

Creekside Middle School

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Dear Parents and Students of Creekside,

This Student Activity booklet is designed to help introduce you to Creekside Middle School. This booklet contains a wide variety of general information about Creekside Middle School. We hope that the information provided will show you the many opportunities available for you while attending Creekside Middle School. You are encouraged to participate in as many extra-curricular and co-curricular activities as possible. At Creekside, we believe that these offerings help make for a more well-rounded student. Middle School is a time to explore new things.

Please retain this booklet of information for the duration of your school years at Creekside. Since only a few of the activities and programs change from year to year, only one copy will be provided to each student. This will save us the cost of running extra copies each year.

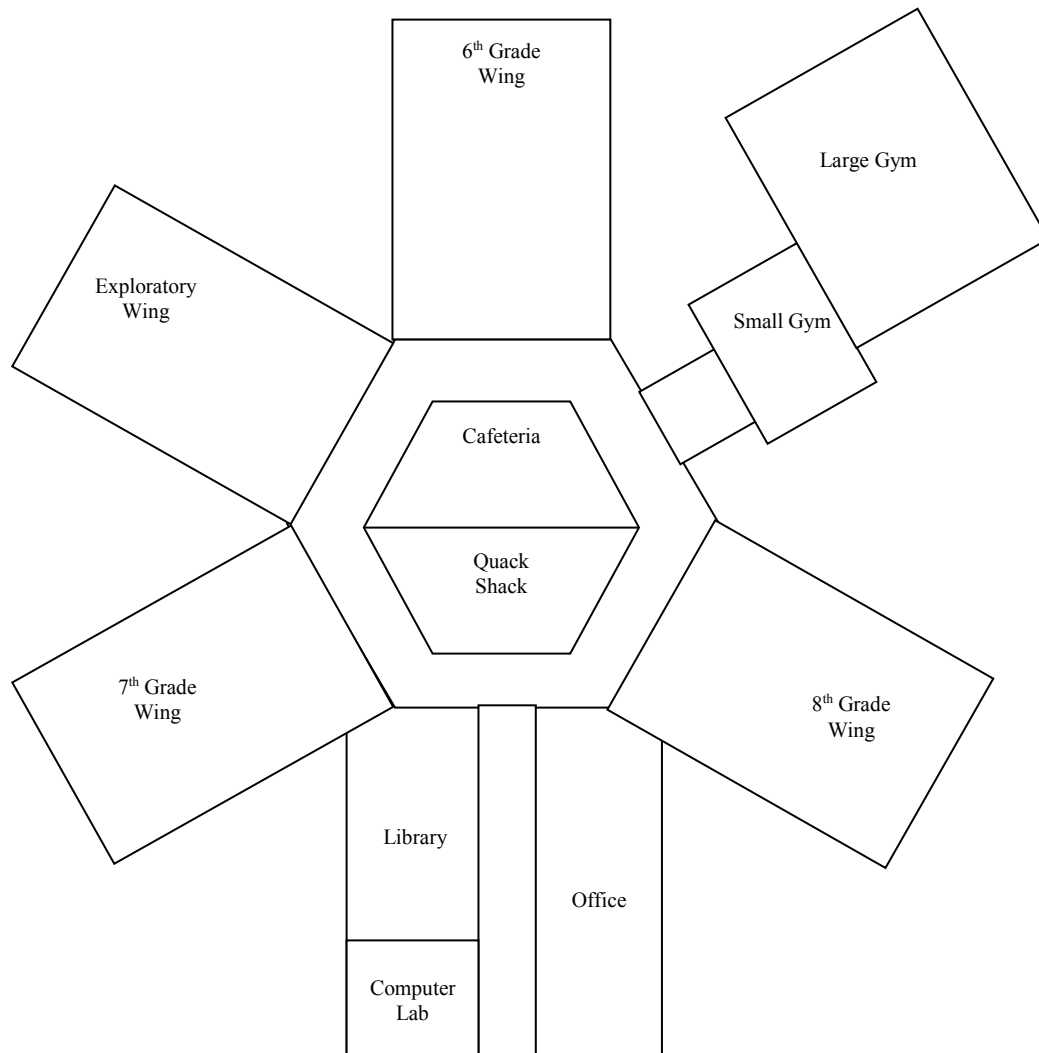
Once again, welcome to Creekside Middle School and if we can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The building is basically set up in five wings. There is a sixth grade wing, a seventh grade wing, an eighth grade wing, an exploratory wing and a PE wing. Students have the majority of their classes in their respective grade level wing. Below is a general map of the building.

