New Student & Parent Night
Grade 7

April 30, 2020
Welcome to Hopkins!

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Tonight, we will:

- Review academic requirements for all 7th Graders
- Discuss language, arts, and athletic options for 7th Graders
- Review diagnostic/proficiency test requirements and timetable
- Answer questions!
Academic Program for Grade 7

**Required:**
- Arts
- English 7
- History 7
- Science 7
- Latin
- Math

**Optional:**
- Modern Language:
  - Chinese
  - French
  - Spanish
Grade 7 Arts: one course per quarter (*Drama, Music, Studio Art*); 4th quarter is elective

For music quarter, the student chooses between **Vocal Arts** (*please fill out Vocal Music Survey*) and **Instrumental Music**

**Instrumental Ensemble:** *(audition required)*
- For students who have an instrument & can read music
- Placements for 7th Graders will take the form of a video recording due on May 23rd
- Detailed information about auditions at hopkins.edu/auditions
Mathematics

- Sequence:
  Pre-Algebra → Algebra 1 → Geometry → Algebra 2 → Precalculus → Calculus/Statistics

- The Math Diagnostic Test is required for all incoming 7th graders.
  - The Math Diagnostic Test will be administered on **Saturday, May 16th at 10 am** via Zoom
    - Most 7th graders will place into Pre-Algebra
    - Some 7th graders will place into Algebra 1
    - Some 7th graders who are currently enrolled in a rigorous Algebra 1 course (or beyond) may place into Geometry (or beyond)

- An additional Math Proficiency Test is required only for those incoming 7th graders who are currently enrolled in a rigorous Algebra 1 course (or beyond) and hope to place into Geometry (or beyond)
  - Math proficiency tests will be administered on **Saturday May 23rd at 10 am** via Zoom
Languages

- ● **Latin**: required for all 7th Graders
- ● **Modern Language**: optional additional course for 7th Graders
  ○ Choose Chinese, French, or Spanish
  ○ Taking a Modern Language means fewer study halls each week
- ● For both Latin and Modern Language courses, successful completion of Level 1A (*7th grade*) and Level 1B (*8th grade*) enables students to place into Level 2 in 9th grade.
A **Language Proficiency Test** is required only for students who previously have studied their chosen language and who wish to place out of Level 1A.

The test will be administered on **Saturday, May 23rd at 1 pm** via Zoom.

If you would like to take a Language Proficiency Test, please indicate it on the **Course Selection and Proficiency Test Registration Form (Google Form)**.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Maharidge, Chair of the Classics Department, at cmaharidge@hopkins.edu, or Ms. Lan Lin, Chair of the Modern Language Department, at llin@hopkins.edu.
All Hopkins students are required to participate in athletics year-round.

All 7th graders are required to do a team sport in the fall.
  - Options include: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, or Volleyball

In the winter and spring seasons, 7th Graders may elect to participate in a team sport, an informal sport, or an independent sport.

Sports Choice Form is due on **May 4th**.
Activities and Clubs

- 7th and 8th Graders have their own separate Activities Program.
- Junior School Activities meet 12:30-1:30 on Wednesdays.
- J Schoolers will hear more about the Activities Program in the fall and then they will rank their choices.
- Each Activity runs for 8 consecutive Wednesdays; students participate in 3 activities each year. *Health is a required activity.*
- Other choices include: J School newspaper, Community Service, J School Play, Model UN, Graphic Design, J School Chorus, etc.
- There are two after school clubs for J Schoolers: Math Counts and Science Quiz Bowl. More information about these clubs will be shared in the fall.
Advising

- Each student is assigned to an adviser group made up of 6-8 students and an adult adviser. 7th Grade adviser groups also have a senior mentor.
- Advisers serve as the connection between school and home and are a great source of information for both students and parents.
- Adviser groups meet twice a week in the morning and serve as a “home base” for the students. In the J School, advisers often see their advisees at lunch as well (*unless there is a schedule conflict*).
- Families will meet their child’s adviser at 7th Grade Orientation.
Timeline

**May 4:** Course Selection & Proficiency Test Registration Form, Sports Selection Form, and Vocal Music Survey (*if electing Vocal Arts*) are due.

**May 16:** Math Diagnostic Test (*required*)

**May 23:** Math Proficiency Test (*optional*)
- Language Proficiency Test (*optional*)
- Music Audition recordings due

**June:** list of student courses sent home

**June 12:** deadline to discuss placement decisions, if needed

**July 1:** deadline for all other scheduling questions (direct questions regarding student schedules to Kevin Cronin, School Scheduler, at kcronin@hopkins.edu)
Thank you for joining us. Have a good evening!