



# **COURSE SELECTION PARENT NIGHT**

**GEORGE JUNIOR HIGH**

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**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IMMUNIZATIONS**

# 7TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



- **ALL STUDENTS **MUST** HAVE THESE SHOTS TO ENTER 7TH GRADE:**

**TDAP- TETANUS/PERTUSSIS BOOSTER WITHIN THE PAST  
5 YEARS  
AND  
**MENINGITIS VACCINE (AFTER AGE 11)****

# **BAND & ORCHESTRA**

Mr. Johnson

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Mr. Nagai

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# BAND

- Mr. Nagai and Mr. Johnson are looking forward to working with you all next year to make beautiful music together.
- In the George Band we play music in class every day and perform at concerts.
- We take a fun trip every year (if safety allows us to). Usually, we go to either Six Flags Fiesta Texas or Sea World in San Antonio.



# ORCHESTRA

- Mr. Johnson is looking forward to working with you all next year to make beautiful music together.
- In the George Orchestra we play music in class every day and perform at concerts.
- We offer a Beginning Orchestra class at George. You can learn Violin, Viola, Cello or Double Bass.
- Students will be expected to provide their own instruments, More information regarding instruments will be provided the first week of class.

# BAND & ORCHESTRA

- Here are answers to some of the questions we get asked the most often:
- **Q: I am currently in Band/Orchestra at Navarro. How do I sign up for Band at George JH?**
- **A:** Select Band/Orchestra as your first choice on your course selection in Skyward. Do not worry about which band class to sign up for. We will place you in the appropriate class based on your end-of-year audition and teacher input.

# BAND & ORCHESTRA

- **Q. Can I be in Band/Orchestra and participate in activities such as sports or cheerleading?**
- A. Yes!! We have many Band/Orchestra students who are also athletes and cheerleaders. We work with the coaches to handle any conflicts that arise, but they are very rare.
  
- **Q. Can I skip Band/Orchestra in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and then rejoin in 8<sup>th</sup> grade?**
- A. We do not recommend this, taking a year off will make you fall far behind and will make it difficult to be successful in High School Band/Orchestra.

# **BAND & ORCHESTRA**

- **Q. Can I change instruments in 7<sup>th</sup> grade?**
- A. We do not recommend this, changing instruments could make it very difficult to advance to a higher level of playing.
  
- **Q. I am not currently in Band/Orchestra. Can I sign up for Beginning Band or Orchestra at George?**
- A. Yes! We offer a Beginning Band and Beginning Orchestra class at George.

# COACH FORD

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**GJH ATHLETICS DIRECTOR**



# MAJOR SPORTS

**PHYSICALS  
AND RANK ONE  
FORMS  
REQUIRED FOR  
PARTICIPATION**

Football

Basketball

Volleyball

Track

Cross Country

Tennis

Cheer

Soccer

Pep Squad

# **PHYSICAL DAY**

Physical Day at Navarro Middle School and George Junior High students will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.

# ATHLETICS

- Any student planning on playing Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Tennis, Soccer, Pep Squad or Cross Country must have a Physical on file & Rank One documents completed.
  - Only those participating in Football, Basketball, Cross Country, Pep Squad & Volleyball will be scheduled for Major Sports at the beginning of the year.
  - Physicals and Rank One forms for the 23-24 school year must be labeled or completed on May 1, 2023, or later.
    - Those requesting Football, Basketball, Cross Country, Volleyball & Pep Squad must have their physicals & Rank One docs completed by August 4, 2023. Students who complete paperwork & physical after August 4, 2023, are not guaranteed a move to Major Sports.
  - George Jr. High Physical day will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Physicals done on campus for \$20.

\*pending 2023-2024 Calendar





# CHEER

- Cheer tryouts will take place on April 4th at 4:30pm. The **location** will be at **Terry High School**. Each candidate must register by turning in a cheer packet to Coach Kiser (room 211) or the front office of George Jr High. **Packets are due no later than March 24th, 3:40pm.** To get a packet, please stop by Coach Kiser's room. There will also be cheer packets available in the front office at Navarro Middle School.
- There will be a **mandatory meeting** BEFORE tryouts for all students and parents interested. The date and time of the meeting will be on the cheer packet. You are unable to tryout if you do not attend the meeting.
- Cheerleaders are a representation of the entire school. It is important that you maintain at least a 70% or above in all classes. No pass, no play. As a leader, you should have appropriate behavior at **all times**.
- You can find more information about tryouts on the school's website: [lcsd.org](http://lcsd.org). On the website, click "Departments," then "Athletics", and lastly click on "CHEER".
- **Physicals and Rank One forms MUST be completed before tryouts.**



# PEP SQUAD

- The GJH Pep Squad is the spirit of George JH and it's our job to get the crowd excited at each game.
- As a member of the Pep Squad, you will be creating and learning unique steps, chants, and signs for each team.
- Rank One and Physicals are required to be a member of the Pep Squad.