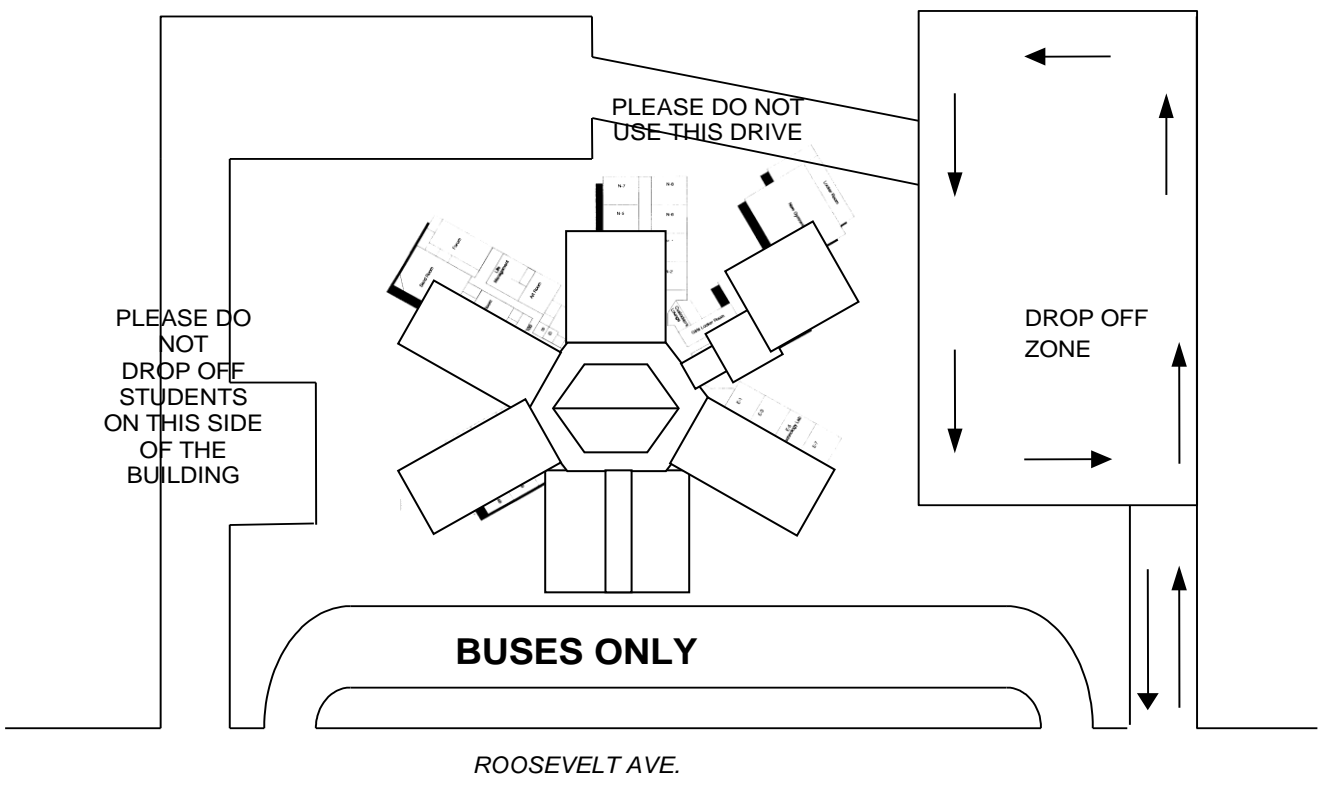


PARKING LOT PROCEDURE (DROP OFF/PICK UP)

Please do not use front bus loop OR the area at the west end of the building (between the Administration Offices and Creekside) as a drop off location. Please use the designated routes (please see the map) on the East side of the building (between Roosevelt Elementary and Creekside) when dropping off your child in the morning.

The doors at the end of the 7th grade hall (the west end of the building) will remain locked in the morning and throughout the day.

To help eliminate the congestion and minimize the risks of an accident, we ask that all student drop-offs occur at the designated zones (see map below). This will help facilitate a smooth flow of traffic and minimize the need for students to cross traffic.



GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING SCHEDULES

How is my child's class schedule determined?

All students take the following classes: language arts, math, science, and social studies. In 6th and 7th grade, all students will also take a rotation of Computers, Art, PE, and Spanish, with their choice of music (band, choir, or orchestra) or Encore as the last of six class periods for the year.

