



Dear Parents,

Preparations are underway for the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 course schedule. The COURSE REGISTRATION FORM is due by March 1, 2019.

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 Research. Academic teachers are currently in the process of making course recommendations for the 2019-2020 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.

PBMS students typically 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 2019-2020 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 1, 2019. 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 2018-2019 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 2019-2020 school year course requests/changes is Monday, July 8. We will NOT accept requests for course changes after this date to allow us enough time to balance sections to meet class size requirements.***