

**Township of Ocean
Intermediate School**



**PROGRAM OF STUDIES
Electives and
Extracurricular Activities**

INTRODUCTION

The Township of Ocean Intermediate School Activities Booklet has been compiled to make families aware of the extra-curricular programs offered to our students. Sign-ups for various activities occur frequently during the school year. Please refer to this manual often and urge your children to participate. Students must maintain their grades and demonstrate good citizenship as per our Extra Curricular practices outlined below:

Eligibility of student participation in extracurricular activities due to academic standing shall be reviewed by the administration of the Intermediate School at the midpoint of the first marking period, the conclusion of the first, second and third marking periods and at the midpoint of the fourth marking period. Failing grades in two or more major subjects will make a student “academically ineligible” for a minimum of two weeks. At the conclusion of that period, a student may regain eligibility if he/she has attained a passing grade in at least all but one of the failed classes. If eligibility has not been attained at that point, the ineligible status will continue until the policy is fulfilled.

A late bus is available to transport your children home after activities, departing at 3:25 p.m. We hope this information will be helpful to you.

Christopher Amato
Principal

ELECTIVES BY GRADE

8th Grade Electives

**Please note that all elective courses are a semester in length unless otherwise noted in the description.

Acting and Directing 8

This class is for students that are interested in acting and directing. Students will explore the art of acting through games centered around ensemble building. Students will participate in improvisation, pantomime and character development. They will explore the art of acting by selecting various scripts to use for directing and performing in One Act plays and scenes. Credits from this class can be used towards points needed for the consideration into the International Thespian Society.

Art 8

Get ready to create works of art that apply design skills, techniques and various materials to communicate your ideas! You’ll explore drawing, painting, collage, and mixed-media to develop realistic, abstract, and/or fantasy 2D art of your choice. All skill-levels are welcome.

Choir

If you love to sing, this is the class for you. In Choir, we will learn how to better use our singing voices, explore music and note reading, and sing music in languages from around the world. At the end of the year we will perform a concert of all of the music we learned. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students. This is a full year class.*

Concert Band

Concert band is a **full year elective** for students who participated in Sixth Grade Band, and wish to continue mastering their instrument. Students will continue on their musical journey, expanding their range on their instrument, learning new techniques, and playing even more exciting music! Students will get to play pieces in many different styles, such as rock and roll, classical, folk, and jazz music! The concert band students perform in a seasonal concert, winter concert, and spring concert. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Dance

Dance 8 introduces students to world dance, ballet, jazz/hip-hop, tap, and ballroom/social dances. Basic dance vocabulary, performance skills, choreography, improvisation, dance history, and performance appreciation skills are introduced. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Digital Design

Students will use traditional and non traditional art techniques to make original art creations on PC. Students will develop skills in animation, illustration, logo creation, color-theory, basic coding and audio engineering. This is a project based learning class where students will develop critical thinking skills, color-theory, creativity, and peer collaboration. Class will begin with a unit on Computational Device History and Computer Science. Students will learn the software applications of Adobe Illustrator, Audacity, and various web-based platforms.

Environmental Engineering

Students will explore current environmental issues, the various roles of environmental engineers, and the environmental impacts on Planet Earth and its inhabitants. Projects will encourage students to design real-world

applications and solutions to remediate environmental challenges that we presently face. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Introduction to 3D Art

Join us on a journey into three-dimensional art! In this hands-on class, you will experiment with various methods of 3D design and create finished works of art using materials such as plaster, wire, paper mache, recyclables, and much more.

Makerspace

Do you enjoy creating things with your hands or using the computer? Students will use building tools to construct new inventions as well as utilize computer programs to create 3D objects using the 3D printer or program the Lego EV3 robots to navigate a course. In this course students will use the engineering design process to solve problems through prototyping, testing and redesigning solutions. Students will be exposed to STEAM careers through first hand build challenges with groups as well as individually.

Multimedia Productions (IMP)

Students will utilize conventional desktop PC's using traditional and non traditional art techniques to make their own artistic creations. Students will develop skills in story-boarding, editing, script-writing, animation, voice recording, tracing and film production. This is a project based learning class where students will develop critical thinking skills in developing art and technology vocabulary by analyzing art elements and principles in their own work and others. Class will begin with a unit on Internet/Social Media safety. Students will learn the software applications of Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premiere Pro. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students.*

Spartan Leaders

Do you want to build leadership skills? In this course, you will learn that everyone can be a leader. This course is designed to empower students to make a difference in their school, community, and world. Through a variety of lessons and activities, students will learn about the different leadership styles and the fundamentals of good leadership. Students will learn to manage their time, problem solve, function as a team, lead a group, and support others. Most importantly, they will gain confidence in the process. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students*

Sports Journalism

Stories about sports teach us character-building lessons about cooperation, the value of hard work, discipline, and overcoming adversity. This course improves students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills by exploring and creating a range of media focused on the subject of sports and athletes. Students will follow and report on an Ocean Township sports team's season. Students will create sports journalism stories and media, conduct interviews with members of the team and coaching staff, and contribute sports updates to the Ocean View. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students*

7th GRADE ELECTIVES

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Art 7

Join us for 7th Grade Art! In this hands-on studio art class, we will use materials such as paint, clay, metal, wire, plaster, and fabric to create original works of art. This is a great opportunity to try materials and mediums you haven't worked with before. All skill levels are welcome!

