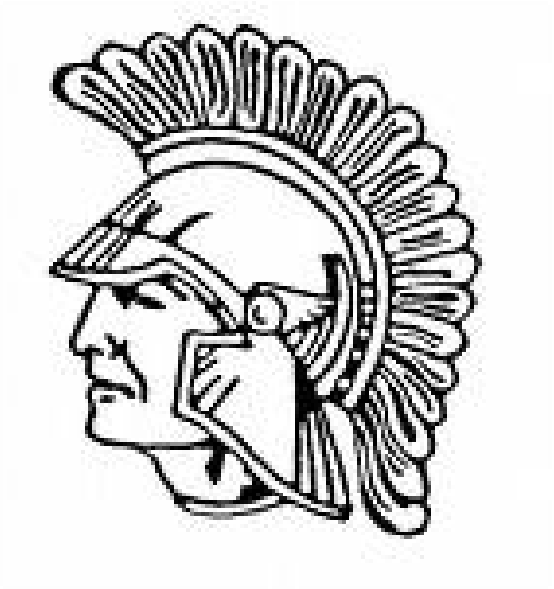
Township of Ocean Intermediate School



PROGRAM OF STUDIES
Academics - Electives
and
Extracurricular Activities

INTRODUCTION

The Township of Ocean Intermediate School Activities Booklet has been compiled to make families aware of the extra-curricular programs offered to our students. Sign-ups for various activities occur frequently during the school year. Please refer to this manual often and urge your children to participate. Students must maintain their grades and demonstrate good citizenship as per our Extra Curricular practices outlined below:

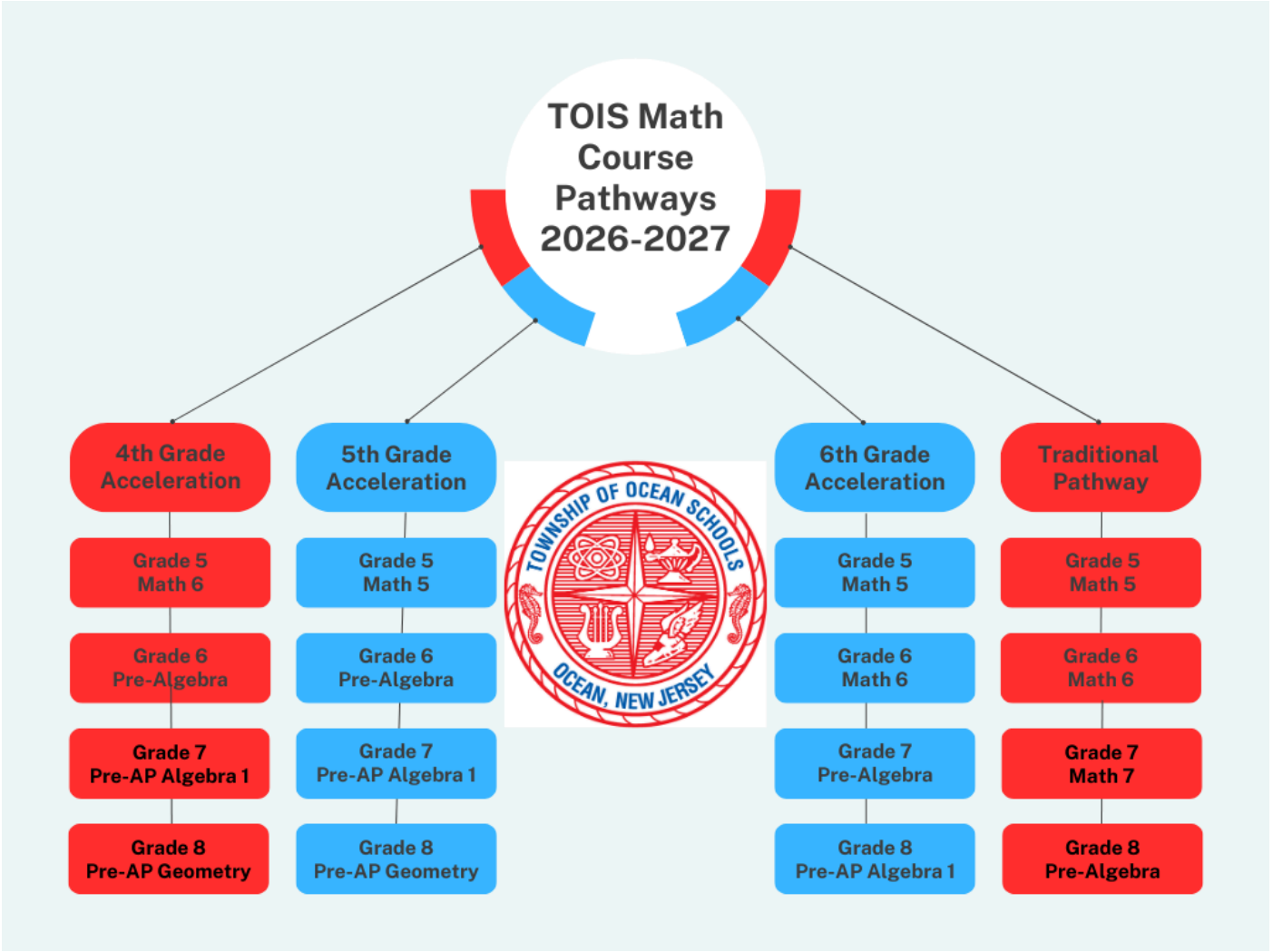
Eligibility of student participation in extracurricular activities due to academic standing shall be reviewed by the administration of the Intermediate School at the midpoint of the first marking period, the conclusion of the first, second and third marking periods and at the midpoint of the fourth marking period. Failing grades in two or more major subjects will make a student "academically ineligible" for a minimum of two weeks. At the conclusion of that period, a student may regain eligibility if he/she has attained a passing grade in at least all but one of the failed classes. If eligibility has not been attained at that point, the ineligible status will continue until the policy is fulfilled.

