

Class Selection and Sign-Up

All students will be enrolled in the following classes: Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, and EXPRESS. EXPRESS is a time to intervene & enrich students needing additional support, remediation, reteaching, or a push towards next-level learning. Teachers will create sessions that engage, enrich, stretch, reinforce, and review. Each week students are assigned sessions or may have the opportunity to choose sessions that interest them.

In addition to these 5 classes, students will also have the opportunity to take two additional classes of their choice each day. For more details, keep reading!

Please note, this document lays out the options that we anticipate offering during the 2020-2021 school year. The master schedule will not be finalized until mid-summer, so the information below is subject to change.

Class Selection

As stated above, Math, English Language Arts (ELA), Social Studies, Science, and EXPRESS are required classes for 7th graders. Students will be able to choose two additional classes. The Options are laid out in the chart below. Be sure to read through this document thoroughly before making a selection.

Required Classes	Select One:	Select One Additional Class:	
Math	Related Arts Rotation (9-Wk Rotation)	Jazz Band	Study Focus
ELA	Band (Year-Round)	Jazz Band	Study Focus
Social Studies	Orchestra (Year-Round)	Jazz Band	Study Focus
Science	Spanish 7A (2-Year Commitment)	Study Focus	Related Arts Rotation/Year-Long Class
EXPRESS			

More About the Related Arts Rotation

Art **Emily Shanley** emily.shanley@wcs.edu

- 7th Grade Art (9 weeks) - This is an introductory course in Visual Art. Students will explore a variety of media, techniques, and art styles and create projects using drawing materials, oil pastels, acrylic paint and more!

Choir **Hannah Kuchar** hannah.kuchar@wcs.edu

- Participation in at least one quarter of 6th Grade Choir is a prerequisite for joining 7th Grade Choir. Students will build increased rhythmic and note reading skills as they sing in multiple parts. Students will continue to develop our mature singing voice through warm-ups and part singing. We will have at least two performances per semester. Unlike other classes in this category, Choir is a semester-long class.

General Music **Hannah Kuchar** hannah.kuchar@wcs.edu

- All students are welcome. Students will continue to play ukuleles and each student will present an "Artist of the Day." Much of our quarter will be spent learning to write our own original song lyrics using the Country Music Hall of Fame Curriculum. At the end of the unit, final lyrics will be submitted to the Country Music Hall of Fame and a real song writer will come and do a presentation of selected lyrics for our class.

Multimedia **Ashley Schmidt** ashley.schmidt@wcs.edu

- The Multimedia course is designed to develop and build on computer technology skills. Students will use a variety of computer software and web tools. Topics that will be covered are keyboarding, Google Drive, Microsoft Office, digital citizenship, Internet search skills, and coding. Students will participate in a variety of individual and group projects.

Physical Education/Wellness (PE)

Mark Montgomery mark.montgomery@wcs.edu & **Dave Hannan** david.hannan@wcs.edu

- Physical Education/Wellness is open to students who are wanting to continue developing their knowledge of health, wellness, and sports. Students will participate in a variety of different physical activities throughout the year. Each day, the class will begin with a 10-minute workout which might include circuits, strength training, cardio, or deep stretching. Students will also continue to build on their fundamental levels of sports. These sports might include flag football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, Thunderball, Treasure Island, pickleball, badminton, gaga ball, etc.

STEM (Robotics/Pre-Engineering) **Niki Folven** nikif@wcs.edu

- No prerequisites required. Each class will embark on fun project-based learning that builds student capacity for problem-solving, grit, and working as a team. Students will learn VEX and gain valuable exposure to various CTE opportunities that await in high school.
- STEM Innovators, the name of the 7th grade class, is a fundamental course for middle school students to understand the relationship between STEM and innovation, as well as explore the possibilities of "What could be?" Upon completion of this course, proficient students will understand why innovation is important and how it benefits society. Students will learn how innovation requires creativity and leads to new discoveries and technologies that make life better for humans.

Theatre **Katie Boothe** katieb@wcs.edu

- This class is a more in-depth exploration of Theatre, including acting techniques, play analysis, production, design, improvisation, and writing/directing. Students will build confidence through public speaking and performance and exercise their creativity through scene writing and design. Theatre experience is preferred but not required. Theatre students work hard, and are highly committed to their artform. Unlike other classes in this category, Theatre is a **semester-long** class.

More About Year-Long Classes

Band **Chris Colalillo** christopher.colalill@wcs.edu

- Membership is open to 7th grade students who have at least one-year experience playing their instrument. The course is a continuation of the technical training started in the 6th grade. Students will expand their playing ability, improve their range, tone, and technique, enhance their ensemble skills, continue to assimilate music history and theory, and perform individually and as a group. Students will perform in the Winter and Spring Concerts along with other performances. Students achieving at a high level will be encouraged to audition for the TSMS Jazz Band, MTSBOA Mid-state Bands and Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- Please note there is a \$200 fee associated with this class.

Orchestra **Melissa Dufrechou** melissa.dufrechou@wcs.edu

- The string orchestra program is open to students who are interested in playing or already play the violin, viola, cello, or (upright/string) bass. The class will focus on introducing students to the instruments, as well as providing differentiated instruction for students with previous experience. Students will learn the basics of their instrument, music notation, ear training, music history, basic musicianship, as well as teamwork. These are the areas that will continue to be developed as a student continues through the strings program. Students with previous experience can register and may elect to learn a new instrument.
- Please note there is a \$100 fee associated with this class.

More About Spanish

Spanish 7A/8B **Emily Ayers** emily.ayers@wcs.edu

We are very excited to offer Spanish 7A to our rising 7th grade students at TSMS. This is a 2-year commitment in which students will earn one year of high school world language credit. Spanish 7A is completed in 7th grade, and Spanish 8B is completed in 8th grade. Students must complete and pass both 7A and 8B in order to receive a high school Spanish credit. For more information on the Spanish 7A/8B class, please see the additional flyers regarding world language options at TSMS. There are

options for beginning the foreign language program as an 8th grader. You'll want to review the information carefully before making a selection.

More About Additional Classes

The options below are available in place of Study Focus. Class participation will remain dependent on demonstration of a student's ability to maintain an A/B average and keep up with other class work.

Jazz Band **Chris Colalillo** christopher.colalillo@wcs.edu

Jazz band is our select ensemble at TSMS. With only a couple of exceptions, this group is made up of students currently enrolled in Band. This ensemble is fun, fast-paced, and we get to explore the wonderful world of Jazz. We get new music weekly, work very hard, and have fun!

Class Sign-Up

Course selection will be open **April 1st-April 14th**. Be on the lookout for an email/callout with the link to sign up.