# **PRE-AP GIFTED AND TALENTED COURSES**

PAP/GT level courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic work and to prepare them for success in future advanced-level coursework. Students who experience success in advanced coursework typically exhibit the following personal and academic characteristics:

## **Personal Characteristics**

Read on or above grade level

Strong study skills and self-motivation

Proficient oral and written communication skills

Self-discipline to plan, organize, and carry out tasks to completion

Interest and self-directedness in Pre-AP/Gifted & Talented Courses

7<sup>th</sup> grade students will take:

English/LA, Reading, Math, Texas History, Science

PE, Pep Squad or Major Sports and

One Elective

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**ART**

**BAND**

**CHOIR**

**CAREER INVESTIGATIONS**

**THEATRE**

**ORCHESTRA**



# **7TH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSES**



# Spanish I

Applies toward high school credit

Recommended prior year  
Language Arts Average of  
85 or higher

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CREDIT  
COURSES**



**7TH GRADE ELECTIVE  
COURSES**

**Spanish for Spanish  
Speakers  
1 & 2**

**Applies toward high  
school credit**

**Oral and written proficiency  
screening in Spanish with a  
minimum score of 80**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CREDIT  
COURSES**



**7TH GRADE  
ELECTIVE COURSES**

NMS STUDENTS  
WILL  
COMPLETE  
COURSE  
SELECTION  
REQUESTS  
WITH  
MRS.  
CROCKETT AND  
THE GJH  
COUNSELORS  
ON  
FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>





# COURSE REQUESTS

- Please understand that elective courses that are requested in Skyward are not guaranteed. Students are placed in the elective of their choice based upon the availability of the elective.
- Please make sure that your child has a 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> alternate choices for his/her elective. George Jr. High School Counselors will do our best to place your child in their preferred electives.
- Students that do not complete course elective requests will be placed in an elective(s) by his/her school counselor.

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take:

English, Math, American  
History, Science

PE, Pep Squad or Major  
Sports and

Two electives



## 8TH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSES

ART

Band

Orchestra



## 8TH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSES

**INTERMEDIATE THEATRE**

**CHOIR**

**CAREER INVESTIGATIONS**

**Spanish I  
French I**

**Applies toward high  
school credit**

**Recommended prior year  
Language Arts Average of  
85 or higher**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CREDIT  
COURSES**



**8TH GRADE ELECTIVE  
COURSES**

**Spanish for Spanish  
Speakers  
1 & 2**

**Applies toward high  
school credit**

**Oral and written proficiency  
screening in Spanish with a  
minimum score of 80**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CREDIT  
COURSES**



**8TH GRADE ELECTIVE  
COURSES**

**HS ART I**

**PRINCIPLES OF  
BUSINESS AND  
MARKETING**

**PRINCIPLES OF  
AGRICULTURE, FOOD &  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CREDIT  
COURSES**



**8TH GRADE ELECTIVE  
COURSES**

**PRINCIPLES OF  
APPLIED  
ENGINEERING**

**INTRODUCTION TO  
CULINARY ARTS**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CREDIT  
COURSES**



**8TH GRADE ELECTIVE  
COURSES**



**FUNDAMENTALS OF  
COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**\* Algebra I required**

**PRINCIPLES OF  
EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING**

**PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH  
SCIENCE**

**PRINCIPLES OF  
CONSTRUCTION**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
CREDIT  
COURSES**



**\* AVAILABILITY OF THESE  
COURSES BASED ON  
REQUESTS**

# ROTC

- Air Force Junior ROTC is a citizenship program for high school students. GJH 8<sup>th</sup> graders may have an opportunity to participate in this high school credit course for the 2023 – 2024 school depending on the interest level of students wanting to participate in the program. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students would participate in JROTC at Terry HS.
- AFJROTC encourages its students to become well-informed, helpful, and healthy citizens by using the military model to teach leadership, discipline, and organizational skills.
- The curriculum is composed of Aerospace Science (40%), Leadership Education (40%) and Health and Wellness Education (20%)



## George Junior High 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Worksheet 2023-2024

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*What career/job would you like to have one you have completed high school or college?

