PARENT MEETING AT FSMS CAFETERIA TUESDAY APRIL 9th AT 6:30PM AVAILABILITY FORM DUE APRIL 12TH TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER/ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR

Frank Seale Middle School – 6th Grade Course Availability 2013-2014

STUDENT NAME:	HOMEROOM TEACHER:
the day will be filled by elect order in which the classes a	chedule will consist of four predetermined courses and the remainder of tive courses to be selected with input from you (See Below***). The re arranged will vary among students. Below is a list of the required urses available (at this time).
_	SOTH SEMESTERS OR ALL YEAR S/Reading (Combined)
Choose which type of Phy ☐ Physical Ec ☐ Pre-Athleti physical ex ☐ Dance (Mu	ke two years of a Physical Education while in Middle School** ysical Education you would like to take - CHECK ONE: ducation ics (Must dress out daily, purchase athletic attire (\$20.00) & have a fam) Physicals will be given on 5/18/13 at MHS Cafeteria/Arena st attend a mandatory entrance meeting on April 6th in the MHS 1 a.m. Students are required to purchase dance attire for
MTA (I Band (section	ermission of the instructor and are as follows:: Both Semesters) Both Semesters) Directors will place students in the appropriate band i. ir (Both Semesters) Mr. Trites' Approval Needed
If you are not interested in one following in the order of impor Music (Art (Or Theate Spanis)	of the full year electives above, you will have two one semester courses. Rank the tance with 1 being your first choice and 5 being your last choice. (One Semester) er Arts (One Semester) h (One Semester) ology Applications (One Semester)
determined by current staffi ***Students that perform un	t to get you in a class of your choice; however, class availability will be ing and class size restrictions. Is a satisfactorily or minimally on the 5th grade STAAR Math will Excel Math as an "elective" choice at FSMS.
Student Signature	Parent Signature
Address	
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6th GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

- **Band** (All Year) Beginner band is offered to all 6th graders. You do not have to know anything about music or instruments this will be taught to you during your first year of band. Students will be taught in like instrument classes (ex. Flute players with only Flutes and Trumpets with only Trumpets). As the year progresses, all the classes will combine and play concerts at different locations. There is not any before or after school practice for the first year. Contact Terry Maxwell (972-775-6145) or Courtney Melton (972-775-6145) if interested. (Email Terry Maxwell@midlothian-isd.net or Courtney Melton@mildothian-isd.net)
- **6th Grade Choir** (All Year) As the main 6th grade performance choir, this choir will participate in many of the same concerts and competitions as our 7th and 8th grade choirs. In addition to performance, students will be exposed to music history, sight-reading, and part-singing. Must tryout with Andrew Trites (972-775-6145). (Email <u>Andrew Trites@midlothian-isd.net</u>)
- **6th Grade Music** (One Semester) In this class students will be exposed to sight-reading, basic music theory, music history, and participation in many of the same parties and activities as our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs. This class prepares the student for 7th & 8th grade choir.
- **6**th **Grade Art** (One Semester) Students will learn the basic elements of art, working with many different art media and will have brief studies of various cultures and artists.
- 6th **Grade Theater Arts** (One Semester) Students will learn to communicate in a dramatic form, make artistic choices, solve problems, build positive self concepts, and relate inter-personally in theatrical experiences.
- **6**th **Grade Technology Applications** (One Semester) Students build on computer skills and gain proficiency in various software applications.
- **6**th **Grade Spanish** (One Semester) This course introduces students to conversational Spanish with emphasis on listening, speaking, and cultural aspects of Spanish-speaking countries.

