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March 30, 2017

Dear Parents of Rising 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

**IT'S MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION TIME!!!** To help you understand the process and accurately complete the blue (Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade) or green (Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) registration form, please review the Middle School Planning Guide (which is available for your review via our school's website under the Parent-Student Course Planning Guide tab or via the link below), and read the following information:

<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/Documents/2017%20MS%20Planning%20Guide%20122116.pdf>

- ✓ All students will be automatically registered for Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and PE classes. Students will be registered for the following based on their 2016-17 performance:

Language Arts 7 Common Core	Language Arts 7 Honors		Language Arts 8 Common Core	Language Arts 8 Honors	
Math 7 Common Core	Math 7 Honors*	Math I (Yearlong) Taken all year	Math 8 Common Core	Math I (Yearlong) Taken all year	
	*Will cover Math 7 & Math 8 content material			Math I (4x4) Taken 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Math II (4x4) Taken 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
				Math III is only for students who successfully completed Math I and Math II in 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	

- ✓ Honors level courses will challenge students to perform beyond the expected grade level standards and North Carolina Common Core Standards.
- ✓ For elective classes students may take 3 semester courses OR only a 1 year elective course and 1 semester course. They are to select 6 choices, numbering the selections from 1-6 (1 being their 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 6 their last). **NOTE: Health and PE is not included in this total as it is a required elective and counts for 1 semester.** If your child chooses to continue taking band, orchestra, or a Foreign Language, he/she will only be allowed to take 1 semester elective course in addition to the required Health and PE course. There are no guarantees for placement in any elective classes, and those students who return their card in the allotted timeframe will be scheduled first.

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- ✓ There have been some changes to the titles of the Computer Technology Education (CTE) classes. The names have changed, and there is a recommended course sequence. Project Lead The Way will be offered next year with a specific focus for each grade level. Please refer to the Middle School Planning Guide for more details about the courses. Computer & Interior Design is an elective class that's unique to our school. This course focuses on interior and exterior design, including (CAD) Computer Aid Drawing.
- ✓ We are able to offer exciting opportunities for our **rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade students** with foreign language
  - Spanish I-B will be offered for those students who have successfully completed Spanish I-A during their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year.
  - We are also able to offer other foreign languages through NCVPS (North Carolina Virtual Public School) in an online format. Students will take the course online with an online teacher. This type of course requires efficient time management, self-motivation and, a technological affinity. The course will meet every other day as a **yearlong** course. Students wishing to take one of these courses must obtain their grade level counselor or administrator's approval.
    - **NOTE: Students selecting FRENCH as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade elective can continue their matriculation in this course via NCVPS up through Level 4 during their high school years.**
    - **NOTE: Students selecting GERMAN as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade elective can continue their matriculation in this course via NCVPS up through Level 5 during their high school years.**
    - **NOTE: Please remember that these courses are the student's and parent's responsibility. We suggest (for those considering NCVPS) that students take a language that their parents speaks.**
- ✓ All Students selecting Band, Orchestra or a Foreign Language must meet the prerequisite requirements indicated on the registration card.
- ✓ Please note all disclaimers printed in **BOLD** in the middle of the registration card.
- ✓ Return the registration card to your child's grade level counselor by **April 6, 2017**. Students who do not return their registration card by the deadline will have their elective courses chosen for them with no exceptions!

Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Barber, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor  
 Mrs. T. Dunton-Forbes, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor  
 Ms. T. Sanders, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor

SWMS School Counseling Department

**We look forward to educating your child during the 2017-18 school year!**

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