

# Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration



2018-2019  
Informational Meeting

# Introductions:

- ❑ Paige Hoes, Principal
- ❑ Jennifer Livingston, Assistant Principal – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade A Teams
- ❑ Reed Bond, Assistant Principal - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade B Teams
- ❑ Dennis Thorpe, Counselor - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade A Teams
- ❑ Cara Yeates, Counselor - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade B Teams

# Registration Card & Course Guide...

- ❑ 7<sup>th</sup> grade schedule request card is Grey
- ❑ 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule request card is Dark Purple
- ❑ **Vandeventer has gone green: You will find the Course Selection Guides online at:**  
<http://schools.friscoisd.org/ms/vandeventer/site/resources/registration-information>

# Student & Parent Information...

- ❑ Please **print** your your child's name, ID number, and gender in the appropriate spaces.

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| <b><u>Vandevanter Middle School</u></b><br><b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration</u></b><br><b><u>2018-2019</u></b> |                   | <b>Due Date:</b><br><b>February</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup></b> |
| Student Last Name: _____  | First Name: _____ |   |
| FISD Student ID#: _____   | Gender: _____     |   |
| Parent Name(s): _____   |                   |   |
| E-mail: _____   |                   |   |
| Phone #: _____  |                   |   |

- ❑ Make sure you have included an e-mail address and phone numbers in case we have any questions and need to contact you this summer.

# Required Classes - 7<sup>th</sup> grade...

All students are required to take the following core classes...

- Texas History
- Science or Pre-AP Science
- ILA or Pre-AP ILA
- Math 7 or Pre-AP Math 7

**\*Please review Pre-AP Entrance Recommendations & Class Expectations** on the back of the registration card *before enrolling* for either of these classes.

## REQUIRED COURSES

Choose 1 from each of the following required areas:

Advisory

### Social Studies

Texas History

### Science

Science 7

Pre-AP Science 7 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Integrated Language Arts

ILA 7

Pre-AP ILA 7 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Mathematics

Math 7

Pre-AP Math 7 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

# What if my child is in GT?

- ❑ Middle school students participate in G/T Pre-AP ILA (Integrated Language Arts) courses and in the Pre-AP math and science courses led by trained teachers.
- ❑ All students **currently enrolled in GT ILA** should continue in the GT program. If you are unsure if your child should continue to receive GT services, please contact your GT teacher.
- ❑ If your child is currently in the process of being assessed for gifted services, no further action is needed at this time. Our GT teachers and counselors work closely together to make sure newly identified students are placed in GT Pre-AP ILA.

# Registration Cards for GT

If your child is currently participating in the GT Program, please hand mark "GT" on the registration card.

## REQUIRED COURSES

Choose 1 from each of the following required areas:

Advisory

### Social Studies

Texas History

### Science

Science 7

Pre-AP Science 7 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Integrated Language Arts

ILA 7

Pre-AP ILA 7 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Mathematics

Math 7

Pre-AP Math 7 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)



For further questions, please contact  
your current GT teacher

# P.E. – 7<sup>th</sup> grade...

Each student chooses **1 Physical Education** class in 7<sup>th</sup> grade

- ❑ Soccer, Cross Country and Track are before/after school practices. You will sign up for a PE class if you want to do one of these sports.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

Choose 1 of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Boys Athletics (Football and/or Basketball) \*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Girls Athletics (Volleyball and/or Basketball) \*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ PE

\_\_\_\_\_ Tennis

\_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Tennis (Class placement by Director)

\*\* Soccer and/or Cross Country/Track will take place after school hours\*\*

# Electives – 7<sup>th</sup> grade...

Each student chooses **2 electives** in 7<sup>th</sup> grade

- Your child needs to rank the electives, with **1 being your first choice** and **4 being your last choice**.

## ELECTIVE COURSES

*All electives are full year courses. Students must take both semesters of the combination classes.*

Rank your first 4 choices from the following: *(Your schedule will reflect 2 elective courses.)*

\_\_\_ Introduction to Spanish

\_\_\_ Art I

\_\_\_ Art II (Prerequisite Art 6 or Art I)

\_\_\_ Theater Arts I

\_\_\_ Theater Arts II (Prerequisite Theatre Arts I)

\_\_\_ Theater Production 7 (Pending Director's approval)

\_\_\_ Technical Theatre 7

\_\_\_ Orchestra (Class placement by Director)

\_\_\_ Skills for Independent Living I

\_\_\_ Multimedia I/Video Production I

\_\_\_ Robotics

\_\_\_ Digital Graphics and Animation

\_\_\_ Band (Class placement by Director)

\_\_\_ Choir (Class placement by Director)

# Student & Parent Information... 8<sup>th</sup> grade

- ❑ Please **print** your your child's name, ID number, and gender in the appropriate spaces.