***All students must take 2 full years of Middle School Physical Education. Options are:

- <u>6 Grade PE</u> (All Year) Students will participate in fitness training, physical games & sports and will learn coordination and overall physical well being.
- Pre-Athletics (All Year) Students will learn the fundamentals of a wide range of sports. Students will be required to dress out daily, participate daily, and produce in a range of physical activities including an introduction to weight lifting, for satisfactory completion of the course. Highly recommended for students interested in participating in football, basketball, volleyball, or tennis in the 7th grade. Students must purchase a Uniform (shorts and T-shirt) for \$20 and have a physical turned in by the first day of school. On 5/18/2013 (9:00 AM 12 noon) physicals will be given at MHS in the cafeteria/arena for anyone that wants to do this through the school (\$20).
- <u>Dance</u> (All Year) An introductory class to dance styles and dance techniques. Students will work out and participate in dance daily. Students are <u>required to purchase a uniform</u> on April 9th, which is the mandatory parent meeting scheduled in the MHS Cafeteria at 11 am. Anyone that is interested <u>must</u> attend the meeting and bring a form of payment (cash or check only). (Email Amy_Meierhofer@midlothian-isd.net)

Frank Seale Middle School Seventh Grade Course Availability for 2013-2014

April Steadham, Counselor Lindsey Childress, Counselor Students A through L Students M through Z (PRINT) Student name The required core curriculum for the seventh grade includes language/reading, math, science, and social studies. Pre-AP courses are offered in language/reading, science, social studies, and math. Students that are in the gifted and talented program automatically qualify for the Pre-AP classes and are required to take at least one Pre-AP course or a Problem Solvers class to remain in the GT Program. They may opt to furlough for one year with no Pre-AP classes without having to retest for the program the following year. Choose one math, one language/reading, one science, and one social studies class by placing a check in the space next to the course you want to take. Students selecting Pre-AP must meet specific criteria to be considered for placement in the course. If you are interested in Pre-AP, place a check in the space by the course and have your parents initial the selection. While parent initials are required for consideration of placement, only students who qualify will be placed in the course. math OR Pre-AP math (Required for parent initials Algebra in 8th Grade) language/reading OR Pre-AP language/reading parent initials Pre-AP science parent initials science OR parent initials OR Pre-AP social studies social studies Physical education or athletics may be chosen as one of your electives. Anyone selecting athletics must have returned the necessary medical physical forms signed by the parents and physician to the coaching staff before he/she will be enrolled in the course. All students selecting athletics will remain enrolled in the class for the entire year. Select only one choice by placing a check in the space by the course you wish to take. The four semesters of state required physical education at middle school must have been completed to qualify for high school credit in eighth grade. (Physicals will be given 5/18/13 at MHS Cafeteria/Arena) 0000 Cheer (Fall semester only, approval of instructor) 9425 Dance (Approval of Instructor) 9600 Boys physical education 9500 Girl's physical education 9675 Boys athletics (Requires physical) 9575 Girl's athletics (Requires physical) 9680 Coed Tennis (Requires physical) Select five additional electives by ranking them 1 through 5 in the space next to the course number with 1 being your first choice and 5 being your least desired choice. The selections you make are NOT GUARANTEED and actual electives will be assigned based upon available seating, staffing to determine if offered, and/or tryouts. Every effort will be made to accommodate your requests. Students that perform unsatisfactorily or minimally on the 2013 STAAR Math Test will automatically be placed in a remedial math course called EXCEL Math. 4925 Middle School Spanish (One Semester) 5010 Technology Application (One semester) 4940 Theatre Arts (One semester) 4935 Middle School Art (One semester) The following electives all require instructor approval. Selection for one of the following will override any of the above elective choices. 4945 Stage Production (All Year) Requires application and teacher approval see Mrs. Penny-Lowe. 5000 Cub Reporter News (All Year) Requires application and teacher approval see Mrs. Mikulecky. 4910 Yearbook (All Year) Requires application and teacher approval see Mrs. Consalus. 4971 Choir (All Year) Requires audition and teacher approval see Mr. Trites. 4982 Band (All Year) Requires approval of Band Directors see Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Melton. 8060 Community Problem Solving/Future Problem Solvers (All Year) must have qualified for gifted and talented Requires teacher approval of Mrs. McDaniel. Band and choir instructors will approve final placement as to the appropriate level of proficiency. Parental contact with the instructor is required before a student is allowed to withdraw from the program. Please review all course selections before you return this course selection sheet to your counselors. Due to Counseling Office by April 12, 2013. Parent Signature ____ Student signature

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2013-2014 FSMS 7th and 8th Grade Course Descriptions

Academic Pre-AP Classes: Students must have parental consent and meet the correct qualifications/combinations of points earned to enroll in Pre-AP courses.