1. Select your 4 core classes:	
Choose 1 for English: <input type="checkbox"/> English 142 <input type="checkbox"/> English PAP/GT 148	Choose 1 for Math: <input type="checkbox"/> Math 247 <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 1 Pre-AP 2540 <input type="checkbox"/> Math PAP/ GT 249
Choose 1 for Science: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 344 <input type="checkbox"/> Science PAP/GT 347	Choose for Social Studies: <input type="checkbox"/> History 444 <input type="checkbox"/> History PAP/ GT 447
For PAP courses: As a parent, I understand the requirements necessary for participation in PAP courses and wish to exercise the right to a waiver for informed open enrollment. I understand my child's responsibilities and the expectations in opting for PAP classes. I am ready to provide my child encouragement and extra support at home if he/she is experiencing difficulty, in order to meet the rigorous expectations of the PAP class(es). I also understand that selection of PAP courses will be determined pending the STAAR and academic grade review by GJH Administration. Selecting PAP course does not guarantee enrollment.	
Parent Signature: _____	

2. Choose PE or Major Sport: Students will be scheduled for Major Sports once a Physical and Rank One forms are submitted to the PE coach.	
Fall Semester ____ 644 Regular PE ____ 638 Major Sports (check sport(s) you would like to play) ____ Football ____ Basketball ____ Volleyball ____ Cross Country ____ Pep Squad	Spring Semester ____ 644 Regular PE ____ 638 Major Sports (check sport(s) you would like to play) ____ Track ____ Tennis ____ Soccer ____ Pep Squad

3. Rank your top 6 elective choices (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6). Do not mark an elective that you're taking this current school year. You may not repeat the same elective.	
____ 744 Art ____ 737 Beginning Orchestra ____ 738 Intermediate Orchestra ____ 739 Beginning Band ____ 740 Band (740, 748, 749) ____ 750 Boys Choir ____ 751 Girls Choir ____ 741 Intermediate Theater ____ 732 Theater Production (Teacher Selected) ____ 825 Career Investigations	<b>High School Credit Courses*</b> ____ 7503 HS Art 1* ____ 7105 Principles of Agriculture, Food, Nat. Res.* ____ 8380 Principles of Applied Engineering* ____ 7309 Principles of Business, Marketing, Finance* ____ 2532 Fundamental of Computer Science* (@THS must be enrolled in Algebra 1 in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) ____ 7219 Principles of Construction* ____ 7409 Principles of Education and Training* (@THS) ____ 7619 Principles of Health Science* (@THS) ____ 7716 Introduction to Culinary Arts* ____ 6051 Junior ROTC* (conference with JROTC instructor recommended prior to enrollment) ____ 5533 Spanish 1* ____ 5543 Spanish II* ____ 5733 French 1* (@ THS) ____ 5633 (Fall) ____ 5643 (Spring) Spanish for Spanish Speakers*

\*Grade points are earned toward high school GPA in these courses. Students who take classes for high school credit will earn grade points toward their high school Grade Point Average.

\*ALL FORMS MUST be signed by parent. \*

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

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

White: School Copy (Removed during Presentation) Yellow: Counselor Copy - With Parent Signature - MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE BY 3/3/23 Pink: Parent's Copy to Keep

## George Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Worksheet 2023-2024

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*What career/job would you like to have once you have completed high school or college?