Choir

If singing is your passion, choir is where you belong. Choir helps build ear and vocal skills. Choir can help with acting and dancing as well. In Choir, we will learn how to better use our singing voices, explore music and note reading, use harmony, and sing music in languages from around the world. 7th and 8th Grade Choir will really help hone your skills as a musician and singer, in addition to getting you prepared for the awesome VPA Academies at the High School. At the end of the year we will perform a concert of all of the music we learned with Select Choir and 6th Grade Choir. *This class is open to seventh and eighth grade students. This is a full year course.*

Computer Finance

Students will explore fundamental personal finance concepts while being introduced to the Microsoft Office suite of programs. Through project-based learning, students will master the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher. Additionally, students will utilize multiple web-based formats to help explain the business concepts covered. The business units will be; Income and Careers, Money Management, Credit and Debt Management, Planning, Saving, and Investing, Becoming a Critical Consumer, and Civic Financial Responsibility.

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General Music 7

Love music, but not in the band?! Here is the place for you! In 7th Grade General Music we will build on our knowledge of music and continue to explore all new and exciting music songs, games, and rhythms. In 7th Grade we will focus on and learn how to play the *ukulele*, in addition to using our voices, African drums, Boomwackers, xylophones and much more to explore different sounds and music from around the globe.

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6TH GRADE ELECTIVES

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6th Grade Band

Sixth grade band is a **full year elective** for students who participated in fifth grade band and want to continue playing their instrument. Students will become musical experts, learning how to play many more notes, challenging rhythms, and fun concert music! Students will gain experience playing in small ensembles and in a full band setting. At the end of the year, the sixth grade band shows off all of their hard work by performing in the Spring Band Concert.

6th Grade Choir

If you love to sing, this is the class for you. In sixth grade choir we will continue to explore the idea of singing great music, but we will begin to learn how to follow along in our music score and how to have independence on our vocal part with harmony. We will learn how to better use our singing voices, explore music and note reading, use harmony, and sing music in languages from around the world. At the end of the semester we will perform a concert of all of the music we learned.

6 Art

Start your middle school elective experience with an art class! In this hands-on class, we will explore and make artwork inspired by artists throughout time. From the Prehistoric Era, all the way through Modern Art, we will work in mediums including ceramics, painting, mosaics, pastel, collage and much more!

Design and Modeling

Have you ever wanted to create your very own invention? Students will use the engineering design process to create projects tailored to specific clients or for

their own use. We will utilize cartesian and isometric sketches in our prototyping of various products to construct by-hand or with the assistance of 3D printers. Students will be offered an opportunity to share their original prototype and commercial recorded in the Ocean View Studios with a larger audience through the STEAM Tank Challenge in the fall semester.

Digital Media

News Flash!!! Reporters wanted! Join this Digital Media course and you will be a part of bringing important information to our school community through our digital news sources including *The Spartan Times* and *The Ocean View*. Student reporters in Digital Media report on information we need to know about our school community (with some light-hearted entertainment thrown in as well)! Throughout the course you will become more aware of the responsibilities that the media has to its audience and the importance of clear and accurate communication.

Science Stories

If you love science, you're going to love this class. This class will focus on science stories (events) both current and in the past, with an emphasis on storytelling. The human condition, spirit, and dramatic interactions will be explored within the confines of science concepts, core ideas and practices, as they relate to each particular story or event. Examples of stories/events: Research Expeditions to the Poles; Discovery of the Titanic Wreck; Mount Everest Climbing Expedition in 1996; The Donner Party in the Sierra Nevadas; Speed Limits + Traffic Fatalities; Humans Colonizing Extraterrestrial Planets; Mt. St. Helens Volcanic Eruption (1980); Perfect Storm of 1991; Climate Change, i.e. Weather, Droughts, Wildfires, etc

Technology Innovations *(Formerly Computer Applications)*

The focus of this class is the GSuite apps, along with introducing coding, robotics, podcasting, and other technologies. Many life skills are focused on in this class, as well, including email, calendar, and digital organization. Skills that are taught in this class extend across other disciplines as they can be used across the board in all content areas.