- 7th Grade Reading/Language Arts Pre-AP (All Year) 268 points This course will cover the essential knowledge and skills applicable to English for all 7th grade students. The course content will be more complex with higher order thinking skills and problem solving techniques incorporated into the curriculum. The student will be expected to develop strong independent study skills. The student must meet the following criteria: 88% (88 pts) on 6TH grade STAAR, 90% (90 pts) on Writing Prognosis Test, 90% (90 pts) or better yearly average in 6th grade Reading/Language Arts, and parent consent or GT qualified and parent consent.
- 8th Grade Reading/Language Arts Pre-AP (All Year) 349 points in 7th grade Reg. class or 346 if in 7th grade Pre-AP class

 This course is a continuation of the skills and concepts covered in Pre-AP 7th grade Reading/Language Arts. Students will continue to develop writing skills while giving further attention to literature and vocabulary development. Student expectations in academic performance and independent work habits will continue to receive much attention. The student must meet the following criteria: 86% (86 pts) on 7th grade Reading STAAR, 83% (83 pts) on 7th grade Writing STAAR, 7th grade Writing STAAR Essay Score (4=95pts, 3=85 pts, 2=75 pts)90% (90 pts) or better yearly average in 7th grade Reading/Language Arts or 87% (87 pts) or better yearly average in 7th grade Pre-AP Reading/Language Arts, and parent consent or GT qualified and parent consent.
- 7th Grade Math Pre-AP (All Year) 220 points This course is a prerequisite for the 8th grade Algebra class. This course will cover the objectives applicable to math for all 7th grade students as well as 8th grade math objectives, which will enable students to be successful in Algebra I and on future standardized tests. This course will move at a more rapid pace than regular 7th grade math to allow for the time to cover the 8th grade objectives. The course content will be more complex with higher order thinking skills and problem-solving techniques incorporated into the curriculum and will require additional home projects. The student must meet the following criteria: 45% (45 pts) on the Algebra Prognosis Test, 85% (85 pts) and 90% (90 pts) average in 6th grade Math, and parent consent; or be GT identified and parent consent.
- 8th Grade Honors Math (All Year) 220 points or 215 points if in Pre-AP 7th Grade Math This course covers the objective applicable to math for all 8th grade students as well as an introduction to Algebra objectives, which will enable students to be successful in Algebra I and on future standardized tests. This course will move at a more rapid pace than regular 8th grade math to allow for the time to cover Algebra objectives. Course content will be more complex with high order thinking skills and problem-solving techniques incorporated into the curriculum and will require additional home projects. Students must meet the following criteria: 45% (45 pts) on the Algebra Prognosis test, 85% (85 pts) on 7th grade Math STAAR, 90% (90 pts) average in 7th grade math or 85% (85 points) average in 7th grade Pre-AP math, and parent consent; or be GT identified and parent consent.
- *8th Grade/High School Algebra (All Year) 225 points MUST BE IN 7TH GRADE PRE-AP MATH This course establishes the foundation for high school mathematics. Students will study integers, rational numbers, and operations with polynomials, linear and quadratic equations as well as their graphs. Students must meet the following criteria: 90% (90 pts) average in 7th grade Pre-AP math and 50% (50 pts) on Algebra Prognosis Test, 85% (85 pts) on the 7th grade Math STAAR and have parent consent. **Being GT identified will not be used for placement in this course.** No parent waivers will be accepted. 90% State of Texas Attendance Policy is in effect. Students may receive one high school credit. 8th Grade Algebra credit will be affected by performance on the EOC test per district policy for all high school EOC courses.
- 7th Grade Science Pre-AP (All Year) 263 points This course will cover the essential knowledge and skills applicable to Science for all 7th grade students. This course will go into great depth with life science, earth science, chemistry and physics. The student will be expected to develop strong independent study skills. The student must meet the following criteria: 88% (88 pts) on 6th grade Reading STAAR, 85% (85 pts) on 6th grade Math STAAR, and 90% (90 pts) or better in 6th grade science and parent consent, or GT identified and parent consent.
- 8th Grade Science Pre-AP (All Year) 261 points or 258 points if in Pre-AP 7th grade Science This course is a continuation of the 7th grade Science Pre-AP course, with increased emphasis on collecting and analyzing data in order to draw logical conclusions. The student will be expected to develop strong independent study skills. The student must meet the following criteria: 90% (90 pts) or better in 7th grade science or 87% (87 pts) or better in 7th grade Pre-AP Science, 86% (86 pts) in 7th grade Reading STAAR, 85% (85pts) on 7th grade Math STAAR and parent consent, or GT identified and parent consent.
- 7th Grade Texas History Pre-AP (All Year) 178 points This course will cover the essential knowledge and skills applicable to Social Studies for all 7th grade students. The student will be expected to develop strong independent student skills, note taking skills, and higher level thinking skills. The student must meet the following criteria: 88% (88 pts) on 6th grade Reading STAAR, 90% (90 pts) average or better in 6th grade social studies and parent consent, or GT identified and parent consent.
- 8th Grade U.S. History Pre-AP (All Year) 176 points or 173 points if in Pre-AP 7th grade SS This course is a continuation of the 7th grade Social Studies Pre-AP course, with increased emphasis on analyzing data in order to draw logical conclusions. The student will be expected to develop strong independent study skills. The student must meet the following criteria: 86% (86 pts) on 7th grade Reading STAAR, 90% (90 pts) average or better in 7th grade SS or 87% (87 pts) average or better in Pre-AP 7th grade SS and parent consent, or GT identified and parent consent.