In 8th grade, students will have the opportunity to select from the following semester or year long electives:

Semester Long Courses

Art
PE
Computers
Choices
9th Grade high school PE

Year Long Courses

Spanish
Band
Choir
Orchestra
Dance/Drama

All students are encouraged to participate in a music class, as there is much research on the brain and learning that supports the benefits of music education. If your child is enrolled in a music class, he/she will automatically be advanced in that class for next year unless there is a written request for a change submitted. If your child is not currently enrolled in a music class, and you want them to be, you must also submit the request in writing. Due to planning for class size and personnel, the expectation is that music students make a commitment for the entire school year.

CONTACT INFORMATION IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN

1. Contact the teacher (or person with whom the concern exists) to communicate the concern.
2. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved, contact the appropriate person:
 - a. Personal/emotional/social issue – Leah Locker – Counselor
 - b. Disciplinary reasons / Other concerns – Craig Greshaw – Principal
3. If the issue is not satisfactorily resolved, contact the Superintendent.



Typical Schedule for a Creekside Student

6/7th Grader:

Class 1. Language Arts	(year long)
Class 2. Social Studies	(year long)
Class 3. Mathematics	(year long)
Class 4. Science	(year long)
Class 5. PE / Art / Comp / Spanish	(see below)
Class 6. Music or Encore	(see below)

Exploratory:

Physical Education	(9 weeks)
Art	(9 weeks)
Computers	(9 weeks)
Spanish	(9 weeks)

8th Grader:

Class 1. Language Arts	(year long)
Class 2. Social Studies	(year long)
Class 3. Mathematics	(year long)
Class 4. Science	(year long)
Class 5. Exploratory Option	(see below)
Class 6. Exploratory Option	(see below)

Exploratory Options:

<u>Semester Long Courses</u>	<u>Year Long Courses</u>
Art	Spanish
PE	Band
Computers	Choir
Choices	Orchestra
	Dance/Drama

Music/Encore

1. Choir
For 6th graders, this is a beginning level music class where students learn proper vocal production and study quality literature while also advancing skills in the area of music reading. For 7th and 8th graders, this class is a continuation of more advanced literature and musical concepts.
2. Band
For 6th graders, this is an introductory music class that incorporates band instruments to involve students in a hands-on musical environment. Students are exposed to various styles of band repertoire as well as writing music and exposure to careers in music. For 7th and 8th graders, this class is a continuation of more advanced literature and musical concepts.
3. Orchestra
This class is an introductory music class that incorporates orchestra instruments to involve students in a hands-on musical environment. Students are exposed to various styles of orchestra repertoire as well as exposure to careers in music.
4. Encore
The Encore class **may** utilize the curriculums of Technology Education, Language Arts, Performing Arts, Journalism, and Life Management. The students rotate through these curriculums changing classes every six weeks throughout the school year.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The list below includes all of the activities that have been offered to the students of Creekside in recent years. There is no guarantee that all of these activities will be offered in a given school year.

Air Jam Show

Once a year we have a Talent Show. It is our assembly where students can share their talents with the student body.

Who: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students

Located at: Creekside

When: TBA

Contact Person: TBA

Art Club

Students who are interested in drawing, building, designing and/or creating are welcome. The Art Club may take trips during the school day.

Who: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students

Located at: Creekside

When: After school from 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Day – TBA)

Cost: Some small costs associated

Contact Person: Tami Draper

Creekside Players

A play performed by approximately 30 students. Included are crewmembers who do makeup, sets, costumes, lighting, etc.

Who: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

Located at: Creekside and Lokers Auditorium

When: Auditions in November. Performance in February

Contact Person: Heather Remy

Homework Parties

Homework parties are an after school opportunity to have a quiet place to work on homework as well as get assistance from a staff member on those “difficult” questions.

Who: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

Located at: Media Center

When: from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Check current announcements for days

Contact Person: Jo Meeuwsen



Jazz Band

Jazz Band is an extracurricular activity that introduces students to a variety of jazz styles. Students learn musical concepts that are often overlooked in the larger concert band setting such as improvisation, chord progressions, and arranging.

Who: 7th and 8th students

Located at: Creekside Band Room

When: Wednesday's after school from 2:45-3:45 from January – March

Cost: No cost except instruments

Contact Person: Nichole Bier

Late-Nighter

An evening spent with other classmates enjoying sports, crafts, music, movies, food, etc. Pizza, pop and cookies will be provided.

Who: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students

Located at: Creekside

Cost: varies - depending on activities

Contact Person: Craig Greshaw, Principal

Robotics

This is an after school activity that runs from September through November. Student create a robot and compete in a competition. Students try-out for this club.

