

PACETTI BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Preparations are underway for the 2017-2018 school year at Pacetti Bay Middle School. We are excited about the opportunities that the new year will bring your child. Enclosed is information regarding classes that will be offered at Pacetti Bay during the next school year. We encourage you to carefully review this information and respond in a timely manner regarding your child's preferences relative to his/her 2017-2018 course schedule. The COURSE REGISTRATION FORM is due by March 8, 2017.

All students will have 7 courses built into their school schedule, 5 academic/core classes and 2 non-core classes. The academic/core classes for most students will include: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Critical Thinking/Research. Academic teachers are currently in the process of making course recommendations for the 2017-2018 school year. All students will also have 2 non-core classes which could include a full year of Physical Education and a full year or 2 semesters of another class or classes. Students who are identified through our intervention processes as needing Intensive Reading and/or Intensive Math will be placed accordingly. Both of these courses are year-long and take precedence over other elective classes.

Pacetti Bay Middle School students transition to Nease High School, an excellent high school with national recognition for its' achievement in multiple areas, including the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB), as well as other Programs of Choice such as academies in communications, engineering, and hospitality and tourism. Pacetti Bay is proud to support this continuing education community. All of our courses, whether core or non-core, are designed to facilitate the intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth of students in the middle years. Our intent is to provide a curriculum that will adequately serve the wide range of students' needs, abilities, and interests while they are in middle school and prepare them for a full and challenging high school experience. (IB, Dual Enrollment, Academy Programs of Choice)

Please find attached a 2017-2018 COURSE REGISTRATION FORM. Students have been instructed to choose the non-core course that they hope to take next school year and return the form to their homeroom teacher by March 8, 2017. **We will do our best to give your student the requested course; however, due to schedule constraints and class size requirements, we cannot guarantee that the course chosen will be available.** Students who do not submit a course registration form will have courses selected for them.

According to Florida State Statutes, students may elect to take an online course at Pacetti Bay during the school day. Online courses will be locked and unable to be changed 30 days prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. An online course taken during the school day has adult supervision; however, the course is taught by a teacher not on the Pacetti Bay campus. Students are solely responsible for communicating with the online teacher, completing all assignments, staying on pace, and finishing the course on time. If you are interested in your child taking an online course, please contact your child's school counselor for further information.

Respectfully,



Jay Willets
Principal

A Note Concerning Schedule Changes: The final date for all 2017-2018 school year course requests/changes is Monday, July 10. We will NOT accept requests for course changes after this date to allow us enough time to balance sections to meet class size requirements.

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Please fill this form out in its entirety and return to your home-room teacher by March 8, 2017.

Student Name: _____
Grade Level for 2017-2018 School Year: _____

Please mark your one choice for a non-core course that you hope to take next school year. Return the form to your homeroom teacher. **We will do our best to give you the requested course; however, due to schedule constraints and class size requirements we cannot guarantee that the course chosen will be available.**

_____ **Advanced Art** - This is a year long class offered to the Art enthusiast. There will be a fair share fee for this course.
_____ **Band** - Current band students will be placed in band according to teacher recommendation and student interest. There will be a fair share fee for this course.

_____ **Digital Information Technology** - This is a year-long computer class designed to provide an introduction to information technology concepts and careers as well as the impact information technology has on the world, people, and industry and basic web design concepts. **This class is for high school credit and will impact the student's high school GPA.** Students planning to apply for the Digital Design Academy or the Hospitality & Tourism Academy at Nease High School should strongly consider this course.

_____ **ICT 2** - This is a year-long computer class that will explore databases, the internet, spreadsheets, presentation applications, word processing and document manipulation, etc. This class will enhance and build upon skills students have already obtained through computer usage.

_____ **Theater 1** - Students will develop acting technique through activities such as pantomime, puppetry, improvisation, and scene work. Students will also explore the technical aspects of theater including costume, lighting, and set design. Students may participate in Jr. Thespian Festival, however, this is not required. There will be a fair share fee for this course.

_____ **Theater 2** - This course is performance based. Students will refine acting technique through activities such as pantomime, improvisation, and scene work. Students will also participate in technical aspects of theater such as costume, set, and lighting design, as well as playwrighting. Participation in the Fall showcase and Jr. Thespian District Festival are required. These performances may require some rehearsals after school hours. Class enrollment is based on teacher recommendations or audition. There will be a fair share fee for this course.

Honors Course Opportunities

_____ **Algebra 1 Honors** - This class is offered to 7th and 8th grade students who show proficiency in his/her Math course, have met the score criteria of the Algebra 1 Honors placement test, and have the appropriate teacher recommendation. **It is for high school credit and will impact the student's high school GPA. This is a recommended opportunity for students considering placement in IB, Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement High School Academics.**

_____ **Geometry 1 Honors** - This class is offered to 8th grade students who have successfully completed Algebra 1 Honors in 7th grade. **It is for high school credit and will impact the student's high school GPA. This is a recommended opportunity for students considering placement in IB, Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement High School Academics.**

_____ **Honors Physical Science** - This class is offered to 8th grade students who show proficiency in his/her Science course, have met the criteria for placement in either Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors, and have the appropriate teacher recommendation. **It is for high school credit and will impact the student's high school GPA. This is a recommended opportunity for students considering placement in IB, Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement High School Academics.**

_____ **Spanish 1 Honors** - This class is offered to 8th grade students who show proficiency in his/her middle school foreign language course, have met the score criteria of the Pre IB Spanish 1 placement test, and have the appropriate teacher recommendation. **It is for high school credit and will impact the student's high school GPA. This is a recommended opportunity for students considering placement in IB, Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement High School Academics.**

Student Signature: _____
Parent Signature: _____

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