A late bus is available to transport your children home after activities, departing at 3:25 p.m. We hope this information will be helpful to you.

Christopher Amato
Principal

PROGRAM OF STUDIES 5th GRADE

*5th Grade follows the elementary educational format with the exception of Mathematics.



PROGRAM OF STUDIES 6th GRADE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

English, Grade 6

English, Grade 6 is designed to guide students in developing their skills in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and usage of language. Students read, discuss, and analyze a diverse range of literary and informational texts. Throughout the year, students gain practice in various modes of writing, including informative/explanatory, argumentative, and research writing. Core texts include *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, and *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

English as a Second Language consists of one period of instruction based on student English language proficiency (ELP) that teaches aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing in English using second language teaching techniques, and incorporates the cultural aspects of the students' experiences in their ESL instruction.

Connections

Connections is a semester-long course that students take in grades 6, 7, and 8. The goal of Connections is to apply the skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking to a range of projects and problems across areas such as science, social studies, mathematics, and technology. You'll learn in this course how effective reading, writing, and communication skills are essential to success anywhere you'll go in school and in life!

MATHEMATICS

Math 6

In Grade 6 mathematics students' focus on four critical areas: connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and developing understanding of statistical thinking.

SCIENCE

Students will have ample opportunities to investigate various topics of earth science, with an emphasis on scientific inquiry. Students will learn standard techniques for analyzing, interpreting and displaying data as it relates to earth science topics and real-life issues. Labs , activities, and projects will be extensively used.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students in this class are ready to deepen their understanding of the Building our Nation, through the study of history, geography, politics, culture, and economic systems. Students will begin their examination of the United States by exploring the location, place, and spatial organization of the U.S. major regions. Then,

they will use their knowledge to discover: chronological era and major developments or themes. Civics, economics, geography, and social studies skills are embedded in this framework.

WORLD LANGUAGE

Italian 6

Grade 6 Italian is a semester-long course designed to guide students in furthering the introduction and development of skills in the areas of speaking, reading, writing, listening, and general usage of Italian. Students utilize various texts, audio clips, videos, and technological resources in order to comprehend and respond to basic conversational patterns. Students build their knowledge of basic grammatical structures and terms, basic proficiency in reading and writing in Italian, significant cultural practices and historical events from the Italian-speaking world. Additional focus is placed on the ability to use technology for e-mail and research of selected topics in Italian and the ability to use Google Classroom and other sites for oral, written, and auditory practices of Italian.

