Fairfield Woods Middle School

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Dear 7th Grade Parents/Guardians,

Infinite Campus is the tool used for grade 7 to 8 articulation. When your child logs on to the Infinite Campus portal and goes to the registration section, his or her "Required Courses" for 8th grade are listed. These courses include language arts, social studies, science, math, world language or reading, health, physical education, and music.

Under the section titled "Required Courses," there are two additional sections: "Requested Courses" and "Alternate Courses." This is where your child enters his or her preferences for elective unified arts classes. Students were shown a Unified Arts presentation that explained each elective course and included a tutorial video on how to enter electives in IC. The complete list of courses and step-by-step written directions are also included in this letter for your reference. Although we do our best to honor requests, we cannot guarantee any specific classes.

It is very important that you review the Required Courses listed in Infinite Campus and that your child has made his or her preferences for Elective Courses, by Thursday, May 25, 2023. Please note: Changes will not be made after the end of the current school year, so it is imperative that you address any questions, concerns, or desired changes at this time.

Logging into Infinite Campus

1. Have students log in to Infinite Campus using their Username and Password.
2. This will bring students to their IC homepage where today's schedule, announcements, assignments, etc. are listed.

3. From the index on the left, select **More.**
4. Select **Course Registration**.
5. Select **23-24 Fairfield Woods Middle School**.
6. Any required courses that have been recommended by teachers and input by school administrators will be listed in the Required Courses list. Students cannot change any required courses listed for them.

Requesting Elective Courses:

1. Under **Course Requests**, click **Add Course**.
2. A list of all available courses for 8th graders will appear - there is a total of 8.
3. Click on your **first choice elective,** click **Add Request,** and click **Back.**
4. Click on your **second choice electiv**e, click **Add Request,** and click **Back.**
5. Click on your **third choice elective,** click **Add Request,** and click **Back.**
6. For the remaining 5 elective courses, please add each one in order of preference using the **Add Alternate** button. When you are done, there should be five (5) alternate courses listed.
8. Click the **Back** button to see all of your courses, elective requests, and alternates listed.
9. If you wish, you may print the course list for your reference.

We are here to help. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, the 7th-grade Counseling staff, or a middle school administrator if you experience any difficulty with the process.

Sincerely,
Colleen Banick- Principal
Ken Seltzer- Assistant Principal
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QUARTERLY UNIFIED ARTS ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

8860 - FABRIC ART offers the choice to expand on prior sewing skills to create multiple projects, including pajama bottoms and "Giant" Pillows. Students may express their creativity in fabric choice, creating their own designs for pillows and other projects in a variety of ways. Mediums and techniques may include using T-shirts, photographs, and machine embroidery, piecing and applique. Their fabric art inspiration is accomplished using a large selection of fabric and is created using a Computerized Embroidery program.

8870 - FOODS In this class, students will learn various food preparation skills using a "hands-on" approach in the Foods Lab. A variety of small kitchen appliances are utilized. Students will explore several recipes to prepare nutritious foods that taste magnificent.

8850 – DRAWING/PAINTING (2D) This course offers the student an opportunity to develop skills in several of the following areas: design; drawing (pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, pastels); and painting (acrylic on canvas, tempera, and watercolor).

8820 – CERAMIC/SCULP (3D) This course is the exploration of three-dimensional art using many different materials. Every student will have the opportunity to form ceramic pieces with clay and glazes. Students will create sculptures from a variety of materials such as paper mache, wire, plaster and metal foil.

8880 - MFG/CONSTRUCTION (Manufacturing/Construction Technology) This class will introduce students to engineering design along with various woodworking hand and power tools, Students will have the opportunity to do problem-solving engineering activities and create an individual woodworking project of their own design. Students will learn basic layout, shaping, sanding, staining, assembly, and finishing. Students will be trained on the drill press, band saw, scroll saw, compound miter saw, router, palm sander, and hand nailing. Shop and tool safety is highly stressed! Before they will be allowed to work, each student will be required to pass safety quizzes on specific power tools.

8890 - TRANS TECHNOLOGY (Transportation Technology) This course is designed to allow students to study land and air transportation vehicles and the forces that act upon them. Students will utilize engineering concepts to plan, design, build, and test out projects in topics within aerospace and automotive engineering. Scientific principles come alive through the use of manufacturing techniques with many different hand and power tools throughout the creation of their projects.

8840- COMM TECHNOLOGY (Communications Technology) This course focuses on allowing students to learn and engage in many different ways that technology can help communicate their ideas. Students will learn/utilize professional-level software found in the modern engineering world. Autodesk Inventor will help students bring a large-scale 3D creation of their choosing to life through the use of our class 3D printers, and Adobe Photoshop will give students the tools necessary to generate custom graphic designs that can be applied in the creation of their very own t-shirt, mousepad, or flag.

8830 - COMPUTER CODING & GRAPHICS In this course students will learn the concepts of computer programming. Students will learn basic coding commands (repeat loops, functions, conditional statements, etc.) to create graphic images and an interactive survey app. The focus of the class is persistence, problem-solving, and graphic design. A goal of this class is for students to become more confident users of technology.