



# Attention 7<sup>th</sup> Grade McAuliffe Lions - Class of 2021



**Preparations have already begun for the 2019-2020 school year and we are excited to present to you next year's proposed classes!** Each student will take two different Humanities classes, one per semester or a full year band or chorus. Courses will run on an "A/B Day" rotation, which means your class will alternate with your PE/Health class. For example if you have PE on an "A Day" your Humanities, Band or Chorus course will be on the "B Day." Please take some time to read over the following descriptions with your family. Once you have carefully read each description and completed the ***Course Selection Sheet***, please return it signed by both you and your parents. We will not be able to honor course request changes over the summer or in September. **Selections sheets are due to your homeroom teacher on *Friday, FEB 15th.***

## **7th Grade Course Descriptions:**

**Band:** Seventh grade band will further develop skills previously introduced during sixth grade band courses. Advanced concepts and more interesting musical styles will be focused on to prepare students for the high school band experience. Critique of performances, both student and professional, will be utilized to help refine our ensemble. Group lessons will be offered during the school day to address specific skills required by each instrument group. Students will perform at two evening concerts during the school year to present their hard work to parents, friends, and the community.

**Chorus:** Seventh grade chorus welcomes both new singers and students who have been involved in the music program for years. Our daily rehearsal consists of learning how to read music and singing a variety of music from different genres. Members of the 7th grade chorus have multiple performance opportunities including two concerts during the year and choral competitions.

**Communications** - Students in this course will develop skills for the 21st Century in basic to advanced communication strategies. Activities include the development of Public Service Announcements integrating technology, interviewing skills, speech writing, journalism, public speaking, and advertising. Development of interpersonal communication skills will also be explored.

**Current Events** - This course will revolve around the news issues of the day in varying disciplines including art, politics, science, and social studies. Mass media will be analyzed using critical reading skills to determine if bias exists, evaluate the reliability of sources, and the use of figurative language. Students will engage in writing prompts, Socratic Seminar and debate.