Spanish 6

In 6th grade Spanish students engage in new and exciting experiences through the language and culture while incorporating their previously learned skills. In this semester course, students explore topics through discussion, make real world connections and have fun to help learn about and communicate with others. The student's goal is to be engaged and to leave this course feeling confident in their ability to share and connect with others in the Spanish language. While engaging and making connections to the world we live in, the student's experiences with community, family and school life help to connect the student with the Spanish language, culture and world around them.

6TH GRADE ELECTIVES

**Please note that all elective courses are a semester in length unless otherwise noted in the description.

6th Grade Band

Sixth grade band is a **full year elective** for students who participated in fifth grade band and want to continue playing their instrument. Students will become musical experts, learning how to play many more notes, challenging rhythms, and fun concert music! Students will gain experience playing in small ensembles and in a full band setting. At the end of the year, the sixth grade band shows off all of their hard work by performing in the Spring Band Concert.

6th Grade Chorus

If you love to sing, this is the class for you. In sixth grade choir we will continue to explore the idea of singing great music, but we will begin to learn how to follow along in our music score and how to have independence on our vocal part with harmony. We will learn how to better use our singing voices, explore music and note reading, use harmony, and sing music in languages from around the world. At the end of the semester we will perform a concert of all of the music we learned.

6 Art

Start your middle school elective experience with an art class! In this hands-on class, we will explore and make artwork inspired by artists throughout time. From the Prehistoric Era, all the way through Modern Art, we will work in mediums including ceramics, painting, mosaics, pastel, collage and much more!

6th Grade Dance

Dance is open to all 6th-grade students and offers a fun, active way to explore movement and self-expression through styles such as Modern, Jazz, and creative dance. Students will learn basic steps, simple choreography, and dance vocabulary while also developing an understanding of how to move their bodies safely and effectively. Throughout the course, students will collaborate with classmates to create and perform original dances, building confidence, creativity, focus, and teamwork in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Design and Modeling

Have you ever wanted to create your very own invention? Students will use the engineering design process to create projects tailored to specific clients or for their own use. We will utilize cartesian and isometric sketches in our prototyping of various products to construct by-hand or with the assistance of 3D printers. Students will be offered an opportunity to share their original prototype and commercial recorded in the Ocean View Studios with a larger audience through the STEAM Tank Challenge in the fall semester.

Digital Media

News Flash!!! Reporters wanted! Join this Digital Media course and you will be a part of bringing important information to our school community through our digital news sources including *The Spartan Times* and *The Ocean View.* Student reporters in Digital Media report on information we need to know about our school community (with some light-hearted entertainment thrown in as well)! Throughout the course you will become more aware of the responsibilities that the media has to its audience and the importance of clear and accurate communication.

Technology Innovations

The focus of this class is the GSuite apps, along with introducing coding, robotics, podcasting, and other technologies. Many life skills are focused on in this class, as well, including email, calendar, and digital organization. Skills that are taught in this class extend across other disciplines as they can be used across the board in all content areas.

Theater Arts

Theater arts class introduces students to the elements of theater. Stage direction, improvisation, and scene work are studied. Students explore these elements through various projects, games, and learning activities.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES 7th GRADE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

English

Grade 7 continues students' progress towards attaining the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts. Over the course of the year, students are exposed to a variety of diverse writings, including short stories, novels, poems, and news articles. Through analysis, discussion, and collaboration, students learn to apply insights from their reading to their own lives and the world around them. Students learn to recognize and apply literary terms, build their vocabulary skills, and gain practice writing for a variety of audiences and purposes. Core texts include *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds, and *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelsen.

Advanced English, Grade 7

Students in Advanced English, Grade 7 work towards attainment of the English, Grade 7 course goals at an accelerated pace, allowing for additional reading, writing, and classroom discussion. Supplemental texts include *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain, *The Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare, and *The Light in the Forest* by Conrad Richter. Placement in Advanced English, Grade 7 is determined by the English department's leveling criteria matrix.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

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Connections

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MATHEMATICS

Math 7

Students' focus on four critical areas: developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

Pre-Algebra

Pre-Algebra is designed to strengthen students' foundational mathematics skills while preparing them for success in Algebra I and future high school coursework. Students develop fluency with number operations

and algebraic reasoning while building confidence in problem-solving through real-world applications. Throughout the course, students focus on key topics such as expressions and equations, graphing and writing linear relationships, functions, systems of equations, transformations and geometry connections, rational and irrational numbers, exponents and scientific notation, data analysis, and volume, with an emphasis on both conceptual understanding and procedural accuracy.

