

Summer Learning

2018

at Horace Mann Middle School

**Wausau School District
Middle School
Grades 6-8**

Two Sessions are available:

Monday, June 11 – Thursday, June 28, 2018

Monday, July 2 – Thursday, July 19, 2018

(no class on July 4th and July 5th)

7:35 AM – 12:30 PM

Monday through Thursday

Middle School Registration through May 18

Late Registrations will be accepted based on available space

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GENERAL INFORMATION

We are very excited to offer a wide variety of choices for students currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Students will rank courses and we will do our best to get students in courses they are interested in. *We recommend that every middle school student in the district attends at least one three-week session that includes "Engaged Learning".* By doing this, we continue advancing student learning, achievement, and success by keeping it at the heart and as the filter for our decision making (*WSD Shared Key Interest*).

Other information:

- **STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EACH DAY.**
- Only a few courses with fees. No pre-payment as we will assess fees after Day 1.
- Courses will be held at Horace Mann Middle School unless otherwise noted.
- Registered students will receive an email or letter with enrollment verification, room assignments, and other relevant information by the end of the day on May 30th.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend courses daily. Please report any student absences by calling the Summer School Office (715-261-0790).

Middle School Summer School begins on Monday, June 11, from 7:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The dates shaded below are the dates Summer School is in session. Session 1 is June 11- June 28, 12 days, and Session 2 is July 2- July 19 (not July 4 and 5), 10 days.

JUNE 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SUN
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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IMPORTANT: Students must attend Summer School from 7:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily UNLESS their own transportation is provided!

Typical Day in Middle School Summer Learning

- Bus picks up at all Wausau School District Elementary Schools and arrives at Horace Mann between 7:15-7:50; student drop-off is also available starting at 7:15 at the 13th Street entrance
- 7:15-7:35 Supervision provided on Horace Mann playground and cafeteria.
- 7:35-7:50 Homeroom and Free Breakfast
- 7:50-9:10 Period 1 Class
- 9:15-10:35 Period 2 Class
- 10:40-11:05 Free Lunch and Recess
- 11:10-12:30 Period 3 Class
- Bus leaves Horace Mann at 12:35 and drops off at all Wausau School District Schools; student pick-up also starts at 12:30 at the 13th Street entrance

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Engaged Learning

*****Recommended for all students*****

Engaged Learning is appropriate standards based instruction in Literacy and Math from a combination of digital curriculum and instruction from Wausau School District teachers. This course delivers a personalized study plan so that a student will begin at his or her present level and proceed as he or she learns the material. Engaged Learning is for all students who want to raise their achievement levels in Literacy and Math. Students in Engaged Learning will not only benefit academically, but will also have the choice to get out of their seats for a break in the pool, library, walk outside, play educational games, and much more.

Art and Design

**** Cost is \$5.00 payable after the first day of course****

This course will cover basic art theory. Students will be given an opportunity to utilize areas in and outside the classroom for a hands-on art experience.

Bored Games

**** only Session 1****

Avoid the summer "I'm bored" phrase while developing skills in technical reading, working in a group, following directions, and working on your creative side all while playing over a hundred different board games!

Developmental Skills (7:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

-This is a six-week course that meets all morning.

-NO SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED. PARENTS MUST PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION

This course is based on teacher recommendation and designed for students with unique learning needs.

Ekele Introduction (Ukelele for beginners)

**** only Session 1****

Students will be introduced to Basic Ukelele chords and chord symbols. An optional \$5.00 fee will give the students a chance to purchase a beginning instruction book for practice at home. Ukeleles are not very expensive instruments, and fun to play. Students will also be given online sources to find more songs and chords to play as they get more familiar with this instrument.

**Any students who already own a Ukelele are welcome to bring them to class. Ukeleles will be provided for class instruction during the summer learning class period only.*

EL Workshop (7:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

This class is specific to EL Learners that have an EP level of 1-4. Students will continue work in English/Language Arts and Math Skills, along with other areas. Students will collaborate with each other to complete projects and have fun in the learning process.

Environmental Writing

**** only Session 1****

Environmental Writing is a course designed for students to develop a lasting appreciation of nature through creative writing. Students will learn about major issues facing the environment today. Then, the classroom will move outside where students will explore nature and be asked to write about their observations through journaling, poetry, and nature sketches. Students may also have the opportunity to travel to different parks or beautiful settings around the Wausau area. This course is for any student who likes to write, wants to improve basic writing skills, and/or enjoys spending time outdoors!

