## welcome to <br>  <br> HUNTER'S CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## HCMS ADMINISTRATION



Mr. Golia 6th Grade Dean


Mrs. Vereen Assistant Principal


Ms. Coogle 7th Grade Dean


Mrs. Mabra Assistant Principal


## HCMS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Mrs. Merritt $6^{\text {ti }}$ Grade


Ms. Brady 7th Grade


Mrs. Armstrong $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade


Ms. Camacho SAFE Coordinator


Ms. Fonseca Social Worker

2023-2024 Bell Schedule
Monday, Tuesday, Thureday, Friday
928-1018 1- PERIOD
1021-1109 2x PERLOD


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| Language Arts Language Arts 1 Advanced Language Arts 1 ESOL Language Arts 1 |
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| Comprehensive Science 1 Advanced Life Science Advanced |
| Social Studies <br> World History Advanced |
| 2 Electives |
| PE |

 Life Science Advanced

Social Studies

2 Electives

## CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES - ELA

- advanced language arts - level 3, 4, or 5 ON READING FAST
- STANDARD LANGUAGE ARTS - LEvEL 10R 2 ON READING FAST
- ESOL LANGUAGE ARTS-FOR ELL STUDENTS

- GIFTED SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS


## CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES - MATH

- accelerated gth grade math - level 3 , 4 or 5 ON MATH FAST

STANDARD GTH GRADE MATH-LEVEL 1,2 or 3 ON MATH FAST


# CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES 

- SCIENEE
- LIFE SCIENCE - LEVEL 4 OR 5 ON BOTH 5TH GRADE MATH AND ELA FAST
- advanced Comprehensive science 1LEVEL 1, 2, OR 3 ON 5TH GRADE MATH AND ELA FAST
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- ADVANCED WORLD HISTORY



## INTENSIUE READING/ INTENSIUE MATH

Intensive Reading or Intensive Math may take the place of one of your elective courses if you have scored helow grade level on your FAST [Level 1 or 2] or equivalent diagnostics.

The course is intended to provide intervention and strategies to support students.


## ELECTIVE CLASSES




- All students are required to take Physical Education.
- If there is a medical reason why a student cannot take $P E$, there is a $P E$ waiver available. You can find the waiver on our school website.
- During PE, students will Iearn ahout team sports, individual sports, and health related fitness.
- There are lockers available for students in PE and there is a PE uniform to purchase [\$10 for shirt and \$10 for shorts]


Students develop foundational instrumental technique, foundational music literacy, and aesthetic musical awareness through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality band literature. These are some of the instruments used in Band:

- Woodwind: Flute, oboe, clarinet, hassoon, and saxophone.
- Brass: Tuba, trombone, trumpet, Euphonium, and French horn.
- Percussion

There are some performances that you will he asked to participate in throughout the year.

NO previous experience is required. All incoming students will he placed in heginning hand.

Students will work with Mr. Couret in heginning of the year to choose the hest instrument based on student skill Ievel and overall band composition.


Students can get a head start by participating in the Freedom Summer Music Camp

More information can be found at freedomband.net

## CHORUS

Students begin and expand vocal technical, musical, and ensemble skills through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality choral literature and also develop an appreciation of music from around the world and through time.

All students are welcome, regardless of whether or not they have any musical hackground.

In addition to 2-3 concerts throughout the year, there are several off-campus performances in which students participate.


## ORCHESTRA

Students focus on the development of instrumental technique, musical literacy, performance skills, and increasing aesthetic awareness through study, rehearsal, and performance of a variety of high-quality orchestra literature. Study includes the development of foundational instrumental ensemble techniques, performance skills, music literacy, and aesthetic awareness.

These are some of the instruments used in Orchestra: Violin, viola, cello, string hass.

We offer heginning orchestra to hoth students who have experience, and those who have never played before. Mrs. Bichler will teach you all you need to know.

All orchestra students will perform in fall and spring concerts.

Strings


## WORLD MUSIC

Students will explore music from all of the continents of the world, as well as creating their own music with those influences.

Students will research regions and present topics to each other based on their house.


This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials. Students explore media and techniques used to create a variety of 2-D artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage.

The curriculum includes discussing art and understanding art history while encouraging students to be imaginative and creative.


## Digital Art and Design

Digital Art is a fun learning environment where Art and Technology meet. Students will Iearn programs like photoshop and illustrator [or similar). The course consists of hands on projects, and group $\&$ individual activities.


## History of Film and Television

Students will Iearn about the history of film, television, and other forms of mass media, and view a variety of historical and contemporary examples of films and television shows. They will learn to analyze, explain, and write ahout what they watch. The students will also learn
 how the internet, mobile media, and social networks have transformed that history.

# INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TEGHNOLOGV [IGT] 

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the computer, digital, and information technology skills necessary for success in their future academic and occupational goals.

You will Iearn how to use and create spreadsheets, databases, wehpayes, basic
 coding introduction, video and audio editing, and online safety.

