## Encore Classes for all students....

Grades 6, 7 and 8



Family & Consumer Sciences with Mrs. Howells & Ms. Rupp



Welcome, new students entering East Hills this year and welcome back to our returning Chargers! This course is a 30-day rotation for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders and a 45-day course for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Some of the topics you will learn about will fall under the following categories and will be tailored to your grade level: Resource Management & the Recycling of Materials, Budgeting, Practical Reasoning, Team Building, Communications, Food Supply, Safety & Sanitation, Nutrition, Meal Management, Food Preparation and some aspects of Child Development & Safety. We look forward to seeing you during the 2023-2024 school year!

During the Resource Management & Recycling of Materials portion of the course the students will learn how to take unused or unwanted materials from home to create something new based on their grade level.

6th Grade
Patch Work Pillow

**7th Grade**Stuff Bag

8th Grade Locker Caddy

If you need to reach your teacher please do so with the following emails: Mrs. Howells: ehowells@basdschools.org or Ms. Rupp: krupp@basdschools.org





Mrs. Dennis, Librarian

I'm excited to welcome you to the EHMS Library! The library is available during the school day for **Book Circulation**. If you're not sure what to read next, please ask. I'd love to help you find the right book for you!

The library is also the hub for **Computer Repairs**. The library is home to our **Project Supply Closet**, so you can come and see me if there are items you need to complete homework or projects for your classes.

6th grade students come to the library for **Innovation Hour**, a time where we complete *Engineering Challenges*, *Coding Activities* and explore *Mindfulness* and *Growth Mindset*. I may also see you throughout the school year for additional lessons and activities in your core classes.

If you enjoy reading, consider joining the **Reading Olympics** team. We will practice after school in the library and discuss the books that we are reading.

## Industrial Technology Mr. Shuman & Mr. Roseman

Welcome students, this course is a 30-day rotation for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders and a 45-day course for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This course will include instruction in two different labs; the days will be split between the wood lab and the metal lab. Students will be provided with all necessary materials to complete the assigned projects. Students can prepare themselves for this course by reviewing the U.S. customary measuring system along with adding and subtracting fractions.

## **Course Description:**

The course will provide students with the knowledge, and skills necessary to become a more self-reliant individual with regards to woodworking and metal working.



## **Main Texts/Supplements:**

Texts and supplemental handouts will be provided to students. Students will also be provided with all materials to complete required projects.

### **Objectives:**

Students will learn basic woodworking and metalworking techniques. Safe and proper use of hand tools will be emphasized. Integration of the academics will give students real world applications for content learned in those areas.



## **Computer Technology**

With Mr. Senneca or Mrs. Calario

The Technology Department at East Hills Middle School would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to have you as part of our dynamic classes.

The technology classes is a 30-day rotation for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders and a 45-day rotation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the school year. You will either have Mr. Senneca in Room 159 or Mrs. Calario in Room 201. Both classes will utilize your ChromeBooks with the option of a desktop for specialized assignments as needs.

All classes will participate in hands-on assignments and activities that will build your knowledge in basic computer use and digital responsibility. All students will be expected to follow the Bethlehem Area School District Computer Use Policy at all times.

For the most part, our classrooms are paperless. Therefore, assignments will be provided and submitted online. You will need become familiar with online applications such as, but not limited to, Schoology, Code.org, Typing.com, Google Drive, Banzai Budgeting, TinkerCad, PA Career Zone, and, WeVideo. Although students will carry their Chromebooks, regularly, we may ask individuals to learn how to navigate the Apple environment.

Since we will be on the computers the FIRST day of class, it is essential that you have a pair of headphones/earbuds. For Grade 7 students, you may responsibly use your own device to capture images/video for your media project, but are required to follow normed expectations. The Schoology app is a useful tool for access to at school and home. Parents/Guardians should feel free to access their student's Schoology accounts to view assignments and grades.

We look forward to a productive rotation and that you have a fun, interactive experience in Computer Technology Class!



