

WELCOME 5TH GRADE PARENTS

**2017-2018 School Year Registration and
Course Selection**

OFFICE STAFF

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NOTABLE NEWS

- Bell Schedule
 - Extended Instructional Time / Enrichment (Tuesday-Friday)
 - Choice Clubs (Monday)

NOTABLE NEWS

iPads

- Students will get school issued iPads in the fall
- Cell phones are NOT necessary. We actually prefer the students not to have them since cell phone internet is not filtered.
- iPad internet is filtered

Schoology

- Online communication with teachers / students
- Lessons / materials posted in class folders

Course Selection – Multilevel classes

- GT and Honors

HONORS CLASSES

PURPOSE OF MOVING TO HONORS CLASSES (MULTILEVEL)

- TAUGHT AT HONORS LEVEL BUT WE WILL PROVIDE SCAFFOLDING AND DIFFERENTIATION PLANS FOR THOSE THAT STRUGGLE
- LEARNERS CAN WORK WITH OTHER STUDENTS OF ALL LEVELS
- ABLE TO BE CHALLENGED BY PEERS
- RECIPROCAL TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES
- RESEARCH PROVEN THAT RAISING THE EXPECTATION FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS IMPROVES LEARNING NOT ONLY IN ON LEVEL BUT LEARNERS BUT ALSO IN OUR HONORS LEARNERS.

GIFTED AND TALENTED CLASSES

Gifted and Talented - qualification required

- GT courses - available to learners currently identified and participating in the Gifted and Talented program

Learners who receive CISD GT services will develop and demonstrate advanced skills through the development of professional-level products and performances in the following areas:

- Self-Directed Learning
- Critical Thinking
- Creative and Innovative Thinking
- Research in one or more disciplines
- Communication

CMS NORTH BELL SCHEDULE

- **School Hours**

- Drop-off 7:15 - 7:40
- First Bell 7:50 (please arrive before first bell)
- School start time: 8:00am
- School end time: 3:35pm
- Last Bell 3:45pm
- All students must be picked up by 3:45.
 - *Not allowed to stay out front of school unsupervised after 3:45 so make transportation plans.*

PTO

- PRESIDENT: ROYA TOMPKINS
- SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE
- SOCIALS
- 6TH GRADE AND FIELD TRIP T-SHIRTS
- PARENT VOLUNTEERS
- PTO NEWSLETTER
- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
- MATCHING FUNDS - TECHNOLOGY/FURNITURE

STATE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS

- STAAR Math 6 and Reading 6
- Semester Exams and 9 weeks Benchmark tests
- Local Common Assessments
 - I station
 - Membeam - vocabulary and spelling practice (45 minutes outside of the school day per week)

SCHEDULE PARAMETERS

- **7 PERIODS**

- MATH (DOUBLE BLOCK)
- LANGUAGE ARTS
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- SCIENCE
- 2 ELECTIVES

Course	Course Description	Per	Teacher	Room
2611	Math 6	1-2	Bossmann, Deborah	B107
1611	Language & Literacy 6 Honors	3	Keen, Caymen	A108
9060	Art A	4	Weaver, Shannon	F 108
8601	E-time 6	4E	Hayden, Gary	A102
3601	Science 6	5	Williams, Laura	A103
5600	PE/Wellness 6	6	Klepac, Kathleen	GYM
4601	Social Studies 6	7	Masengill, Duane	A111

MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- 2 complete years of PE / Athletics
- 1 year of Fine Arts
 - Art, Band, Choir or Theatre
- Endorsement Explorations (iExplore) class in 7th grade, which is a locally developed course to fulfill HB5 Middle School requirements.

PE / OFF CAMPUS PE

- Learners must have two years of PE in middle school
(OCPE, PE, Athletics)
- PE -focuses on fitness, health, and wellness, organized games
- OCPE - outside of the school day
 - Two categories (5 or 15 hours)
 - Must be 5 days a week August - June (entire school year)
- The OCPE application can be found [HERE](#)

CORE CONTENT CLASSES

- **Honors Language Arts**
- **GT Humanities**

Language Arts

- **Honors Math 6**
- **Honors Accelerated Math 6/7**
- **GT Accelerated Math 6/7**