## ADVANCED ACADEMICS FOR GFTED STUDENTS

This course is designed to enable Gifted students to acquire and apply the skills and abilities needed to enhance academic achievement through experiences which provide enrichment, in-depth learning, and /or accelerated study of academic curriculum requirements.

This elective course was required for all Gifted students in 6th grade, but is optional in
 7th and 8th grade.

## TWO WAY DUAL LANGUAGE MAGNET

## Students enrolled in our Two-Way

 Dual Language Magnet will take Spanish as one of their electives. This is a required elective for DLE students and is a high school credit course.The deadline to apply for the magnet program is Fehruary 15, 2024.

KEEP CALM

AND LEARN SPANISH

## SPORTS

There is one sport you can participate in each quarter:

1st nine weeks: Soccer 2nd nine weeks: Volleyball 3rd nine weeks: Basketball 4th nine weeks: Track

You must get a Sports Physical done from a doctor or nurse practitioner in order to play a sport.

Physicals must he completed on the official OCPS Physical Form. Forms can be found online on our school wehsite.


All tryouts and practices are held hefore or after school.

| Activity | Sponsor[s] |
| :---: | :---: |
| Battle of the Books | Ms. Durgin |
| Future Prohlem Solvers | Ms. Moye and Ms. Rokaw |
| National Junior Honor Society | Ms. Jarque |
| SGA | Mr. Pavlovich |
| Chess Cluh | Mr. Regan |
| Cheer Squad | Ms. Carter |
| Kind Eagles | Ms. Merritt, Ms. Armstrong, <br> Ms. Brady, and Ms. Deluca |

# BOYS \& GIRLS CLUBS <br> OF CENTRAL FLORIDA <br> After School Zone 

You can participate in Boys and Girls Cluh after school until Gpm. Membership is FREE of charge.

Applications for the Boys and Girls Club can be found on the school wehsite under clubs.
Also keep an eye out for B\&G summer camp information.

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## Course Selection Form

## Students! Please enter YOIIT information here



HCMS Rising 6th Grade Elective Course Selection Form 2024-2025

Please use this form to choose your top 4 elective choices for 6 th grade. You will have two elective courses in addition to your PE class on your schedule.

Every effort will be made to accommodate your top 2 choices, but there is a possibility that you may get your other choices. Intensive Reading or Intensive Math classes may take the place of an elective if you score a level 1 or 2 on the FAST.


Please complete form by Fehruary 9, 2024

Please submit this form by February 9th, 2024.

# Parents! Please enter SOUIP email here 

## Choose your elementary school and 5th grade teacher

## Parent Email *

Short answer text

Current Elementary School

1. Hunter's Creek Elementary
2. West Creek Elementary
3. Endeavor Elementary
4. John Young Elementary
5. Other

5th Grade Teacher Name *

Short answer text

## Elective Course Selection

## Select your top <br> 4 elective choices in rank order [1st choice is the one you want the most]

1st Elective Choice *

1. Band
2. Chorus
3. Orchestra
4. World Music
5. 2 D Art
6. Digital Art/Design
7. History of Film and Television
8. Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
9. Advanced Academics - Required for students with a Gifted EP
10. DLE Spanish - Required for students in the TWDL Magnet

## Parent/Student Acknowledgement

## Please <br> REVIEW ... hefore pressing submit.

## Parent/Student Acknowledgement

Submission of this form indicates that you understand the following:
*Alternate course selections will be used if necessary
*Schedule changes for elective courses are limited by availability and not always possible
*Students who do not turn in a form will be administratively placed

## COURSE SELECTION FORM

Course selection for 2024-2025 is completely digital.
Please use this link to access the course selection: httos://forms.gle/a8rCoMgLZuxxzishA


## Course selection forms are due by:

Rising 6th Grade Course Selection Presentations
January 29th - Hunter's Creek Elementary
January 30th - John Young Elementary
February 1st - West Creek Elementary
February 2nd - Endeavor Elementary

## Individual Scheduling Meetings

February 12th - Hunter's Creek Elementary
February 13th - John Young and Endeavor Elementary
February 15th - West Creek Elementary

Fehruary 9, 2024

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. Do I need a locker?

Since HCMS is a digital school, students will not need a locker for their academic classes. Students do have the option to rent a locker for their PE class. They will need to hring in a lock, and a PE coach will assign them a locker. Please ensure that the lock does not require a key to open.
2. Is there tutoring available?

During the school year teachers provide tutoring for students across our core classes. Tutoring is available hoth hefore and after school throughout the school week.
3. How do I pay for school lunch?

School lunch is pre-paid through Schoolpay.com, and then students use their ID to pay for lunch which is connected to their School Pay account.
4. What will I need their ID Badge for?

Students will need their ID hadge to purchase lunch as well as to check out hooks from the media center. It's important that they keep their IDs with them while at school.

## QUESTIONS?



## COUNSELOR CONTACT INFORMATION



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