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| <b><u>Vandevanter Middle School</u></b><br><b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration</u></b><br><b><u>2018-2019</u></b> |                   | <b>Due Date:</b><br><b>February</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup></b> |
| Student Last Name: _____  | First Name: _____ |   |
| FISD Student ID#: _____   | Gender: _____     |   |
| Parent Name(s): _____   |                   |   |
| E-mail: _____   |                   |   |
| Phone #: _____  |                   |   |

- ❑ Make sure you have included an e-mail address and phone numbers in case we have any questions and need to contact you this summer.

# Required Classes - 8<sup>th</sup> grade...

All students are required to take the following core classes...

- US History
- Science 8 or Pre-AP Science 8
- ILA 8 or Pre-AP ILA 8
- Math 8, PAP Math 8, or **\*\*PAP Algebra\*\* I, **\*\*PAP Geometry\*\*****

**\*Please review Pre-AP Entrance Recommendations & Class Expectations** on the back of the registration card *before enrolling* for either of these classes.

## REQUIRED COURSES

Choose 1 from each of the following required areas:

Advisory

### Social Studies

U.S. History

### Integrated Language Arts

ILA 8

Pre-AP ILA 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Science

Science 8

Pre-AP Science 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Mathematics

Math 8

Pre-AP Math 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

Pre-AP Algebra I (**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Math 8, Pre-AP Math 8, or 80% or higher score on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Credit by Examination (CBE); 1 High School credit upon successful completion; Grade earned will be calculated into High School G.P.A)

# Registration Cards for GT

If your child is currently participating in the GT Program, please hand mark "GT" on the registration card.

## REQUIRED COURSES

Choose 1 from each of the following required areas:

Advisory

### Social Studies

U.S. History

### Integrated Language Arts

ILA 8

Pre-AP ILA 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Science

Science 8

Pre-AP Science 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

### Mathematics

Math 8

Pre-AP Math 8 (Review Pre-AP Expectations)

Pre-AP Algebra I (Prerequisite: Successful completion of Math 8, Pre-AP Math 8, or 80% or higher score on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Credit by Examination (CBE); 1 High School credit upon successful completion; Grade earned will be calculated into High School G.P.A)



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# High School Credit...

- ❑ Health (Counts in G.P.A.)
- ❑ Pre-AP Algebra I (EOC & G.P.A.)
- ❑ Pre-AP Geometry (G.P.A.)
- ❑ Spanish 1 in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Counts in G.P.A.)
- ❑ Classes taken for high school credit will be calculated in the student's high school G.P.A. and will go on the student's transcript.

# Electives – 8<sup>th</sup> grade...

Each student chooses **3 electives** in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

- ❑ Each student needs to rank the electives, with **1 being your first choice** and **5 being your last choice**.
- ❑ Soccer, Cross Country and Track are before/after school practices and not part of your schedule. You will sign up for a PE class.

## ELECTIVE COURSES

*All electives are full year courses. Students must take both semesters of the combination classes.*

**Rank your first 5 choices from the following:** *(Your schedule will reflect 3 elective courses.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Spanish  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1 (1 High School Credit upon completion; Grade is calculated in High School G.P.A.)    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art I  | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia I/Video Production I                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art II (Prerequisite Art I / Art 6)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia II/Video Production II (Prerequisite: MMIVPI) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art III (Prerequisite Art II)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts I   | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast (By application approval only)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts II (Prerequisite Th. Arts I)  | <input type="checkbox"/> YearBOOK (By application approval only)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts III (Prerequisite Th. Arts II)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Office Aide (By application approval only)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Theater 8  | <input type="checkbox"/> PE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Production 8 (Pending Director's approval)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skills for Independent Living I  | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Graphics and Animation                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skills for Independent Living II (Prerequisite: Skills for Independent Living I)               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Leadership/Health (High School Credit (.5) and High School G.P.A. points will be awarded) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Athletics (Football and/or Basketball)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir (Class placement by Director)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Athletics (Volleyball and/or Basketball)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band (Class placement by Director)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra (Class placement by Director)  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Tennis (Class placement by Director)            |