1. Select your 4 core classes:	
Choose 1 for English: <input type="checkbox"/> Reading/English 132 <input type="checkbox"/> Reading/ English PAP/GT 138	Choose 1 for Math: <input type="checkbox"/> Math 237 <input type="checkbox"/> Math PAP/ GT 238 A&B
Choose 1 for Science: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 334 <input type="checkbox"/> Science PAP/GT 337	Choose 1 for Social Studies: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 434 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies PAP/ GT 437
For PAP Classes: As a parent, I understand the requirements necessary for participation in PAP courses and wish to exercise the right to a waiver for informed open enrollment. I understand my child's responsibilities and the expectations in opting for PAP classes. I am ready to provide my child encouragement and extra support at home if he/she is experiencing difficulty, in order to meet the rigorous expectations of the PAP class(es). I also understand that selection of PAP courses will be determined pending the STAAR and academic grade review by GJH Administration. Selecting PAP course does not guarantee enrollment.	
Parent Signature: _____	

2. Select PE or Major Sport: Students will be scheduled for Major Sports once a Physical and Rank One forms are submitted to the PE coach.	
Fall Semester ____ 634 Regular PE ____ 636 Major Sports (check sport(s) you would like to play) ____ Football ____ Basketball ____ Volleyball ____ Cross Country ____ Pep Squad	Spring Semester ____ 634 Regular PE ____ 636 Major Sports (check sport(s) you would like to play) ____ Track ____ Tennis ____ Soccer ____ Pep Squad

3. When selecting your ONE elective for next school year, please rank your top 5 choices (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).	
____ 734 Art ____ 737 Beginning Orchestra ____ 738 Intermediate Orchestra ____ 739 Beginning Band ____ 740 Band (740, 748, 749) ____ 750 Boys Choir ____ 751 Girls Choir ____ 731 Introduction to Theater ____ 732 Theater Production (Teacher Selected) ____ 825 Career Investigation	<b>High School Credit Courses*</b> ____ 5533 Spanish 1* ____ 5633 (Fall) ____ 5643 (Spring) Spanish for Spanish Speakers* Recommended prior year Language Arts grade average of 85 or higher for enrollment in Languages other than English.

\*Grade points are earned toward high school GPA in these courses. Students who take classes for high school credit will earn grade points toward their high school Grade Point Average.

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

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# COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET

Course selection worksheets will be completed on:

February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> for GJH 7<sup>th</sup> graders

February 22<sup>nd</sup> for NMS 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Parents, please sign and return the yellow copy to your child's counselor by 3/3/23.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Can my 7th grade student take a High School credit course?
  - Yes. 7th Graders may take a Foreign Language for high school credit. (Spanish I or Spanish for Spanish Speakers)
- 2. Can my 8th grader take more than one High School credit courses?
  - Yes. 8th graders can take 2 HS credit courses as well as non-credit elective courses. Please remember that it is recommended that students have a yearly average of 85 or higher in his/her English class for Foreign Language Courses.
- 3. What happens if my child does not pass his/her chosen High School credit course?
  - If a student does not pass a high school credit course, the student will not receive credit for that course. The failing grade will be reflected on his/her high school transcript.
- 4. Is Pep Squad an elective?
  - No. Pep Squad is not an elective course. Pep Squad will take the place of their PE course (Physical Education).
- 5. Do I need to pay for my child to take a HS credit course?
  - No. All HS credit classes are free and do not have any fees.
- 6. Is French offered at George Jr. High?
  - Yes, for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. French students will attend class at Terry High School. Transportation is provided to students enrolled in French. There will be a bus that will transfer the students from George Jr. High to Terry HS before 1st period and will return the students to George Jr. High before their 2nd period course begins at George Jr. High.

# FAQ'S

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 7. When will Major Sports be added to my child's schedule?
  - Major Sports will be added to a student's schedule when your child's Rank I Form and Physical are turned in to the coaches. Coaches will notify the Counselor regarding schedule changes once all forms are received, Please e-mail the coaches regarding schedule changes for Major Sports.
  - To ensure that your child's schedule reflects Major Sports on the first day school, please submit all forms by August 4, 2023.
- 8. Where can I find the Rank I Forms for Athletics?
  - You can find the Rank I Forms on the George Jr. High website, click the Athletics tab. Please complete Rank One forms after May 1, 2023.
- 9. If my child chooses an elective will they be guaranteed his/her elective?
  - No. The school counselors cannot guarantee the availability of the elective chosen for your child. However, we will do our best to accommodate the elective requests.
- 10. Will my child be able to change his/ her schedule once school begins?
  - Yes. However, it is based upon availability of the course. Also, there are specific deadlines to drop/add Pre-AP, HS credit courses and electives. These deadlines will be shared at the beginning of the school year via the GJH website and the Counselor Canvas page.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING  
COURSE SELECTION IS LOCATED ON THE  
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# QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR

**RANGERS**  

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**GEORGE JUNIOR HIGH**



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