Pre-AP Algebra
Pre-AP Algebra I is a dynamic and engaging course designed to provide students with a solid foundation in algebraic concepts, problem-solving skills, and critical thinking. Crafted to prepare students for the challenges of AP and advanced-level mathematics, it fosters a deep understanding of algebraic principals and their real-world applications. Students will embark on a comprehensive exploration of fundamental algebraic concepts, including linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, functions, and polynomials. This course aims to instill a love for mathematical thinking, empowering students to approach complex problems with confidence and analytical prowess

SCIENCE

Science
Students will have many opportunities to investigate the world of life science, with a continued emphasis on the pursuit of scientific inquiry. Students will be able to analyze and interpret data with a specific focus on the living world, as well as real-life issues. Labs , activities, and projects will be extensively used.

Advanced Science
Students will have the opportunity to investigate the world of life science, employing a more student-centered approach. Students will be able to design and conduct experiments, analyze and interpret data, and be able to share, present, discuss and defend their work. Labs , activities, and projects will be extensively used.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies
Students in this class will dive deeper in the conversation around he purpose of government and the types of governments that there are in the world. They look at the history of America's first government and the evolution of the Constitution of the United States as we know it today. They will dive into all 7 Articles of the Constitution and learn about each of the three branches of government, as well as debate hot topics. This class also explores current issues at the local, state, national and international levels.

WORLD LANGUAGE

Italian 7
Grade 7 Italian is a semester-long course designed to guide students in the development of speaking, reading, writing, listening, and general understanding of Italian language and culture. Students review and expand their knowledge of basic grammatical structures and vocabulary while building proficiency in

reading, writing, and speaking in Italian across various mediums. The course is infused with the cultural practices and the historical impact of Italy and Italians around the world.

Spanish 7

Grade 7 Spanish is a semester-long course, which is aligned with the NJ Student Learning Standards for World Languages and the National Standards for Learning Languages. This Spanish course builds on the 6th grade program and it is designed to continue to broaden students' skills in listening, reading, speaking, writing, and usage of Spanish. Throughout the course, authentic materials are used to immerse students not only in the language, but also in the culture of the Spanish-speaking world. The course text is ¡Así se dice! 1A textbook by Conrad J. Schmitt, McGraw-Hill Education.

7th GRADE ELECTIVES

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Acting and Directing

This class is for students that are interested in acting and directing. Students will explore the art of acting through games centered around ensemble building. Students will participate in improvisation, pantomime and character development. They will explore the art of acting by selecting various scripts to use for directing and performing in One Act plays and scenes. Credits from this class can be used towards points needed for consideration into the International Thespian Society. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Art 7

Join us for 7th Grade Art! In this hands-on studio art class, we will use materials such as paint, clay, metal, wire, plaster, and fabric to create original works of art. This is a great opportunity to try materials and mediums you haven't worked with before. All skill levels are welcome!

Choir

If singing is your passion, choir is where you belong. Choir helps build ear and vocal skills. Choir can help with acting and dancing as well. In Choir, we will learn how to better use our singing voices, explore music and note reading, use harmony, and sing music in languages from around the world. 7th and 8th Grade Choir will really help hone your skills as a musician and singer, in addition to getting you prepared for the awesome VPA Academies at the High School. At the end of the year we will perform a concert of all of the music we learned with Select Choir and 6th Grade Choir. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Concert Band

Concert band is a **full year elective** for students who participated in Sixth Grade Band, and wish to continue mastering their instrument. Students will continue on their musical journey, expanding their range on their instrument, learning new techniques, and playing even more exciting music! Students will get to play pieces in many different styles, such as rock and roll, classical, folk, and jazz music! The concert band students perform in a seasonal concert, winter concert, and spring concert. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Dance

This course is designed for 7th and 8th grade students who want to continue developing their dance skills beyond the introductory level. Building on the foundations, students will deepen their technique in styles such as Modern, Jazz, and contemporary dance while learning more complex choreography and performance skills. Students will collaborate to create, refine, and perform original dances, focusing on musicality, expression, and stage presence. The course promotes leadership, creativity, and teamwork as students take greater ownership of their artistic growth and performance work. This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.