Extension Program (12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) **This course has a modified schedule.**

-Parents must provide transportation from Horace Mann at 3:00 p.m.

This is a program for students that want more. More what you may ask? Well, that will be up to the students. The Extension Program will be project-based learning and will be directly related to what the student is passionate about. Maybe a student wants to read a book and make a book trailer, other students may want to collaborate on a campaign to educate other students about pollution, or another student may just want additional time to learn about coding using code.org. The ideas are limitless.

Fantasy Baseball

**** only Session 1****

Fantasy Baseball gives students a chance to draft some of their favorite major league baseball players. We will track these players' progress and collect data (home runs, stolen bases, strike outs, etc.) on how well they play. Students will compete against other teams in an exciting fantasy baseball challenge. Students will track trends in data, along with data collection. Math-related concepts, including statistics and graphing, will be emphasized.

Fishing, Fish and Lakes (7:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) **** Cost is \$15.00 payable after the first day of course****

Living as close to the multiple wonderful waterways as we do, it's nice to be able to enjoy them. Come along as we take a closer look at the species of fish found in our local waters, explore what structures are common for area lakes, experiment with new fishing techniques, and learn how to choose the right rod and reel. Hopefully, we'll be able to utilize all of our new-found information to achieve the ultimate goal, which is a new personal record for the size of fish! Yes, we will be fishing during this course at many Marathon County public parks.

Fitness Express

Fitness Express will be a mix of biking, disc golf, walking, hiking, table tennis, net games, use of the fitness room, swimming, sports' games and many other forms of exercise. This course will focus on how each individual can stay in shape and practice proper stretching techniques. Students will also create a health journal where they record their eating, sleeping, thinking and exercise habits. Above all, it will be a FUN way to stay active and develop an overall enthusiasm and appreciation for exercise.

Freshman Transition-- Wausau East/West 101

*** current 8th grade students ***

Dates To Be Determined

Students will take part in a 2-day (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) experience at their future high school. Students who also sign-up for additional classes will be excused from those classes on these two days. More information will be available in an upcoming mailing or through your school's Counseling Office. Free breakfast and free lunch will be provided each day. Bus transportation will be limited.

Fun with Computers

This course is designed to teach students some of the cool applications of Microsoft Word, Google Mail, Google Calendar, Google Presentations, and PowerPoint (Prezi), along with the traditional programs that are taught during the school year. Students will also learn to use Imovie for creating short videos. The last week of courses will be spent exploring some of the web page design programs. Students will get a chance to create their own Wix and have it published.

Fun with Foods

**** Cost is \$10.00 payable after the first day of course ****

Students will learn the importance of a well-balanced diet and how it affects their daily lives in regards to health, education, sports, and social groups. Courses will focus on new and exciting foods, healthy alternatives and how to make quick, but nutritious snacks that are good for you.

Game Creation Mechanics

Ever wanted to write your own video game? Using a couple of different programs (Gamestarmechanic and Inklewriter), we will write stories for video games and actually make the video games themselves. We will also write choose-your-own-adventure stories, which are in many ways like a video game, make ads for our books, and publish them online. Students will be able to create any kind of story they want to.

Highlander Power @ Wausau West (12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

-Busing is provided from Horace Mann Middle School to Wausau West at 12:35 or participants may be dropped off at Wausau West

-Transportation must be arranged by parents/guardians at the end of course

-Students from any school may participate

Highlander Power at Wausau West is a course designed specifically to prepare athletes for competition. This course will introduce the Warrior Power model for athletic performance to a middle school population with the intent to enhance the individual's abilities on the court, field or track. Students who attend Highlander Power at Wausau West will receive coaching from the high school strength & conditioning staff in an inclusive, inviting and challenging environment. All activities, skills and techniques will be tailored to the ability levels of the participants.

**Students who sign up for Highlander Power are also encouraged to sign-up for sport specific camps, which are also held at Wausau West. Participants are allowed to attend those camps instead of Highlander Power at Wausau West. When camps are not in session then participants can come back and attend Highlander Power.*

Instrumental Music Lessons – Band and Orchestra

**** offered at Horace Mann and John Muir ****

-Altered meeting times.