**\*\* Soccer and/or Cross Country/Track will take place after school hours\*\***

# Recommended Pre-AP Entrance Criteria...

Students who meet the criteria below are encouraged to register for Pre-AP classes:

- ❑ Strong score on STAAR in area of application
- ❑ Cumulative classroom average of 80 or higher in the area of interest (current school year).
- ❑ If they have the willingness to work hard then challenge them.

## Benefits of Taking Pre-AP...

- ❑ Prepares students for taking the AP classes in high school
- ❑ AP classes can earn students college credit; saves you money!
- ❑ Challenges students and better prepares them for college

# Math Lab and/or Reading Lab...

## ***Math Lab***

- ❑ *Math Lab is a supplement to the student's regular grade-level math course and is taken in place of an elective.*
- ❑ Math Lab provides a rich, supportive curriculum to assist students in mastering foundation concepts through problem solving, reinforcement of skills, and the use of small group instruction. This class will provide students with additional support to help ensure success through the use of individualized, targeted instruction and interventions.

## ***Reading Lab***

- ❑ *Reading Lab is a supplement to the student's regular grade-level reading course and is taken in place of an elective.*
- ❑ The class focuses on equipping students with the skills and strategies necessary to build independent reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension of multiple genres. Students divide their time between independent reading, teacher-directed small group sessions, and individualized computer interaction. This course utilizes the Read180 instructional program designed for students who experience difficulty in reading, in addition to the iStation reading program. This class will provide students with additional support to help ensure success through the use of individualized, targeted instruction and interventions.

# Schedule Changes...

- ❑ Please encourage your student to take his/her time when selecting classes.
- ❑ **We will only accept requests for schedule changes through the first week of school.** However, class sizes and personnel will determine **if** a change is possible.
- ❑ Students who sign up for Pre-AP, Spanish, or other advanced classes are making a year-long commitment. Schedule changes will not be permitted after the first week of school.

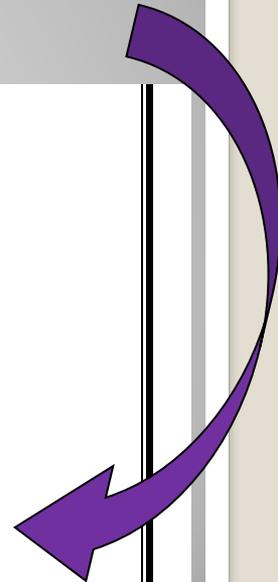
# Parent & Student Information...

- ❑ Please make sure you have included appropriate phone numbers and an e-mail address in case we have any questions and need to contact you or your child this summer.
- ❑ A parent needs to sign the front and back of the card before turning it in...

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read and sign the Addendum on the back of this card.**



# Back of Schedule Card...

- Please read and sign the back of your child's schedule card. Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the implications of each statement.
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## Student Registration Information

**By signing below, the parent/guardian understands and acknowledges the following statements:**

### **Pre-AP, Pre-AP Algebra I, and Spanish Expectations**

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves by taking Pre-AP courses, but should expect an additional time requirement. A student who earns below a 70% in two consecutive six week grading periods will be placed on academic probation and a committee including the student, parent, and teacher will convene to develop a plan for future success. If at the conclusion of the six weeks of probation the student again earns below a 70%, the committee will reconvene to determine if enrollment in the course is the appropriate placement. **In order to enroll in Pre-AP Algebra I, a student must have successfully completed Math 8, Pre-AP Math 8, or have scored 90% or higher on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Credit by Examination (CBE).**

### **High School Credit Course Expectations**

Middle school students enrolled in high school courses should expect high standards and an additional time requirement. Beginning with the class of 2017, high school courses taken in middle school will count in a student's high school GPA calculation. Students must follow all high school requirements for these courses. More information on how GPA will be calculated for these courses can be obtained from your student's counselor. Parents of students enrolled in high school credited courses are encouraged to read the high school academic guide and academic portion of the high school handbook. This information can be accessed on the Frisco ISD web-site at: <http://www.friscoisd.org/ly/parentsStudents/>

### **Instruction to Support Future Academic Success (all grade levels)**

Students identified as needing additional math and/or reading instruction will be placed into a math and/or reading lab class. This class will take the place of an elective class. Texas Administrative Code requires remediation for any student who fails to demonstrate satisfactory performance on any section of the State assessments of academic skills. In addition, students who narrowly met State assessment passing standards may be included in remediation during and before or after the regular school day.

