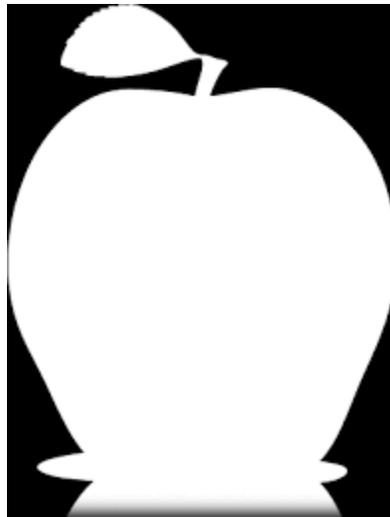


Woodbury Middle School



Course Selection Guide

2018-19



Dear Parents and Students,

At Woodbury Middle School we are looking to enhance program offerings and expand student choice which we feel is important in creating classes that both engage, and excite students about learning. This Course Selection Guide provides a description of classes that students currently in 6th and 7th grade will choose from in preparation for the 2018-2019 school year.

All students in grades 7 & 8 are required to take English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science and Social Studies. Eight grade students will take World Language as well. In addition, students in grades 7 & 8 are required to take **P.E., Health** and a choice of **four** Unified Arts classes. Each of these classes will be offered in trimesters.

Students in grade 6 during the 2017-2018 year have had an exploratory experience in most of the Unified Arts classes. Students currently in grades 6 and 7, will select Unified Arts classes outlined in this guide that best match their personal interests. We ask that you have conversations with your child about which classes they will choose.

The PowerSchool portal will be open **May 29th – June 3rd** for current 6th and 7th grade students and parents to register for course selections for next year. Please follow the instructions outlined below.

We are very excited about the course offerings and ask that if you have any questions, to contact us.

Sincerely,

Pam Lazaroski

Pam Lazaroski
Interim Principal

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Assistant Principal

Woodbury Middle School

“Woodbury Middle School is committed to providing a safe and challenging learning environment for our young adolescent students who are changing physically, intellectually, and emotionally.”

Class selection instructions

1. Parents and students review the *Course Selection Guide* for class descriptions.
2. Click on the following link [PowerSchool](#) or go to: powerschool.ctreg14.org/public and log in to your user account
3. Under NAVIGATION on the left choose CLASS REGISTRATION
4. Follow instructions at the top of the page
5. Please contact your student’s school counselor with any questions about the selection process.

Course Selection Process

The course selection process will be open for students to choose courses from **May 29th – June 3rd**. We strongly encourage parents and students to review the Course Selection Guide and for students to make selections that most interest them.

We encourage students to be thoughtful about the courses they select. A schedule will be built and sections will be determined based on the number of requests for each class.

Woodbury Middle School Unified Arts Course Selection

**Elective classes are subject to change based on availability and student interest.*

The following unified arts classes will be offered as trimester classes. We are requesting each student select **four** courses as first priority and **three** others as alternate selections in the event classes are not offered or scheduling prohibits placement.

WMS is pleased to offer the following new courses for the 2018 - 2019 School Year:

- Ukulele and Drumming
- Digital Music
- 8th Grade Capstone Experience
- What' Cooking
- Tasty Treats

Video Broadcasting			7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Video Broadcasting is a course during which students create quality media productions such as news and sports broadcasts, public service announcements, silent movies, movie trailers, book trailers, music videos, and more!</p> <p>This course uses a hands-on approach, providing both in front of and behind the scenes camera experiences. Students will learn proper camera use and operation, picture composition, production outlines, lighting, sound engineering, directing, news anchoring, videography, and video editing. These experiences may culminate in broadcasting of student work.</p> <p>This course is available to all 7th and 8th grade students. (8th grades students who were in this class in 7th grade will participate in activities to further the study of video broadcasting.)</p>			

Engineering and Production			7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Engineering and Production is a hands-on, project based course. Students will design and create products made from raw materials, such as: a CO2 powered dragsters, wooden pens, mousetrap powered vehicles, model rockets, and more.</p> <p>Students will learn two dimensional designing using AutoCAD, a computer assisted design software program. Students will become problem solvers and critical thinkers by learning about some of the key skills commonly used in the field of engineering. This course has an emphasis on 2 dimensional design and fabrication in addition to using tools and machines in the wood lab.</p> <p>This course is available to all 7th and 8th grade students. (8th grade students who were in this class in 7th grade will participate in activities to further the study of engineering.)</p>			

Ukulele and Drumming			7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Ukulele and Drumming is a new course at WMS for the 2018-2019 school year! In this class students will be exposed to various drumming techniques found around the world. Students will learn how to read drum ensemble music and actively participate in a drum circle setting. Students will also learn ukulele technique, chord progressions and will have opportunities to perform at concerts throughout the year, if interested.</p> <p>This course is available to all 7th and 8th grade students.</p>			