Theater Arts 6

Theater arts class introduces students to the elements of theater. Stage direction, improvisation, and scene work are studied. Students explore these elements through various projects, games, and learning activities.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

All TOIS sports are for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students. All students are required to have a current physical. Forms may be obtained online at the District Web Site (oceanschools.org) or in the Nurse's office at TOIS.

FALL SPORTS – Physicals for Fall sports are held in June.

GIRLS AND BOYS SOCCER – Tryouts are in September. Meets daily from September- October

CROSS COUNTRY – Sign-up is in September. Try-outs are not required. Meets daily September – October.

GIRL'S FIELD HOCKEY – Tryouts in September. Meets daily September – October

WINTER SPORTS – Physicals for Winter sports are held in November.

GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL – Tryouts are in November. Meets daily November – February.

CHEERLEADING – Sign-up in October, tryout in November. Meets daily after school November – February. Approximately 16 games in addition to practices.

WRESTLING – Sign-up in November. Students will wrestle at appropriate weight class. Meets daily after school November – February.

SPRING SPORTS – Physicals will be held in February.

BASEBALL – Tryouts in March. Meets daily March – May.

SOFTBALL – Tryouts in March. Meets daily March – May

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK – Sign-up in March. Meets daily March – May.

CLUBS

6th Grade Band - 6th grade band is made up of all of the students who take band as a class in 6th grade. There are 3-5 after school rehearsals scheduled in the spring. Info TBA. 6th Grade Band performs in the Spring Band Concert.

6-8th Grade Social Café - The goal of this program is to offer students within the MD and LLD program a safe place to develop social skills, encourage hidden creative arts talents, boost self-esteem and confidence in a social setting with non-disabled peers.

Art Club - Art club is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and will meet bi-weekly. Student artists work collaboratively to generate ideas for all creative endeavors. Art making experiences include working with their peers on group art projects designated for areas throughout the Intermediate School. Art club members will also learn to expand upon and refine their personal art skills through direct instruction. During direct instruction each student will work individually to express their creativity on solo projects.

Band Buddies - Band Buddies is a musical mentoring program made up of students in the band program. Each student is paired with another student in a different grade who plays the same instrument. Buddies meet to help each other and practice together after school.

BeYou - The BeYou club's aim is to welcome and create an accepting and safe school environment for all students no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation. The club will provide a safe and confidential space for LGBTQA+, allies and others struggling with identity and self-esteem to gather and talk about issues concerning bullying or harassment due to prejudice and discrimination. The club's members will strive to create an inclusive school environment and educate the community around them on issues related to identity.

Choir - TOIS Choir is open to all and any 6 - 8th graders who love to sing. Here we will learn how to better use our voices, and sing as a group! We will have a concert in the Fall and in the Spring.

Concert Band - Concert Band includes all students who take band as a class during the school day. We meet as a full band once a week after school to rehearse our concert repertoire with each other.

Deeply Rooted - The purpose of Deeply Rooted is to provide an environment which encourages discussions and activities of interest to those who wish to learn more about the history, contributions and accomplishments of minorities. All members of the TOIS Student Body are welcome. The club emphasis is on the development of philosophies and values which will benefit club members and our community. We celebrate and respect the diversity of the students at TOIS and acknowledge on every level that we are one people despite having been placed on different shores and living in cultural arenas.

Drama Club – The TOIS Drama Club is a creative, collaborative, and dynamic group. We produce one annual musical. Students audition for the show and apply for stage crew in early November. Meetings are three times a week until 5pm from November until the show in March. Experience is not necessary; however, commitment is required. The actors and actresses are guided by directors to develop their best performances while the stage crew members make the props, the scenery, and work on the lights and sound. By the time of the performances, the students literally run the show and are rewarded with the applause and accolades from the community.

ExploreScience! Club- *ExploreScience* Club offers hands-on projects and experience within various disciplines in science. The *ExploreScience* Club is a great place to make new friends, explore your own interests in science, participate in “real” citizen science projects and expand your knowledge while having fun.

As a member of the *ExploreScience* club you will have the opportunity to be part of projects such as Growing Beyond Earth, Project Terrapin, Trout in the

Classroom as well as many other science based competitions. Other opportunities include Skyping with or meeting in person “real” scientist and exploring careers in various fields of science

Hope Club - The Hope Club is a club that allows eighth graders to develop their leadership skills while becoming more involved in both the school and local community. The goal of this club is to increase leadership skills, provide a space of acceptance for all, volunteer in community and school events, and fundraise to help various causes. It is also a great starting point for those eighth graders who may want to be a part of Key Club in the high school.

