### Welcome to the Middle School!!



# PARENTS OF THE PETERS TOWNSHIP CLASS OF 2020

"Achievement, Character & Community"



### **PTMS Student Activities**

- Bits of Lit
- Forensics
- Math Counts
- Music
- Musical/Drama
- National History Day
- Newspaper

- PJAS
- Science Olympiad
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council
- Student Ambassadors
- Tech Crew
- Yearbook Staff

## What is a typical day at PTMS?

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A typical day at PTMS starts at 7:55am and ends at 2:55. There are 8 – 41 minute periods in the day. 7 periods of classes; 1 period for study lab/musical performance classes. Also, there is a 17 minutes homeroom period and a 30 minute lunch.

For the 7 class periods -4 are for the core area subjects - Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies. 1 period is for Reading OR World Language. And 2 periods are for special area (practical and fine arts) classes.

### What are Practical and Fine Arts?

- These are the special area classes that your child will have for either 6 or 12 weeks.
- They include Gym (12 weeks), Health (12 weeks), Art (12 weeks) and Music (12 weeks).

- Technology Education

   (12 weeks); however this class is broken into 2
   parts 6 weeks each.
- Computer Apps. 7 (6 weeks) and GOAL 7 (6 weeks).
- Every student takes each of these classes during 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



# Study lab and Performance music – what do they have in common?

- Every day there is one period where your child can have a study lab.
- It is a time when they can get their homework done or get help for a subject they are having trouble with.

- This is also the period that Performance Music takes place.
- If your child wants to, they can take Band, Orchestra or Chorus at this time. If they take one of those classes they will only have study lab **EVERY OTHER DAY**.

### Which Performance music classes are available?

- The Performance Music classes that are available are Band, Orchestra and Chorus.
- Your child can NOT take Band AND Orchestra together. This is because those classes are offered on the same days and at the same time.
- However, your child CAN take both Band AND Chorus or Orchestra AND Chorus because they are on opposite days and times.

### Still Confused?



# Your child will have one of the following options:

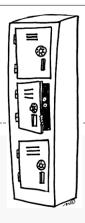
- Study lab every day OR
- Study lab EVERY OTHER DAY and take Band OR Orchestra OR Chorus.
- No study lab Band (or Orchestra) AND Chorus.

## Most incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders biggest worry:

## What will happen if I am late to class?

There are 4 minutes between each class.

• As long as students get to their locker and then to class as quickly as possible, they will have no problems being late.



### What about lockers?

- Each child will be assigned a locker it has a combination lock built into the locker.
- It is your child's responsibility to keep their locker organized and clean!

### What if my child forgets their combination?

- We have it written down in the guidance office
  - they can just come and ask.

# Organization will be the key to your child's Success at PTMS!

## Organization Skills

- Develop a system that will work for your child.
- Avoid distractions at home and school
- Your child should keep all of their books, notebooks, binders, and folders for class together.
- Your child needs to use and assignment book or academic planner to keep track of assignments and deadlines.
- Your child needs to communicate with their teachers (especially when absent and needs make up work.)

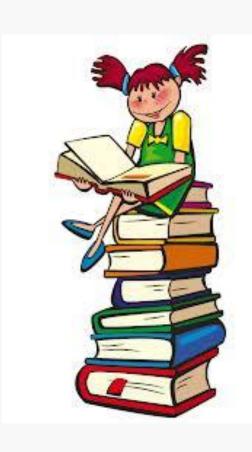
## Will My Child Have H/W Every Night?

#### YES!

It is typical to have homework almost every night, especially in math.

 You can access daily homework via the PTMS homepage. Simply click on the MS Homework Online link which is located on the right hand toolbar.

### **Reading Counts**



- We have Reading Counts instead of Accelerated Reader.
- Your child can get a list of books to read on the PTMS Library homepage and in the public library.

### The Middle School Dress Code

- All boys and girls shirts must have sleeves.
- Skirts and shorts must not be too short or too tight – they must be mid-thigh length.
- Your child's underwear can not show.
- No hats.
- No cut or ripped jeans above the knees!!