Digital Music			7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Digital music is a new course at WMS for the 2018-2019 school year! This course will involve students using music software to create, perform and respond to music. Students will learn about the basics of composing using loops as well as various genres of music. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate on compositions with students in their class and other classes as well as students in other schools. Along with using music composing software, students will learn the basics of sound systems with the potential of assisting the tech crew at concerts.</p> <p>This course is available to all 7th and 8th grade students.</p>			

Small Ensemble			7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Small Ensemble students have the opportunity to learn and perform solos, duets, and small ensembles (trios, quartets, quintets, etc.). This course is offered to band and orchestra students, as well as to students who play an instrument outside of school (piano, guitar, etc.). Throughout the trimester, students will perform for a variety of audiences - for their peers, teachers, for WMS Families, in the morning before classes, at the Woodbury Senior Center, and in a recital.</p> <p>In addition, students will collaborate with peers, self-reflect, and learn to give effective feedback to others. They will also learn how to properly prepare to perform, how to work through performance nerves, and how musicians communicate with other musicians when performing. This class is an ideal option for musicians who enjoy playing their instruments and are looking for additional opportunities to perform and grow in confidence!</p> <p>This course is available to all 7th and 8th graders.</p>			

Course Name: 3D Sculpture			7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Sculpture is ideal for students who love to work with their hands in order to create. The pieces that students will create can be larger than life, or smaller than a tea cup. During this course students will be exposed to different methods and strategies to problem solve creative and technical issues.</p> <p>Throughout this course students will be consistently challenged to use materials in concepts in new ways to create innovative pieces of art. Materials can include paper, plants, clay, wheel throwing, and more to create a series of pieces. 8th grade students who took this course in 7th grade will be exposed to more challenging assignments.</p>			

Course Name: Painting and Drawing			7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Enjoy telling stories and spinning a narrative? Every image is worth a thousand words, and in painting and drawing students will be learning practical art making skills in order to tell their own story. During this class students will learn to draw from life, and other necessary skills for creating images that will communicate their unique ideas.</p> <p>Students will be exposed to different mediums such as shading pencils, charcoal, watercolors, tempera paint and more. Students will be expected to complete two smaller projects that harness their drawing skills which will be based off of observation or photos that you have taken. Additionally, students will be involved with local art competitions, and learn how to prepare their work for future art exhibits.</p> <p>8th grade students who took this course in 7th grade will be exposed to more challenging assignments.</p>			

Course Name: What's Cooking?			7th/8th
Trimester			
<p>This is a new course at WMS for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Who doesn't love food?! Food is often the centerpiece of important rituals and daily routines across cultures. In this hands-on class, students will learn about kitchen safety, cooking tools and equipment, recipe-reading, dishwashing, and food preparation. Small groups will also try a variety of food preparation tasks including Fruit Smoothies, Tortilla Roll Ups, French Toast, and more.</p>			

Course Name: Tasty Treats			7th/8th
Trimester			
<p>This is a new course at WMS for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Grade students will move to the next level in our Food Lab. Students will engage learn about nutrients and calories, kitchen safety, food preparation, and tools. Small groups will test and create a variety of recipes including quick breads, cookies, pizza and more. Students will also study food related illnesses and share their learning with others.</p>			

Capstone			8th grade
(Trimesters 2 & 3 both)			
<p>The Capstone Experience is a new course at WMS for the 2018-2019 school year!</p> <p>Are you curious about how to create, design, and innovate products? Do you work best when you have control over your own learning? Are you someone who learns best through hands-on, experiential learning? The 8th Grade Capstone Class is a unique opportunity for 8th graders to engage in a 2 trimester, rich learning experience. Students in this course will work individually as well as part of a highly collaborative team to create a new product, service, or solution that addresses the designated theme for the year.</p> <p>Students in the Capstone will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the Design Cycle to engage in challenge-based learning. • Identify a problem that will be addressed by an authentic project idea. • Communicate creatively and effectively in verbal, written, and visual forms. • Investigate a topic via research, development, experiment or testing method, and data analysis. • Develop an innovative solution (product, artifact, or community action) that addresses a problem. • Demonstrate application of the solution with experimentation and/or prototype creation. <p>The Capstone also includes the potential to showcase student work at a professional exhibition booth at the Oakdale theatre. Over the course of 2nd and 3rd trimesters, teams of students will use six critical 21st Century Skills—Information Literacy, Creativity and Innovation, Collaboration, Problem Solving, Communication, and Responsible Citizenship—to design and develop an Expo Fest project. Practicing and mastering these six skills sets students apart as lifelong learners and innovators. This course is a culmination of the middle school experience!</p>			

Performing Ensemble Offerings

Woodbury Middle School is pleased to offer students the opportunity to participate in band, chorus or orchestra. These ensemble offerings are **separate from the electives students may choose to take listed above** and operate on a rotating pull-out lesson schedule. All students will be placed into lesson groups and will attend 1 pull-out lesson a week. Students will also attend 2 ensemble rehearsals during the week during the ensemble block.

