

7th Grade Registration
Elective Descriptions
Platteview Central Junior High
2022-2023

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Back in Time I _____ **Teacher: Mrs. Stork**

Explore the Middle Ages and Renaissance through history, folklore and art. Students will examine the structure of the feudal system, read stories of King Arthur and Robin Hood and create art inspired by the time.

Back in Time II _____ **Teacher: Mrs. Stork**

The Middle Ages and Renaissance will come alive in this hands-on cooperative course. In groups, students will collaborate and examine the science and technology of the time by studying scientists and inventors while recreating their machines and experiments

Choir 7 _____ **Teacher: Ms. Kroll**

A performance-oriented class, the 7th grade choir is open to any 7th grade student. Work in class centers on the development of good vocal techniques, sight singing, and the fundamentals of music pertaining to reading and interpretation of unison, two-part and three-part choral music. Included will be music of various languages and cultural groups, music representing a variety of styles and, possibly, the music of different periods in history.

Students will have the opportunity and be required to participate in the presentation of concerts during the school year. Clinics and music contests are available for interested choir students. Participation in choir 7 is the first step toward future choir participation. Choir 7 meets on alternating days, all year long.

Band 7 _____ **Teacher: Mr. Layher**

The major objective of the junior high band program is to develop within the student the ability to work effectively through the acquisition of such traits as industry, persistence and eagerness to grow in musical skill. Opportunities shall be given students for self-expression in music and a respect for and appreciation of outstanding musical cultural developments.

Band is available to seventh grade students with a fundamental background on a band instrument. This course involves both marching and concert band

performance throughout the year. The band performs in at least one half-time show each football season and two concerts in the winter and spring. Clinics and music contests are available for the students at some time during the school year. Solo and ensemble instruction are also available for those band students interested in doing so. Band 7 meets every day, all year long.

Art 7 _____ Teacher: Mrs. Behrens

A beginning course in art, introducing the students the basic elements and principles of design and exposing the students to a variety of media and techniques. These could include drawing, painting, sculpture, and ceramics.

Industrial Technology I _____ Teacher: Mr. Bos

This one quarter course introduces the student to the hands on skill of building projects. In this course, students build bridges, houses, rockets, gliders, towers, book supports, electronic kits, and draw a variety of drafting puzzles. Knowledge of how these systems work is also presented. Skill in scale recognition and use is emphasized. A variety of films are used to show the application of these skills to real world usage.

Exploratory Music _____ Teacher: Ms. Kroll

Eight grade Exploratory Music is designed to introduce students to the many different aspects of music. It includes a study of the basic elements of music, instruments of the orchestra, musical theater, musical composers and various other topics as time allows.