Welcome to the East Hills Middle School Music Department. We are excited to guide you through your musical journey this year! General Music offers students the opportunity to explore multiple facets of music in a group, individual, and one-on-one setting. All three grades receive leveled piano instruction which fosters music reading independence as well as the music theory and fine motor skills necessary to be successful on grade level instruments.

**6th grade**: In addition to piano instruction, 6th graders receive instruction on the Recorder, learn about the history of our National Anthem, do a unit on Musical Theatre and work on percussion. **7th grade**: In addition to piano instruction, 7th graders receive instruction on the Guitar, learn about the history of Opera through close study of a popular Opera, explore song writing and music production and use percussion instruments to further their understanding of music literacy!

**8th grade**: In addition to piano instruction, 8th graders receive instruction on the Ukulele, learn the history of music through the study of songs for social justice from the early 1900s to present day, explore music production, beat layering, and further their music reading skills by exploring instruments like the bucket drums and the bell sets. If there's time, we break out the boom whackers and test our musical knowledge with some fun breakout room activities.

All activities and assignments are accessed through Schoology.

Mrs. Remaly, Ms. Gort, and Mr. Hummel

# Alfit: Mr. Court, Ms. Majczan, and Mrs. Steger

Art classes within the middle grades expand on the elementary foundation in understanding and skills in the visual arts in an exploratory manner consistent with the middle school philosophy.

#### **Objectives:**

- Develop increasingly sophisticated creative strategies, skills, and habits of mind through artistic practices.
- Apply design literacy to a wide variety of traditional and new media.
- Acquire increasing complex procedural knowledge, skill and craftsmanship in art making while exploring an expanded range of media.
- Develop more sophisticated aesthetic judgment that supports the making and understanding of rich meaning in art.
- Explore a wide range of notions about the meaning and purpose of visual art.
- Form a broader knowledge and understanding of our rich and diverse historical and cultural heritage through art.



## **Health & Fitness**

Mrs. Ferry

Mr. Sukanick

Mrs. Repsher

Mr. Sparks

#### **Overview**

- Health/Fitness classes meet every other day for the entire year: Days 1, 3, 5 OR Days 2, 4, 6.
- Taught in grades 6-8, consisting of boys and girls of wide ranging athletic and academic abilities.
- Students receive a letter grade (A, B, C, F) for Health/Fitness that counts towards their GPA.
- Fitness will count for a high percentage of reported grade as students are in PE for approximately 2/3 of the year.

## **Physical Education Class**

## Grade is based on: **Preparation** (wearing appropriate attire)

- To get full credit for the "preparation/responsibility" portion of their grade, students need to wear appropriate gym attire.
  - Includes short/long sleeved T-shirt or sweatshirt, sweatpants or athletic shorts, and sneakers. All questions about gym attire refer to your teacher.

## **Participation**

(effort, performance, sportsmanship, and on time in designated location)

- Students are asked to participate to the best of their ability in **all** activities.
- We understand everyone has varying levels of ability and interests
- Students are expected to be on time to class. If late, students should have a pass.



## **Health Class**

- We will inform the students when their Health rotation starts.
- About 9-10 classes in a row -- twice during the school year based on the teacher's rotation.

## WORLD LANGUAGE

**French** ~ Madame Louw **German** ~ Frau Richards **Spanish** ~ Señorita Maholick, Señor Oyer

**Grade 6:** The year is divided into trimesters. Each trimester, the students will be part of an introductory course for either French, German or Spanish. This class meets every other day. They will learn about cultural topics as well as greetings, numbers, colors, weather, days, months, and dates (topics may vary by teacher). During the third trimester, students will be asked to consult with their parents and choose the language they would like to study for their 7th and 8th grade years. They may not change languages between their 7th and 8th grade years.

**Grades 7 & 8:** 7th and 8th grade is the equivalent of level 1 of the students' chosen language. They will learn a variety of grammar topics at the beginning level and will be assessed formally and informally using the four aspects of language acquisition: speaking, listening, reading and writing. This class meets every other day for the entire year.