Math

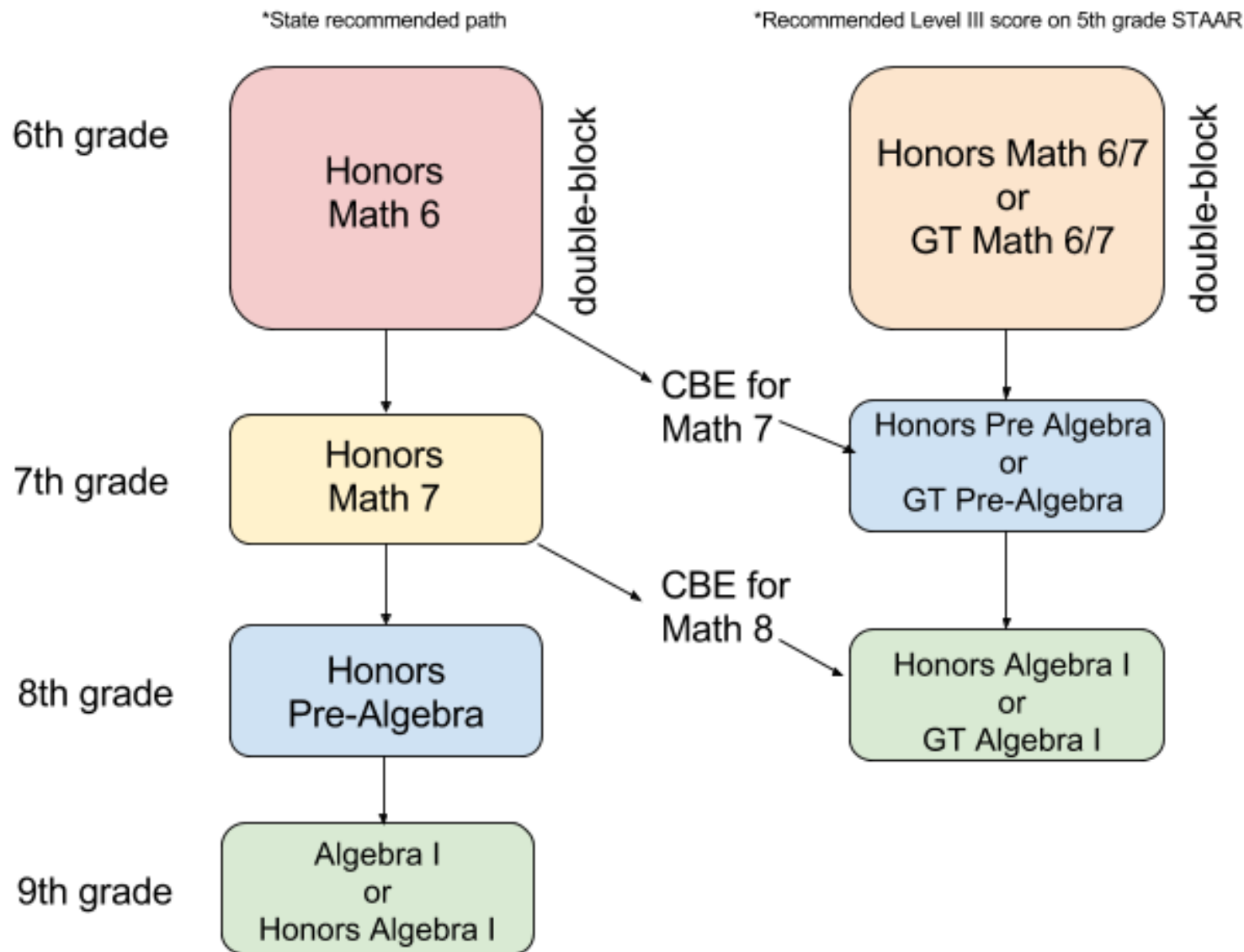
- **Honors Social Studies**
- **GT Humanities Social Studies**
- **Honors SS -World Culture Spanish Bilingual (DLI)**

Social Studies

- **Honors Science**
- **GT Science**

Science

Middle School Math Alignment



MATH ACCELERATION BY CBE

- **Math Acceleration testing is for students entering 6th grade and wishing to enroll in 7th grade accelerated math**
- **Regardless of the testing date for a CBE for acceleration, placement in a new course will only take place at the beginning of a school year.**
- **Although there is no study guide, parents/learners may access the Texas Education Agency's [website](#) to view the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) covered in the exams.**
- **For 5th graders desiring to enroll in 7th grade accelerated math, the exam covers the 6th grade math TEKS.**
- **To register for the math acceleration test please talk with your elementary school counselor for the CBE application.**
- **Math Acceleration Testing Dates**
 - May 17th or 24th - July 10th or 11th

ELECTIVES

Support

ESL Grammar and
Composition

Read180

MLI

6th grade

TheatreA

Art A

Band

Choir

6th grade

Creative Writing/
Reading Studio

PE

6TH GRADE ELECTIVES

- **Learners can select two electives in 6th grade**
 - Art A (learners will draw, paint, sculpt, use printmaking techniques, and be introduced to graphic art)
 - Band (fitting appointment required, **members learn how to play a wind, brass, or percussion instrument**)
 - Choir (Treble Choir is 6th and 7th grade girls **performance class, open to all 6th grade learners who enjoy singing and performing**)
 - Theatre A (experience the basic elements of drama, beginning acting techniques, and performing for an audience.)
 - Creative Writing / Reading Studio (various fictional styles such as prose, poetry, and drama through self-selected and guided reading choices)
 - PE / Off Campus PE (application for OCPE is on CMS North website under academics)
 - MLI (dyslexia support)
 - ESL (**beginning and intermediate English Language Learners**)
 - READ 180 (reading comprehension support)

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/4 and 4/5 Counselor Visits- schedule info goes home
- 4/6 Parent Meeting @ North at 6:00 p.m.
- Course selection cards due April 12th to 5th grade teacher
- Schedule Pick-up August @ North
 - Make up schedule pick up August 18th
 - Cougar Camp - August (date TBD)
 - For parents and learners

BEFORE SCHEDULE PICK UP

- Update Info Snap
 - Be sure to sign up for E - Groups to receive school communication and principal newsletter
- Student Residency Questionnaire (located on the CMS North website)
- Bring Proof of Residency
 - Current utility bill
 - Updated lease

NEXT STEPS...



- Course selection cards due April 12th to 5th grade teacher
- What if I have a question?
- What if I want to make a change?
 - Contact your child's counselor in writing
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