General Music 7

Love music, but not in the band?! Here is the place for you! In 7th Grade General Music we will build on our knowledge of music and continue to explore all new and exciting music songs, games, and rhythms. In 7th Grade we will focus on and learn how to play the *ukulele*, in addition to using our voices, African drums, Boomwachkers, xylophones and much more to explore different sounds and music from around the globe.

Multimedia Productions (IMP)

Students will utilize conventional desktop PC's using traditional and non traditional art techniques to make their own artistic creations. Students will develop skills in story-boarding, editing, script-writing, animation, voice recording, tracing and film production. This is a project based learning class where students will develop critical thinking skills in developing art and technology vocabulary by analyzing art elements and principles in their own work and others. Class will begin with a unit on Internet/Social Media safety. Students will learn the software applications of Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Premiere Pro.

Sports Journalism

Stories about sports teach us character-building lessons about cooperation, the value of hard work, discipline, and overcoming adversity. This course improves students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills by exploring and creating a range of media focused on the subject of sports and athletes. Students will follow and report on an Ocean Township sports team's season. Students will create sports journalism stories and media, conduct interviews with members of the team and coaching staff, and contribute sports updates to the Ocean View.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES 8th GRADE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

English

TOIS students' literacy journey culminates in English, Grade 8, which is designed to build on learning in prior grades and prepare students for the challenges of high school coursework. Students hone the literacy skills needed for high school readiness through reading, analysis, and discussion of a range of texts centered on the themes of identity, choice, and coming of age. Students focus on an array of different writing styles and techniques that allow them to develop and express their analytical and creative thinking. Assignments include weekly reading responses, essays, and independent reading. Core texts include *Night* by Elie Wiesel, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and *Define "Normal"* by Julie Anne Peters.

Advanced English

Students in Advanced English, Grade 8 work towards attainment of the English, Grade 8 course goals at an accelerated pace, allowing for additional reading, writing, and classroom discussion. Supplemental texts include *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie, and *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London. Placement in Advanced English, Grade 8 is determined by the English department's leveling criteria matrix.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

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MATHEMATICS

Pre-Algebra

Pre-Algebra is designed to strengthen students' foundational mathematics skills while preparing them for success in Algebra I and future high school coursework. Students develop fluency with number operations and algebraic reasoning while building confidence in problem-solving through real-world applications. Throughout the course, students focus on key topics such as expressions and equations, graphing and writing linear relationships, functions, systems of equations, transformations and geometry connections, rational and irrational numbers, exponents and scientific notation, data analysis, and volume, with an emphasis on both conceptual understanding and procedural accuracy.

Pre-AP Algebra

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course aims to instill a love for mathematical thinking, empowering students to approach complex problems with confidence and analytical prowess

Pre-AP Geometry
Pre-AP Geometry provides students with a conceptual bridge between algebra and geometry that deepens their understanding of mathematics. The course includes a unit of statistics and probability to support students' understanding of concepts essential to quantitative literacy. Throughout the course, students solve problems across the domains of algebra, geometry, and statistics including measurement, transformation, comparison and composition.

SCIENCE

Science
Students will have numerous opportunities to investigate the world of physical science, while employing a data-based approach to issues that revolve around chemistry and physics. Students will be able to analyze, interpret and present data, while focusing on the physical world and real-life issues. Labs , activities, and projects will be extensively used

Advanced Science
Students will have opportunities to investigate and explore the world of physical science with a more student-centered approach. There will be a strong emphasis on data-based lessons and how they relate to issues that revolve around chemistry and physics. Students will be able to analyze, interpret, present, discuss and defend data, while focusing on the physical world and real-life scenarios. Labs , activities, and projects will be extensively used.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies
Students in this class will study the development of humans as they progressed through the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Mesopotamia, the classical civilizations of Greece and Rome, and the religions of the world – Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Further, the course is designed to teach, practice and apply skills using the content.

WORLD LANGUAGE

Italian 8
Italian, Grade 8 is a full year course that focuses on the development of Italian conversation, reading and writing skills. Throughout the year, students will obtain knowledge of Italian culture, linguistic structures and the development of a vocabulary that will enable students to have simple but useful everyday conversations in Italian.