Chorus			6th/7th/8th grade
Individual lessons & weekly rehearsals			
<p>Chorus is a WMS music performing ensemble that rehearses in individual lessons by section and full ensemble rehearsals on a weekly basis. Chorus students will work collaboratively in an ensemble setting to prepare for several concerts throughout the year. Students will learn about vocal health, posture, breathing, performance and audience etiquette and will study a variety of genres of choral music.</p> <p>This course is available to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.</p>			

Band			6th/7th/8th grade
Individual lessons and weekly rehearsals			

Band is a WMS music performing ensemble that consists of students who play woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments, grades 6-8. Each band student receives one weekly, small-group lesson during the school day. In addition to this, all band students, grades 6-8, rehearse together on a weekly basis. Band students perform a variety of music genres at least twice a year in a winter and spring concert.

Band students learn about, practice, and demonstrate a variety of musical skills and concepts. These include: correct posture and hand position, scales, key signature, time signature, note and rhythmic accuracy, tempo, dynamics, articulations, and tone. They also learn about instrument care, appropriate band rehearsal etiquette, as well as how to work with all band members to create music together.

This course is available to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

String Orchestra			6th/7th/8th grade
Individual lessons and weekly rehearsals			
<p>String Orchestra is a WMS music performing ensemble that consists of students in grades 6-8 who play either violin, viola, cello, or double bass. Each String Orchestra student receives one weekly, small-group lesson during the school day. In addition to this, all students rehearse together on a weekly basis. String Orchestra students perform a variety of musical genres at least twice a year in a winter and spring concert.</p> <p>String Orchestra students learn about, practice, and demonstrate a variety of musical skills and concepts. These include: correct posture and bow technique, scales, key signatures, time signatures, melodic and rhythmic notation, tempo, dynamics, articulations, and tone production. They also learn about instrument care, appropriate rehearsal etiquette, and how to work with all String Orchestra members to create music together.</p> <p>This course is available to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.</p>			

Wellness

Every student will experience PE, Health and Nutrition classes for a trimester each at some point during the school year. These classes are required of all students at Woodbury Middle School students. Teachers will work to integrate lessons in physical activity and healthy eating and living that will focus on the overall health and well-being of our students.

Health			6th/ 7th/8th grade
Trimester			
<p>Health Class is designed to help students learn to make healthy decisions and to progress towards becoming healthy and productive teenagers and adults. Each year of Health builds upon on the previous year's learning, as students continue in their development as adolescents.</p> <p>Sixth grade health students will develop their self-esteem and social/emotional health through various means such as collaborative communication and role playing, speaking and listening, recognizing individuality and</p>			

differences, while using interest inventories. Topics include Communication, Drug Education, Human Development, and Infectious Diseases.

Seventh grade health students will be learning about Mental Health and exploring resources surrounding mental, emotional, and social health. Other topics include Nutrition, Drug Education, Human Development and Infectious Diseases. Activities involving reading labels to support healthy decision, collaborative and group learning to explore resources for support, role playing from multiple perspectives are all part of 7th grade Health. Students will compare healthy vs unhealthy lifestyle choices to support their current and future health.

Eighth grade health involves further exploration in areas that may have already been presented in previous years, as well as new topics and units. Included are Infectious Diseases/Immune System, Noninfectious Diseases and Risk Factors, Drug Education, Health Care Professionals/Resources, and Human development/Reproduction. Students will research and present on relevant topics, work in collaborative groups to present to an audience, identify and explore a variety of resources in support informed decisions, and role play to demonstrate diverse perspectives.

Physical Education		6th/7 th /8 th grade
Trimester		
<p>The Physical Education program provides each student with the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive program consisting of skill development, lead up games, team sports and physical fitness activities. The students receive instruction in rules, skills and strategies associated with the different sports as well as learning experiences involving physical conditioning activities. The students will also have opportunities to become involved in life-long physical activities through individual sport units. The program promotes the spirit of cooperation, leadership, fair play and friendly competition.</p> <p>Some activities include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strength training / Fitness ● Yoga ● Cardio kickboxing ● Team sports (soccer, basketball) ● Net games (badminton, volleyball, pickleball, tennis) ● Cooperative games / team building challenges ● Lifelong activities (Frisbee, picnic games, golf, bowling, archery) 		