

THE TRANSITION TO 8TH GRADE



WHAT IS NEW FOR NEXT YEAR?

8TH GRADE CLASSES:

(WE HAVE FOUR CORE CLASSES)

~ ELA ~

~ Math ~

~ Science ~

~ Social Studies ~

(WE HAVE TWO NON-CORE CLASSES)

~ Physical Education/Health ~

~ Encore ~

ENCORE CLASS OPTIONS:

All 8th grade students will choose one of the following “Encore” class options:

Cycle 8:

A trimester each of Art, Music, and Applied Digital Skills.

Introduction to Spanish:

A full year introductory Spanish class.

This course provides an academically rigorous curriculum. A strong work ethic is necessary to be successful. Students' standardized test scores will be considered as part of the placement process for Introduction to Spanish.

Advanced Spanish:

A full year class. Must have successfully completed Intro. To Spanish with an A or B grade point average.

Band:

A full year Band class.

Orchestra:

A full year Orchestra class.

Aspire:

Available to students with special education services as outlined in their IEP .

Student Assistant: Office ~ LRC ~ Peer:

A full year assignment as either an office, LRC, or peer assistant. Must complete an application .

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

- Students have a total of **8 classes per day** plus the lunch/study hall period.

| PERIOD | TIME |
|--------|---------------|
| 1 | 8:25 - 9:09 |
| 2 | 9:13 - 9:51 |
| 3 | 9:55 - 10:33 |
| 4 | 10:37 - 11:15 |
| 5 | 11:19 - 11:57 |
| 6 | 12:01 - 12:39 |
| 7 | 12:43 - 1:21 |
| 8 | 1:25 - 2:03 |
| 9 | 2:07 - 2:45 |

| NUMBER OF CLASSES | CLASS |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 and 2 | ELA |
| 3 and 4 | Math |
| 5 | Science |
| 6 | Social Studies |
| 7 | P.E. / Health |
| 8 | Encore |
| (9) | (Lunch/Study Hall) |

38 Minute Classes

Lunches: 8th Grade = Per. 5 / 7th Grade = Per. 6

ENCORE COURSES DESCRIPTION SHEET:

Contains A Description Of All Encore Classes

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FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
LIBERTY JUNIOR HIGH

All junior high students are assigned an "encore" class each year. Please see the list of encore class options below, then make your selections in the PowerSchool parent portal between Monday, April 3, and Friday, April 21. The course options for this year are:

CYCLE (available to both 7th and 8th grade students):

Cycle classes provide an introduction to a variety of topics and cover required state standards. The cycle classes for both 7th and 8th graders next year are:

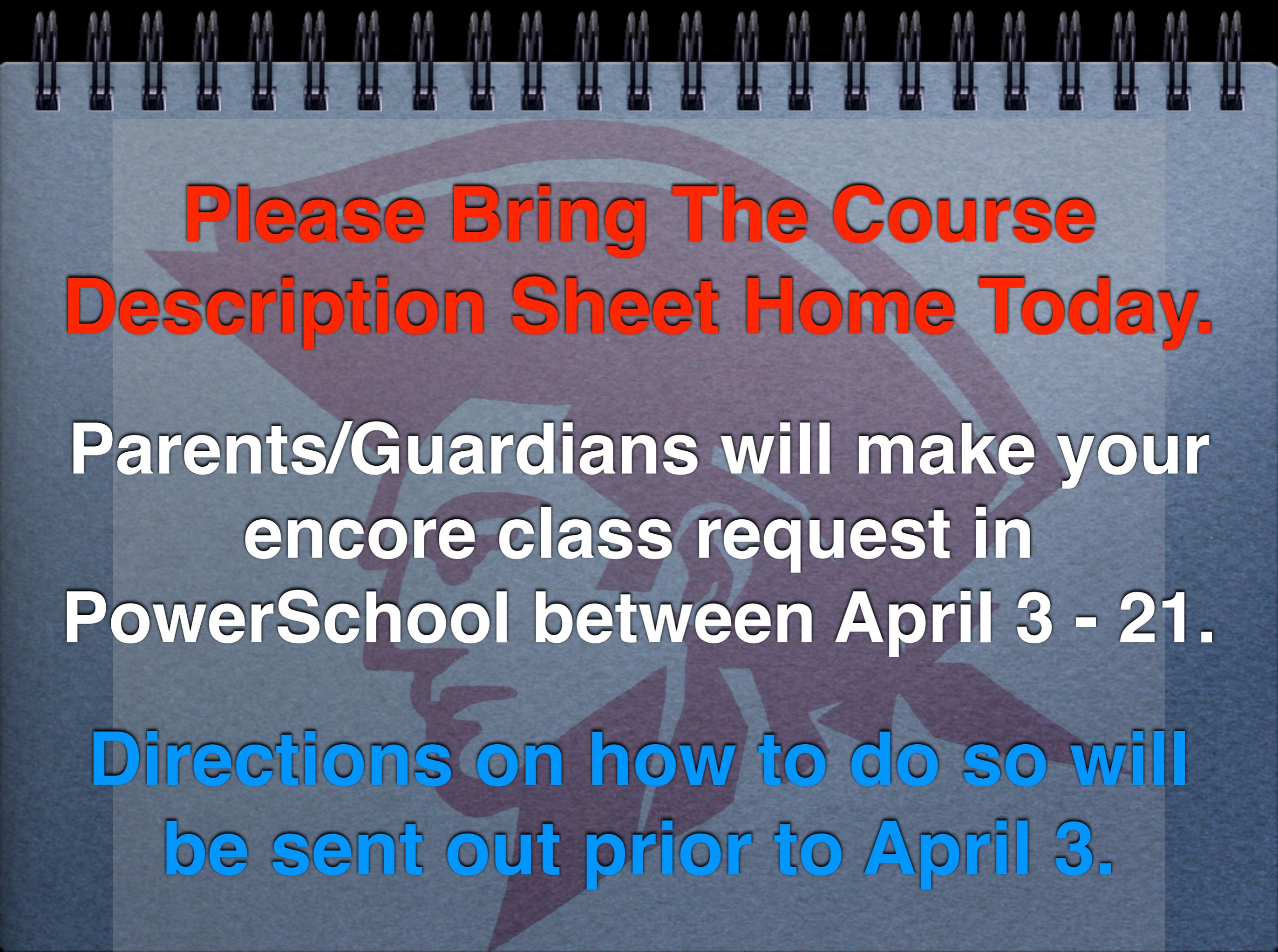
- **Music:**
 - This class will give students a graduated knowledge and appreciation of music, which engages the mind to read, compose, perform, and critique. Through active participation in a variety of individual and ensemble experiences using traditional instruments and technology, students will strive for musical excellence and to become life-long participants, intelligent consumers, and active patrons and advocates for the arts.
- **Art:**
 - Students in this class will have fun engaging in hands-on learning experiences using a variety of media. Students will create projects large and small while practicing skills including but not limited to: drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. There will be something to fit all students' interests with a focus on helping them discover the joy of learning as they follow their passion through creativity.
- **Applied Digital Skills:**
 - Digital learners participate in coding, robotics, digital design and multimedia creation. Students will enhance their communication skills, digital citizenship, and practical technology skills using real-life applications.

BAND (available to both 7th and 8th grade students):

The Junior High Band program consists of many different musical opportunities for all students including; concert band, jazz band, marching band, woodwind choir, brass choir, and percussion ensemble. These groups perform at numerous concerts, contests and parades and have achieved a high level of success through each member's dedication and diligent hard work. One or two field trips are typically planned to celebrate the band's successes. *All members must have prior band experience to participate.* A **\$60 fee** will be required.

ORCHESTRA (available to both 7th and 8th grade students):

The Junior High Orchestra program offers students the opportunity to perform at a variety of concerts and community events throughout the school year on an orchestral instrument (violin, viola, cello, string bass). Members of this group are eligible to audition for the ILMEA Honors Ensemble and participate in IGSMA solo and ensemble contest. In addition, students from the junior high orchestra program are eligible to participate in the Allegro Ensemble, an alternative strings group open to all orchestra members, and Jazz Band (Bass players only). The group performs at least three school concerts a year. *All members are expected to have prior orchestra experience to participate. Exceptions are at the discretion of the teacher.* A **\$60 fee** will be required.



**Please Bring The Course
Description Sheet Home Today.**

**Parents/Guardians will make your
encore class request in
PowerSchool between April 3 - 21.**

**Directions on how to do so will
be sent out prior to April 3.**