*This class earns high school credit. To earn credit a student must meet high school grading and attendance policy. This includes no retesting on exams. Attendance required 90% of instructional days.

Electives: (Electives are one semester unless indicated by "All Year")

- **Band –** (All Year) The band program usually begins in 6th grade, but a 7th or 8th grader can also be in beginner band. Anyone interested can choose an instrument upon director approval and be in band. These classes meet daily and focus on the basic skills needed to learn an instrument. After one year of basic knowledge the classes all combine to make a band.
- **Choir –** (All Year) 7th and 8th grade students sing in the Men's or Women's Choir. Both groups perform concerts throughout the year and compete at the UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Competition in March. **For all choirs, students must audition with Mr. Trites.**
- Stage Production (All Year) Student swill learn how to create stage productions through design and acting. **Tryout with Mrs. Penny-Lowe is required**
- Yearbook (All Year) 7th and 8th grade students are selected by the yearbook coordinator to work on the FSMS Yearbook. As part of the photography requirement for this class, students must attend a minimum of two after-school events each six weeks. **Tryout with Mrs. Consalus is required**
- **Cub News** (All Year) Students must try out and have taken technology or have computer experience. This class produces the video news that students watch daily. **Tryout with Mrs. Mikulecky is required**
- Community Problem Solvers (All Year) Open only to 7th and 8th grade GT students who have successfully completed ONE full year of Future Problem Solving as well as turn in an application and are approved by Mrs. McDaniel. This gifted and talented elective class introduces students to the concepts and skills of creative problem solving and organizational skills through realworld problem solving in our community. All students must be identified in MISD's gifted and talented program in order to participate.
- **Technology Applications** Students build on computer skills and gain proficiency in various software applications.
- **Middle School Spanish** This course introduces students to conversational Spanish with emphasis on listening, speaking, and cultural aspects of Spanish-speaking countries.
- **Art** Students will explore, appreciate, and analyze the visual world and develop their artistic perception by learning and using the Elements of Art and the Principals of Design. They will also learn historical and cultural heritage of past and present artists.
- **Theater Arts –** Students will learn to communicate in a dramatic form, make artistic choices, solve problems, build positive self-concepts, and relate inter-personally in theatrical experiences.

