact the Registrar Lakshmi Palaniappan for assistance: lpalaniappan@eastsidecatholic.org



QUESTIONS?

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