- Yoga pants, leggings, and jeggings, etc... can ONLY be worn with a shirt of dress that is mid-thigh length.
- No vulgar, obscene or offensive words or pictures.
- No references to drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
- Yes, your child can wear flip flops.

### Cell Phones



Cell phones – are permitted; however they must be shut off and kept in your child's locker at ALL times!!! Your child may use the phones in the main office when needed.

## Online Scheduling

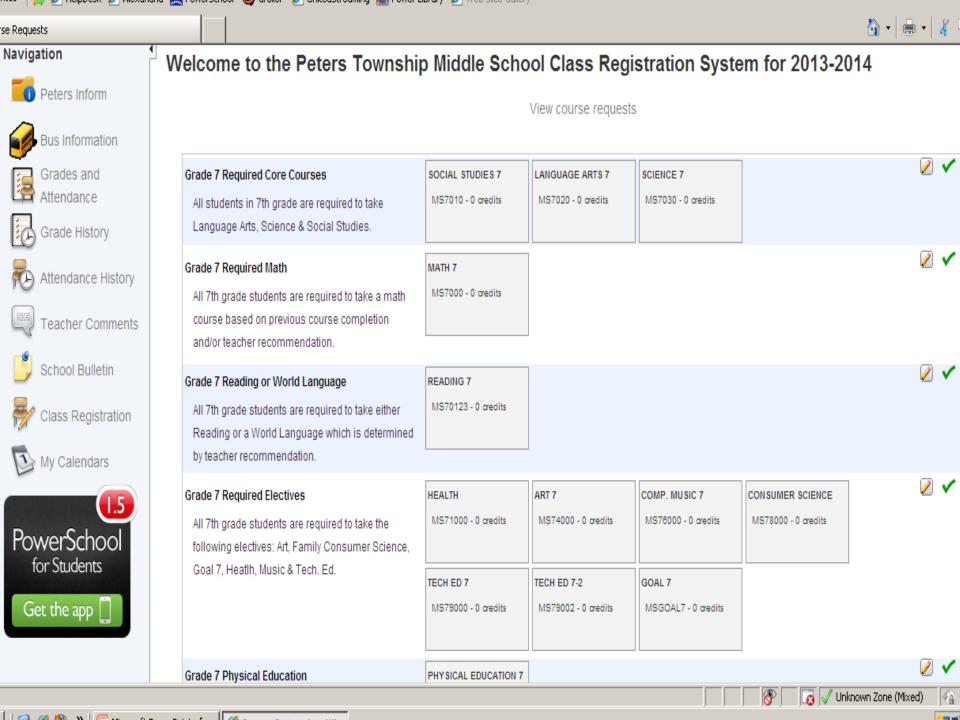
- Course recommendations were entered by your child's teacher.
- The middle school counselors guided students through the online course request process.

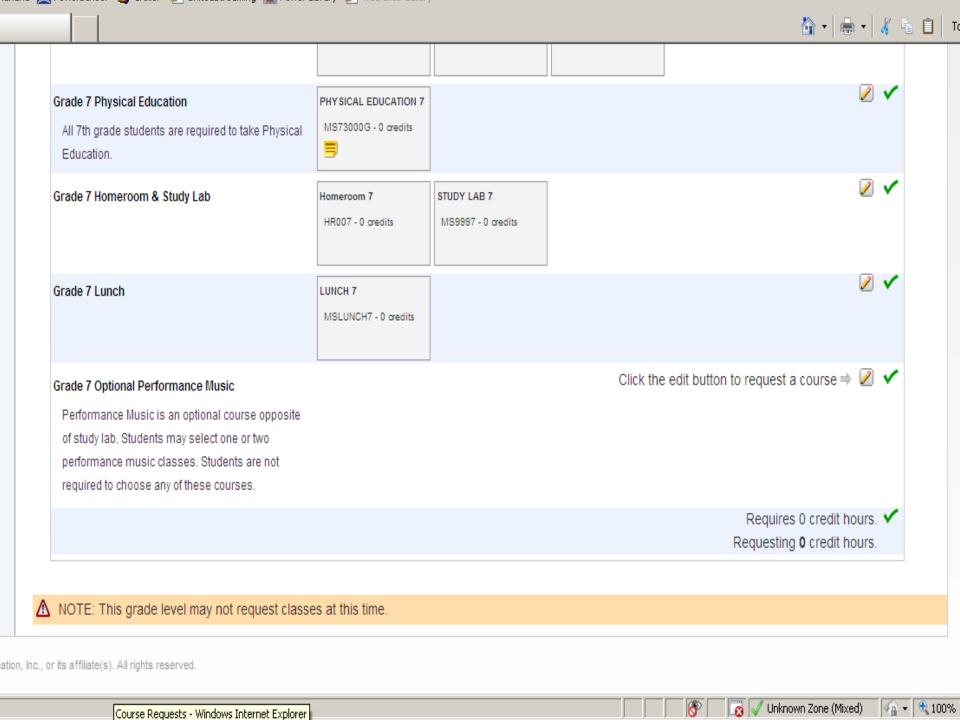
- On Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> the course request paper will come home.
- The course request printout needs signed and returned back to your child's teacher by Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

