



**WELCOME TO 7TH GRADE!**

**ST MICHAEL-  
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## DAILY SCHEDULE

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING	9:15-9:45
PERIOD 1	9:45-10:35
PERIOD 2	10:40-11:30
LUNCH/RECESS	11:35-12:05
PERIOD 3	12:10-1:00
PERIOD 4	1:05-1:55
PERIOD 5	2:00-2:50
WIN/CHECKOUT	2:50-3:05

## HELPING YOUR 7TH GRADER

- Check your child's planner on a consistent basis.
- Use teacher websites to see what is being done in each class as well as assignments given.
- Help your child develop positive academic habits by modeling study skills and encouraging independence and self-advocacy.
- Encourage your child to meet with his/her teacher if s/he needs additional assistance.
- Replenish your child's school supplies throughout the year (especially pencils).

## HOMEWORK & GRADING

Each teacher determines what homework to assign, when to assign it, and how to grade it. The 8th grade staff agrees that homework turned in after its due date should not receive full credit. Therefore points will be deducted from assignments which are turned in after their due date.

In the case of a student with a 504 plan or IEP, those documents will always supersede other grade-level policies.

### Grading Scale

A = 94 - 100%	C = 73 - 76%
A- = 90 - 93%	C- = 70 - 72%
B+ = 87 - 89%	D = 67 - 69%
B = 83 - 86%	D- = 63 - 66%
B- = 80-82%	F = Below 60%
C+ = 77 - 79%	

PLEASE CHECK **PARENTVUE** ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR UPDATES ON STUDENT GRADES AND MISSING WORK.

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# CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**K.O.R.T.** stands for "Knights of the Round Table." During KORT, students in grades 5,6,7, & 8 listen to announcements, set reading goals, have reading time, and participate in Character Education lessons as well as community building activities.

**History** students will examine the American Revolution, American Government, Westward Expansion, Civil War, Reconstruction, Progressive Era, World Wars I and II, Great Depression, and post-World War II America.

**Language Arts** students will be reading throughout the year, including multiple short stories and *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and complete activities, papers, and/or projects related to the readings. Students will also learn about parts of speech, write for a variety of purposes, and participate in literature circles.

**Math** for 7th grade is Pre-Algebra. Topics include algebraic expressions/equations, operations with rational numbers, ratios, proportions, linear functions, spatial thinking, area, volume, and probability. Advanced Math also covers right triangles in Algebra, nonlinear functions, polynomials, and enrichment projects.

**Science** students study the elements, ecology, cells, heredity, classification, change over time, and the human body. Many classroom activities incorporate the scientific method.

**Family and Consumer Science (FACS)** students study machine and hand sewing, basic measuring, recipe reading, and baking skills.

**Health** units include mental health, families/relationships/growth/development, nutrition, diseases, HIV/AIDS prevention, tobacco, and drugs/alcohol.

**Physical Education** includes basketball, bocce, cooperative games, croquet, eclipse ball, floor hockey, football, lacrosse, pickleball, soccer, softball, speedball, team handball, tennis, ultimate Frisbee, and volleyball.

**Band** is a year-long Responsive Hour course where 7th graders continue to develop technique and musicality. The band performs 3 local concerts and a regional festival. 7th graders are also eligible for extra-curricular ensembles like Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion Ensembles and Jazz Band.

**Choir** is a year-long Responsive Hour course where 7th graders move from 2- to 3-part singing. They have three concerts and learn music theory, notes, and rhythms. 7th graders are also eligible to audition for extra-curricular select choirs..