



Hauser Junior High School

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Dear Current 6th Grade Students and Parents:

Implementation of the middle school model at Hauser looks slightly different at each grade level. Staff members continue working diligently to fine tune our structure and to plan for programs that will better serve the needs of our early adolescents. Following are brief descriptions of some of the key features that will characterize middle level education at the 7th grade next year:

- Multi-disciplinary teams – Students will be assigned to one of two core teams (Blue or Gold). The core subject areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies will be taught by team teachers during the second half of the day. Students will receive their team assignments when schedules are distributed on the first day of school. Students from the 6th grade teams will be rearranged to form new teams in 7th grade. This will allow students to become better acquainted with others.
- Academic Advisory – All students will be assigned to a 30-minute advisory period that will take place between 7th and 8th periods (1:29-1:59). The teacher advisor will be the key contact person for parents and will serve as a student advocate. Students who participate in band and orchestra will be pulled for small group sectional lessons on scheduled days during this time.
- Increased exploration – Students will experience greater opportunity for exploration through Encore offerings. Descriptions of 7th grade courses are included in this packet. Due to the complexities of scheduling, no guarantees can be made that students will be registered for their first choices. In any case, all students will be assigned to exciting Encore courses and will experience greater exploration during the school day. Every effort will be made to accommodate at least some of each student's requests. **Please submit the enclosed request form (rank order choices from 1-11) no later than June 1st.**
Students who do not submit request forms or who submit forms late will be randomly placed.
- Seventh grade students will be enrolled in one trimester of Health. Glencoe's text, *Teen Health 2*, will be used as a classroom resource, as well as modules from the *National Institutes of Health Curriculum Supplements Series*. Topics of study will include: nutrition, fitness, personal health, and the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. All sources and activities are consistent with the National Science Education standards and the Illinois state standards.
- Before-school band/orchestra/choir programs will be similar to this year's. Letters from the directors will be sent home separately.
- An excellent selection of after-school activities will be offered, as in previous years. Co-curricular selections will include some clubs that were offered this year and some that will be new. Registration brochures will be distributed after the start of the school year.

As your first year at Hauser winds down, it is time to look forward to the exciting offerings for the coming year. The foundational courses offered this year have provided our 6th grade students with the necessary preparation for great things to come! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the 7th grade program.

Sincerely,

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