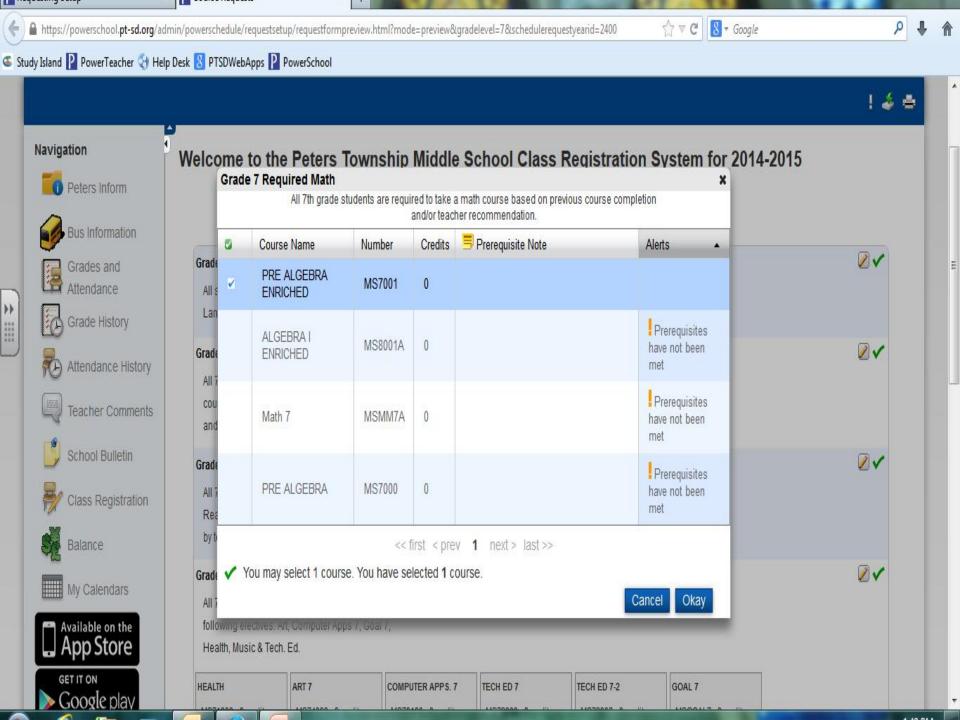
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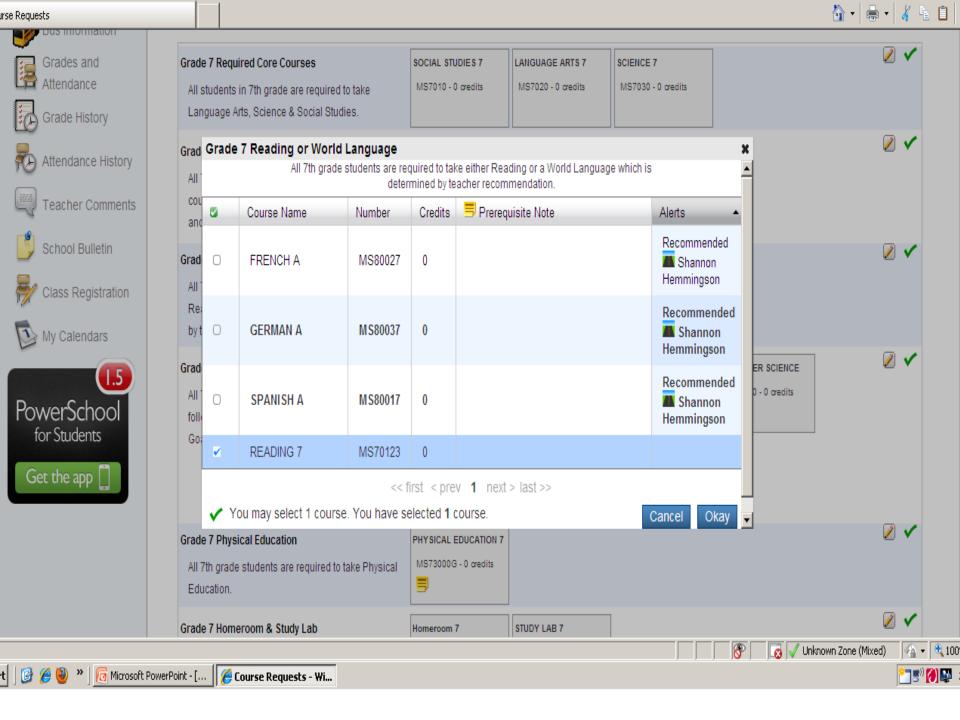