Who: 6-8th grade students

Located at: Creekside

Cost: depending on needs for event

Contact Person: Andy Quick

MS Colorguard

MS Colorguard is the flag corp. of our middle school band. They provide the color and musical interpretation of the music. The Colorguard marches in the Pumpkin Fest Parade, and Tulip Time Parade.

Who: Current 8th grade band members

Located at: Creekside

When: During the school year.

Cost: Uniforms and shoes (cost TBD)

Contact Person: Nichole Bier - Band Director



Ski Club

The idea behind the middle school Ski Club is to provide students the opportunity to alpine ski. By being part of this group, students receive reduced lift and rental rates, thus making it more affordable.

Who: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

Located at: Bittersweet in Allegan

When: Usually every other week

Cost: Varies each year.

Contact: Ben Hondorp

Tech Club

This is an after school activity that typically runs each Spring. Students build and finish a C02 Cartridge car by learning how to use wood tools and how to expertly finish a wood product.

Who: 6-8th grade students

Located at: Creekside

Cost: depending on needs for event

Contact Person: Ms. Remy

STUDENT ATHLETICS

FALL SEASON (September – October)

7/8th Grade Boys Soccer

7/8th Grade Girls Volleyball

6/7/8th Grade Girls Tennis

7/8th Grade Boys Football

6/7/8th Grade Girls/Boys Cross Country

WINTER I SEASON (November – December)

7/8th Grade Boys Basketball

6/7/8th Grade Girls Swimming & Diving

WINTER II SEASON (February – March)

7/8th Grade Girls Basketball

6/7/8th Grade Boys Wrestling

6/7/8th Grade Boys Swimming & Diving

SPRING SEASON (April – May)

6/7/8th Grade Boys Tennis

6/7/8th Grade Boys Track

6/7/8th Grade Girls Track

7th/8th Grade Girls Soccer

*6th Grade Sports are offered through the Zeeland Department of Recreation



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Advisory

Open agenda meeting. Discussion will focus on school happenings and how they can be improved and communicated to others. Unlimited size - sign up form is on the "Volunteer Opportunity Sheet". An email with meeting dates will be sent to all Creekside parents prior to scheduled meeting inviting all to join.

Who: Any parent that wants to become involved at Creekside

Located at: Creekside

When: various times throughout the year

Contact Person: Craig Greshaw – Principal

Volunteers - (BRIDGE) Please register in the office

Show support for your students and staff. Volunteers fill a void by providing extras staff cannot. Organizing events, baking, making phone calls and chaperoning, are some examples of volunteer efforts. **Note: A background check is required and will be taken after your initial finger scan in the school office.**

Who: Parents, senior citizens - anyone interested in sharing their time & talents.

Located at: Creekside

When: Please register online at <https://v2ms.zps.org>

Spelling Bee

Student winners from each 6th, 7th and 8th grade Language Arts classes compete in a Spelling Bee at the end of January. The winner will compete in the regional Spelling Bee in February.

STUDENT RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Robert Hoover Athletic-Scholastic Award

This award honors outstanding athletes who, as nominated by their coaches, display excellence in athletic performance, skill, leadership, and coachability. The nominees must have competed in at least two sports this year.

Citizenship Award

This award (8th grade students only) is presented to a student who, throughout his/her middle school years, has shown great social awareness by giving respect and being sensitive to the needs of other students. This award is given by the school counselor in recognition of kindness, positive leadership, and inclusion of others.

Student of the Year

An award is given to two 8th grade students (a boy and a girl) for maintaining high standards of citizenship, portraying a positive attitude, being an outstanding role model, and demonstrating responsibility.



Honor Roll

The Honor Roll will recognize all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who have earned an overall average of 3.0 or higher, and only one C in any scheduled subjects. Also, an All A Honor Roll has been established for students that have earned no grade lower than an A- in all scheduled subjects. The list of students achieving either Honor Roll will be displayed at school at the end of each marking period.

ASSESSMENTS AND ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES

American College Test (ACT)

The ACT is a three and one-half hour exam that high school juniors and seniors take and is used to determine eligibility for college entrance. Students at the middle schools take the identical exam to earn entrance into the Hope College PATH program and to simply become more familiar with the test itself.

Who: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students

When: Usually first Saturday in February each year.

Applications are due in December each year.

Contact Person: Leah Locker – Counselor

Career Awareness Programs

Guest speakers and career related information may be offered to students in classrooms throughout year.

M-STEP

State tests taken in the Spring