Italian Culture Club - Il Circolo Italiano is open to all students who wish to explore and celebrate Italian culture through various elements of Italian music, art, food and sports. Over the course of the year, students will participate in activities that mirror the culture of modern-day Italy and Italy of the past. Knowledge of the Italian language is not required to join.

Jazz Band – Jazz Band consists of auditioned students from the band program. Jazz band performs swing, blues, funk, latin, and rock music styles. Jazz meets once a week to rehearse and perform in the Spring and Winter Band Concerts.

MakerSpace Club – If you enjoy science, technology, engineering, art, and math then you are a “Maker” and this is the right club for you! Students will compete in STEAM challenges and engage in project-based learning. Using critical thinking and problem solving skills, students collaborate to create solutions to challenges.

Math Club – The math club provides opportunities for students to solve challenging math problems in an interactive group setting. Students will also compete in local and regional math competitions throughout the school year. The math club welcomes any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who love math and are looking for fun and engaging math challenges.

Sand Pebbles - Sand Pebbles, TOIS literary magazine, is the schools's creative outlet for students. Students can submit poetry, short stories, artwork, photography, and digital art for publication. Our staff collects and compiles all

submissions to be published in a printed magazine that recognizes the student and their work.

Spartan Times – The Spartan Times is an online news source created by students. We give updates on sports, highlight accomplishments, and share what is happening around our school. Any ideas are welcome for columns to consider for publication.

Stage Crew - Meets after school; number of meetings depends on the school play production. Must have some knowledge of art and/or tools. Students will be involved in all aspects of theater arts, (scenery, props, lights, etc.)

Student Council – The TOIS Student Council is comprised of a hard-working group of students elected to the council by the TOIS student-body. Our main events during the school year are the following: the annual Food Drive, School Spirit Week culminating in Almost Anything Goes (A.A.G.), Valentine's Day Dance, and the Talent Show.

Theater/Forensics – In this club we will work on improvisation, scene work, and monologues. Work from this club helps students earn credits towards being inducted into the NJ International Junior Thespian Troupe. Students in this group will be invited to attend the NJ Thespian Theatre Festival. Categories for selections are typically storytelling, dramatic pairs, and declamation. Students will also be able to showcase their talents in June at the Arts' Cafe.

TOIS Dance Club – The Dance Club is happy to invite ALL 6-8th-grade students who have an interest and desire to learn to DANCE. There is no experience necessary to participate in the club, only open-mindedness, willingness to learn new things, commitment and dedication. A variety of dance styles will be explored and students with dance experience will have the opportunity to choreograph. Students will learn the basic technique and terminology of dance.

TOIS Select Choir - This is an auditioned ensemble for students that must audition or get invited by the instructor. This is an additional choir for students

who are passionate about singing. We will have a concert in the Spring, Fall, and for Graduation.

TOIS Spanish Club - The TOIS Spanish Club will strive to promote awareness, appreciation, understanding and respect of the people and cultural diversity of the Spanish speaking world. It intends to foster friendly and collaborative relationships with other school clubs as well as the community, to better understand the cultural diversity of our society.

UNLESS Garden Club - The UNLESS Garden Club is a conservation minded group where you can partake in STEAM activities while getting your hands dirty. We not only grow plants and care for our new OTIS garden, we build planters, ponc systems and other crafts out of recyclable material.

Word Play - Word Play is a creative writing club at TOIS. Learn how to write and perform poetry. Find the help you need to develop a passion project like writing a novel or recording a podcast.

Yearbook Staff – The Yearbook Club is comprised of students wishing to gain experience in photography, creative writing, and advertising. Students work under the direction of the advisor to assist in choosing the theme of the yearbook, designing page layouts, and writing captions and headings. Shot composition skills and image editing skills will be improved upon at after school meetings. Students will create yearbook sale advertisements using a variety of marketing tools and artistic strategies.

5th Grade

5th Grade A.S.A.P.: The After School Arts Program is for all aspiring artists who are interested in finding a safe place to explore their hidden talents~ singing, dancing, acting, playwriting, songwriting, poetry writing, directing, stage managing, etc. Club will meet bi-monthly. Possible performances, TBD. No experience necessary. Requirements: bring a positive attitude, respect your peers and advisor, choose kind ALWAYS, and reach for the stars!!!!

5th Grade Book Club – Students will meet biweekly or monthly to discuss selected books, discuss the authors' backgrounds and other works, do activities pertaining to the books' themes.

5th Grade Band – Band rehearsals are during the school day. There is a Band Concert performed in the spring

5th Grade Chorus – 5th Grade Chorus is open to all 5th grade students. Rehearsals are after school on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:10 as well as some Wednesdays during FLEX. There is a winter session from Sept-Dec. and a Spring session from Jan-May.

5th Grade MakerSpace – Students work on science, technology, engineering and math project