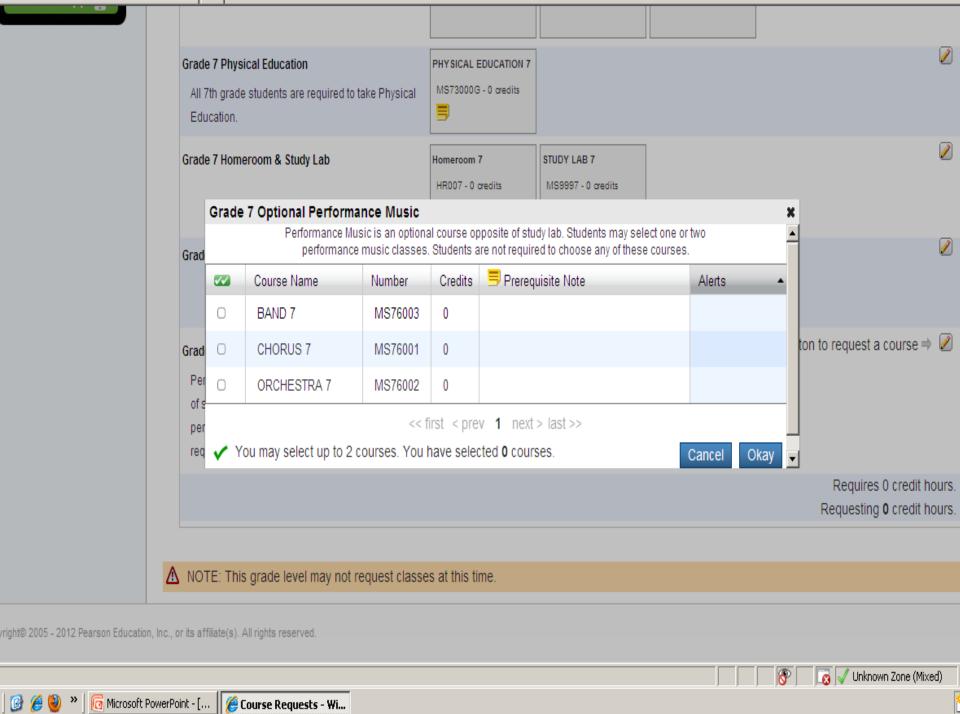
- Your child will visit PTMS one day during the last week of school.
- Students will view a student produced video about PTMS.
- Students will go to a middle school classroom to learn more about middle school expectations.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Ambassadors will lead student tours and answer ?'s!











### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

- Your child is invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 14<sup>th</sup></u>.
- They will get a chance to
  - See their schedule.
  - Find their classes.
  - Get their locker.
  - Meet new students!



## Thank you for coming!!

We hope you enjoy the rest of your evening!!!