Spanish 8
Spanish 8th grade is a full year course. It is an introduction to basic Spanish grammar, vocabulary and communicative structures. Students work in pairs, groups and participate in whole-class conversations and

listening activities that focus on the meaningful and accurate communication of information in the target language. In order to provide students opportunities to engage in spontaneous creativity in the language, grammar is always presented as a means to a communicative end. The principal objective of this course is to help students achieve linguistic proficiency and cultural awareness by: learning the basic communicative skills and grammatical structures of the Spanish language; practicing the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing) with emphasis on cooperative work and active participation; and discussing diverse aspects of Hispanic culture through the study of the many countries and cultures in which Spanish is spoken.

8th GRADE ELECTIVES

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Acting and Directing

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Art 8

Get ready to create works of art that apply design skills, techniques and various materials to communicate your ideas! You'll explore drawing, painting, collage, and mixed-media to develop realistic, abstract, and/or fantasy 2D art of your choice. All skill-levels are welcome.

Choir

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This course is designed for 7th and 8th grade students who want to continue developing their dance skills beyond the introductory level. Building on the foundations, students will deepen their technique in styles such as Modern, Jazz, and contemporary dance while learning more complex choreography and performance skills. Students will collaborate to create, refine, and perform original dances, focusing on

musicality, expression, and stage presence. The course promotes leadership, creativity, and teamwork as students take greater ownership of their artistic growth and performance work. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Digital Design

Students will use traditional and non traditional art techniques to make original art creations on PC. Students will develop skills in animation, illustration, logo creation, color-theory, basic coding and audio engineering. This is a project based learning class where students will develop critical thinking skills, color-theory, creativity, and peer collaboration. Class will begin with a unit on Computational Device History and Computer Science. Students will learn the software applications of Adobe Illustrator, Audacity, and various web-based platforms.

Environmental Engineering

Students will explore current environmental issues, the various roles of environmental engineers, and the environmental impacts on Planet Earth and its inhabitants. Projects will encourage students to design real-world applications and solutions to remediate environmental challenges that we presently face.

Introduction to 3D Art

Join us on a journey into three-dimensional art! In this hands-on class, you will experiment with various methods of 3D design and create finished works of art using materials such as plaster, wire, paper mache, recyclables, and much more.

Robotics

Do you enjoy creating things with your hands or using the computer? Students will use building tools to construct new inventions as well as utilize computer programs to create 3D objects using the 3D printer or program the Lego EV3 robots to navigate a course. In this course students will use the engineering design process to solve problems through prototyping, testing and redesigning solutions. Students will be exposed to STEAM careers through first hand build challenges with groups as well as individually.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

All TOIS sports are for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students. All students are required to have a current physical. Forms may be obtained online at the District Web Site (oceanschools.org) or in the Nurse's office at TOIS.

FALL SPORTS – Physicals for Fall sports are held in June.

GIRLS AND BOYS SOCCER – Tryouts are in September. Meets daily from September- October

CROSS COUNTRY – Sign-up is in September. Try-outs are not required. Meets daily September – October.

GIRL'S FIELD HOCKEY – Tryouts in September. Meets daily September – October

WINTER SPORTS – Physicals for Winter sports are held in November.

GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL – Tryouts are in November. Meets daily November – February.

CHEERLEADING – Sign-up in October, tryout in November. Meets daily after school November – February. Approximately 16 games in addition to practices.

WRESTLING – Sign-up in November. Students will wrestle at appropriate weight class. Meets daily after school November – February.

SPRING SPORTS – Physicals will be held in February.

BASEBALL – Tryouts in March**.** Meets daily March – May.

SOFTBALL – Tryouts in March. Meets daily March – May

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK – Sign-up in March. Meets daily March – May.

CLUBS

***Registration for clubs will take place in the beginning of the year (Sept./Oct.)**
If you would like to join a club after that time, please contact the club advisor.

6th Grade Band - 6th grade band is made up of all of the students who take band as a class in 6th grade. There are 3-5 after school rehearsals scheduled in the spring. Info TBA. 6th Grade Band performs in the Spring Band Concert.