### **New Students**

Students transferring from another Texas school must provide STAAR results from the most recent administration. If STAAR results are not available immediately, please note that necessary schedule changes will be made to address any academic needs once they are received. If a student enrolls from out of state, private school, or home school, the student will complete assessments to determine if a STAAR preparation course(s) will be required.

### **Schedule Changes**

Schedule change requests are subject to availability in the class requested, student need, and master scheduling issues. Students need to choose classes carefully. Schedule change requests will be accepted during the first week of school. A schedule change request does not guarantee that a schedule change will occur. All schedule changes must be approved by the principal or principal's designee.

### **Elective Course Selection**

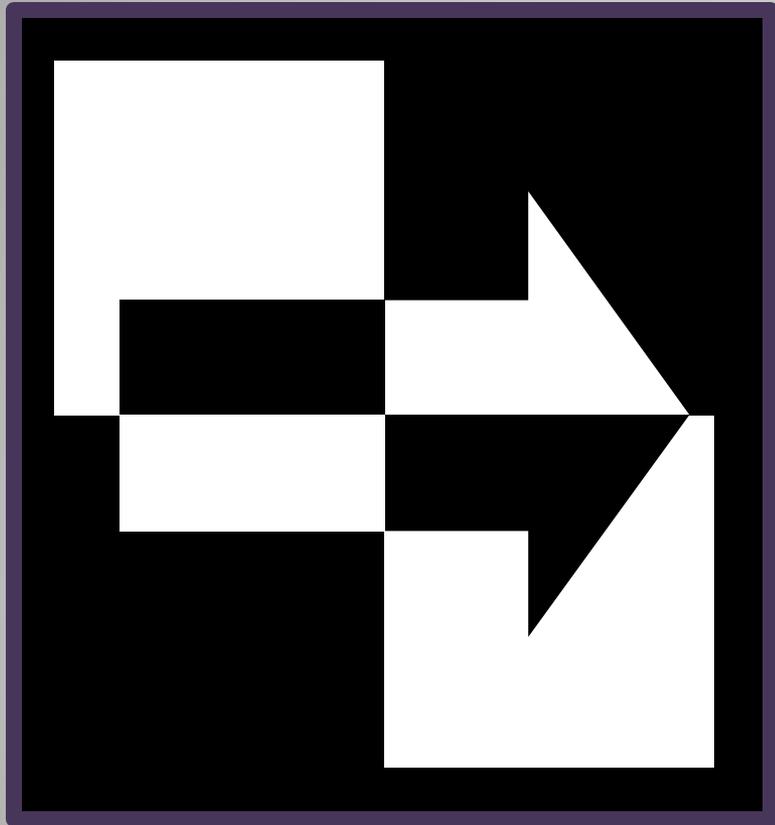
While every effort will be made to schedule students into the elective courses of their choosing, students are not guaranteed enrollment in elective courses. Enrollment numbers and master scheduling conflicts can result in a student having to be enrolled in an alternative elective choice.

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All course offerings are subject to change. Funding levels and student interest may affect whether or not an offering is available. Additional information about academic expectations is available in the academic section of the Frisco ISD Middle School Student Handbook which can be accessed at: <http://www.friscoisd.org/ly/parentsStudents/>

# Turn your card in to teacher or Counselor...



- Mr. Thorpe and Ms. Yeates will be visiting all current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students on February 15<sup>th</sup> to distribute registration cards.
- **ALL registration cards are due to your child's history teacher no later than Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

# Upcoming Activities

Welcome Back Activities:

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome Back Camp
- Meet Your Locker Event

\* Additional information about these events will be mailed later in the year.

# Questions...

**To revisit this presentation, please go to:**

- Log onto the VMS website to view the course card and descriptions for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

<http://schools.friscoisd.org/ms/vandeventer/site/resources/registration-information>