The following Electives are open to 8th Grade students only:

- *High School Spanish (All Year) **259 points This class will count as Spanish I for High School credit and students must stay in the class all year. This class will be very rigorous and has daily homework and will follow the high school curriculum. ***Students must qualify for the class with 259 points 90% (90 pts) average in 7th grade Reading and 86% (86 pts) on the 7th grade Reading STAAR, and 83% (83 pts) on 7th grade Writing STAAR.*** One high school credit is received. (90% attendance policy is in effect or no credit will be received.)
- *High School Health (One Semester) This class will count as Health for High School credit. This class will be very rigorous and will have daily homework, as well as follow the high school curriculum and attendance guidelines. (90% attendance policy is in effect or no credit will be received.)
- *High School Speech (One Semester) This course will cover the state requirements for communication applications and will count as Speech for High School credit. (90% attendance policy is in effect or no credit will be received.)
- Office Aide (All Year) Students assist front office with various duties. They are responsible for introducing new students to FSMS.

 Students must apply with Mrs. Tenery
- Library Aide (All Year) Students assist librarian by shelving books and checking books in and out. **Students must apply with Mrs. Shuffield**
- Teacher Aide (All Year) Students assist a teacher with classroom needs and errands. **Students must apply with individual teachers**

Physical Education Classes: 7th graders are required to take one of these classes and any 8th grader that takes Athletics, PE, Tennis, or Cheer may receive up to one credit of High School PE if all middle school requirements are met.

- 7th & *8th Grade Girls Athletics (All Year) These classes are UIL team competitions in Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, and Track & Field. Students must have a completed physical on file each year, must try out for at least two sports, and participate in two or more sports for satisfactory completion of the course. **May 18thphysicals will be given at MHS Cafeteria/Arena**
- 7th & *8th Grade Boys Athletics (All Year) These classes are UIL team competitions in Football, Basketball, Cross Country, and Track & Field. Students must have a completed physical on file <u>each year</u>, must try out for at least two sports, and participate in two or more sports for satisfactory completion of the course. **May 18th physicals will be given at MHS Cafeteria/Arena**
- *Coed Tennis (All Year) Students are taught the basics of tennis with conditioning exercises to prepare students to play high school tennis for competition. Students must have a completed physical on file each year. **May 18th physicals will be given at MHS

 Cafeteria/Arena**
- *Cheerleading (Fall Semester) This is an audition class and requires participation at games, pep rallies and special events. Contact Mrs. Marks or Mrs. Koushan with questions.
- **Cub Dancers** (All Year) This is an audition class and requires participation at games, pep rallies and special events. There is also a uniform requirement. **Contact Mrs. Meierhofer with questions.**
- 7th & *8th Girls or Boys PE (All Year) Basic physical education class in which students must dress out and condition themselves on a daily hasis

^{*}This class earns high school credit. To earn credit a student must meet high school grading and attendance policy. This includes no retesting on exams. Attendance required 90% of instructional days.

Frank Seale Middle School Eighth Grade Course Availability for 2013 - 2014

April Steadham, Counselor Students A through L Lindsey Childress, Counselor Students M through Z

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math	OR	Honors Math	parent initials
language/reading	OR	Algebra I (1 High School Credit)	parent initials
science	OR	Pre-AP language/reading	parent initials
social studies	OR	Pre-AP science	parent initials
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Please review all course selection	s before you return th	nis course selection sheet to your counselors. I	ue to Counseling Office by April 12, 2013.
High School academic requirement	nts, including a no-re	testing policy. All high school courses offered	achieve passing standard as required by Midlothian at the middle school level require a passing grade of hree high school credits while in middle school.
Student signature		Parent Signature	

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