6th Grade Chorus – 5th Grade Chorus is open to all 5th grade students. Rehearsals are after school on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:10 as well as some Wednesdays during FLEX. There is a winter session from Sept-Dec. and a Spring session from Jan-May

Unified Social Café - The goal of this program is to offer students within the MD and LLD program a safe place to develop social skills, encourage hidden creative arts talents, boost self-esteem and confidence in a social setting with non-disabled peers.

Art Club - Art club is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and will meet bi-weekly. Student artists work collaboratively to generate ideas for all creative endeavors. Art making experiences include working with their peers on group art projects designated for areas throughout the Intermediate School. Art club members will also learn to expand upon and refine their personal art skills through direct instruction. During direct instruction each student will work individually to express their creativity on solo projects.

Band Buddies - Band Buddies is a musical mentoring program made up of students in the band program. Each student is paired with another student in a different grade who plays the same instrument. Buddies meet to help each other and practice together after school.

Choir - TOIS Choir is open to all and any 7th - 8th graders who love to sing. Here we will learn how to better use our voices, and sing as a group! We will have a concert in the Fall and in the Spring.

Concert Band - Concert Band includes all students who take band as a class during the school day. We meet as a full band once a week after school to rehearse our concert repertoire with each other.

Deeply Rooted - The purpose of Deeply Rooted is to provide an environment which encourages discussions and activities of interest to those who wish to learn more about the history, contributions and accomplishments of minorities. All members of the TOIS Student Body are welcome. The club emphasis is on the development of philosophies and values which will benefit club members and our community. We celebrate and respect the diversity of the students at TOIS and acknowledge on every level that we are one people despite having been placed on different shores and living in cultural arenas.

Deeply Rooted Steppers - Deeply Rooted Steppers is a group performing percussive dance, using their bodies as instruments to create complex rhythms. Step is about unity, precision, and of course, having fun.

Drama Club – The TOIS Drama Club is a creative, collaborative, and dynamic group. We produce one annual musical. Students audition for the show and apply for stage crew in early November. Meetings are three times a week until 5pm from November until the show in March. Experience is not necessary; however, commitment is required. The actors and actresses are guided by directors to develop their best performances while the stage crew members make the props, the scenery, and work on the lights and sound. By the time of the performances, the students literally run the show and are rewarded with the applause and accolades from the community.

Esports - TOIS Esports is a dynamic club for kids who are passionate about gaming. Esports can improve cognitive skills like spatial awareness and problem-solving. Esports tap into the competitive and social fundamentals of human nature and can be utilized to teach online etiquette and sportsmanship. In Esports we compete against other intermediate schools in NJ on an online gaming platform.

***Explore*Science! Club-** *Explore*Science Club offers hands-on projects and experience within various disciplines in science. The *Explore*Science Club is a great place to make new friends, explore your own interests in science, participate in "real" citizen science projects and expand your knowledge while having fun. As a member of the *Explore*Science club you will have the opportunity to be part of projects such as Growing Beyond Earth, Project Terrapin, Trout in the Classroom as well as many other science based competitions. Other opportunities include Skyping with or meeting in person "real" scientist and exploring careers in various fields of science

Hope Club - The Hope Club is a club that allows 6-8th graders to develop their leadership skills while becoming more involved in both the school and local community. The goal of this club is to increase leadership skills, provide a space of acceptance for all, volunteer in community and school events, and fundraise to help various causes. It is also a great starting point for those eighth graders who may want to be a part of Key Club in the high school.

Italian Culture Club - Il Circolo Italiano is open to all students who wish to explore and celebrate Italian culture through various elements of Italian music, art, food and sports. Over the course of the year, students will participate in activities that mirror the culture of modern-day Italy and Italy of the past. Knowledge of the Italian language is not required to join.

6th Grade Intramurals - Provides students with an opportunity to stay active while developing teamwork, cooperation, sportsmanship, and other essential life skills through engaging games and friendly competition.

Jazz Band – Jazz Band consists of auditioned students from the band program. Jazz band performs swing, blues, funk, latin, and rock music styles. Jazz meets once a week to rehearse and perform in the Spring and Winter Band Concerts.

MakerSpace Club – If you enjoy science, technology, engineering, art, and math then you are a "Maker" and this is the right club for you! Students will compete in STEAM challenges and engage in project-based learning. Using critical thinking and problem solving skills, students collaborate to create solutions to challenges.

Math Club – The math club provides opportunities for students to solve challenging math problems in an interactive group setting. Students will also compete in local and regional math competitions throughout the school year. The math club welcomes any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who love math and are looking for fun and engaging math challenges.

Rocket Club - The Ocean Rocket Club aims to provide students with hands-on experience in building and launching model rockets. The goal is for students to eventually design and build a model rocket to enter into the American Rocket Challenge.

Sand Pebbles - Sand Pebbles, TOIS literary magazine, is the school's creative outlet for students. Students can submit poetry, short stories, artwork, photography, and digital art for publication. Our staff collects and compiles all submissions to be published in a printed magazine that recognizes the student and their work.

Stage Crew - Meets after school; number of meetings depends on the school play production. Must have some knowledge of art and/or tools. Students will be involved in all aspects of theater arts, (scenery, props, lights, etc.)

Student Council – The TOIS Student Council is comprised of a hard-working group of students elected to the council by the TOIS student-body. Our main events during the school year are the following: the annual Food Drive, School Spirit Week culminating in Almost Anything Goes (A.A.G.), Valentine's Day Dance, and the Talent Show.

Theater/Forensics – In this club we will work on improvisation, scene work, and monologues. Work from this club helps students earn credits towards being inducted into the NJ International Junior Thespian Troupe. Students in this group will be invited to attend the NJ Thespian Theatre Festival. Categories for selections are typically storytelling, dramatic pairs, and declamation. Students will also be able to showcase their talents in June at the Arts' Cafe.

TOIS Dance Club – The Dance Club is happy to invite ALL 6-8th-grade students who have an interest and desire to learn to DANCE. There is no experience necessary to participate in the club, only open-mindedness, willingness to learn new things, commitment and dedication. A variety of dance styles will be explored and students with dance experience will have the opportunity to choreograph. Students will learn the basic technique and terminology of dance.

TOIS Spanish Club - The TOIS Spanish Club will strive to promote awareness, appreciation, understanding and respect of the people and cultural diversity of the Spanish speaking world. It intends to foster friendly and collaborative relationships with other school clubs as well as the community, to better understand the cultural diversity of our society.

UNLESS Garden Club - The UNLESS Garden Club is a conservation minded group where you can partake in STEAM activities while getting your hands dirty. We not only grow plants and care for our new OTIS garden, we build planters, ponic systems and other crafts out of recyclable material.

Yearbook Staff – The Yearbook Club is comprised of students wishing to gain experience in photography, creative writing, and advertising. Students work under the direction of the advisor to assist in choosing the theme of the yearbook, designing page layouts, and writing captions and headings. Shot composition skills and image editing skills will be improved upon at after school meetings. Students will create yearbook sale advertisements using a variety of marketing tools and artistic strategies.

5th Grade

5th Grade Book Club – Students will meet biweekly or monthly to discuss selected books, discuss the authors' backgrounds and other works, do activities pertaining to the books' themes.

5th Grade Band – Band rehearsals are during the school day. There is a Band Concert performed in the spring

5th Grade Chorus – 5th Grade Chorus is open to all 5th grade students. Rehearsals are after school on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:10 as well as some Wednesdays during FLEX. There is a winter session from Sept-Dec. and a Spring session from Jan-May

5th *Explore*Science! Club- *Explore*Science Club offers hands-on projects and experience within various disciplines in science. The *Explore*Science Club is a great place to make new friends, explore your own interests in science, participate in “real” citizen science projects and expand your knowledge while having

fun. As a member of the *Explore*Science club you will have the opportunity to be part of projects such as Growing Beyond Earth, Project Terrapin, Trout in the Classroom as well as many other science based competitions. Other opportunities include Skyping with or meeting in person "real" scientist and exploring careers in various fields of science

5th Grade Intramurals - Provides students with an opportunity to stay active while developing teamwork, cooperation, sportsmanship, and other essential life skills through engaging games and friendly competition.

5th Grade MakerSpace – Students work on science, technology, engineering and math project

Please Note: Throughout the school year, several of our **6th–8th grade club advisors** will offer opportunities for 5th grade students to explore and experience their clubs. We will share updates with students and families as these opportunities become available.