Additional information is available from your present band or orchestra instructor. Please submit your registration form directly to your band/orchestra teacher.

Kindness Workshop

There are so many kind people and acts of kindness going on around the world. Around our area and in our schools groups, such as *Be Amazing* and *Dude. Be Nice*, have presented and have shown positive impacts. This class focuses on being kind to others and making a difference in our schools and community. Students will generate ideas for this summer and for next school year, along with taking part of spreading kindness in many different ways.

Lego Physics

This fun, upbeat, exciting, and challenging course will allow students to use their creative thinking skills and spatial awareness abilities to solve real-world problems. Lego Dacta sets will be used by groups of students to collaborate on many activities geared to stimulate student interest and curiosity about the world around them. Much of the course is geared to students using these special Lego sets to let their imaginations run wild as they explore problem-based activities that often do not have a set "right" or "wrong" answer. Themes of *Lego Physics* include levers, pulleys, gears, and wheels and axles.

Lumberjack Power @ Wausau East H.S. (9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

-This course has a modified schedule. Parents must provide transportation.

-Students from any school may participate

Lumberjack Power at Wausau East is a course designed specifically to prepare athletes for competition. This course will introduce the Lumberjack Power model for athletic performance to a middle school population with the intent to enhance the individual's abilities on the court, field or track. Students who attend Lumberjack Power at Wausau East will receive coaching from the middle and high coaching staff in an inclusive, inviting and challenging environment. All activities, skills and techniques will be tailored to the ability levels of the participants.

**Students who sign up for Lumberjack Power are also encouraged to sign-up for sport specific camps, which are also held at Wausau East. Participants are allowed to attend those camps instead of Lumberjack Power at Wausau East. When camps are not in session then participants can come back and attend Lumberjack Power.*

Minecraft (Create, Connect, Collaborate)

Students will use Minecraft to explore and learn about ancient worlds, build original creations, and solve problems while focusing on digital citizenship. Minecraft provides engaging and diverse opportunities that help prepare students and develop 21st century skills. Specifically students will be collaborating online during creation activities or to solve problems.

Piano

Students will be given instruction in note reading, right and left hand melodies, and playing pieces coordinating both hands. An optional fee will give the students a chance to purchase a beginning instruction book for practice at home. This course is designed for both students with little or no previous instruction on piano and those with experience. Courses will begin with group instruction and warm-ups, followed by individual practice. The last course students will present a final piece in an informal recital.

Quilting

**** Cost determined by material; provided prior to the start of course ****

****this course could continue for all six weeks; please make a note on registration sheet****

Students will learn machine sewing to create a small project and the top part of the quilt. The pattern will be provided and a list of fabrics will be provided to purchase prior to the start of course. Bring supplies the first day.

Scrapbooking

**** Cost is \$5.00 payable after the first day of course****

This course will provide opportunities to create different types of scrapbooks and ways to capture memories. Students will bring their pictures and artifacts they want incorporated along with any scrapbook supplies they may have. We will explore how different tools and resources can be used. We will work to create scrapbooks that go beyond ones you can buy in a store but rather ones that are made in unique ways.

Sew Much – Introduction to Stitching

Students will learn the basics of hand and machine sewing to create two projects. Students will learn how to operate a sewing machine and develop the necessary skills to complete projects using stitches, and hand-sewing techniques. A supply list of fabrics will be provided to purchase prior to the start of course. Bring supplies the first day.

Spanish

**** combination of 6th-8th grade****

**** only Session 1****

- current 6th and 7th grade students

Increase your understanding of those in the world around you by learning the Spanish language. This introductory course is for students who have an interest in learning Spanish basics. In this course, you will learn the language through songs, games and movement. Students may also have a chance to practice conversational skills with native speakers and help prepare some typical foods from a few Spanish-speaking countries.

- current 8th grade students

This enrichment opportunity is for students who have completed Spanish 1 at one of Wausau's middle schools and will be transitioning to Spanish 2 next year at Wausau East or West. This course will give students additional review & practice in order to excel in Level 2 at the high school next year. Students will also have a chance to practice conversational skills with native speakers and help prepare some typical foods from a few Spanish-speaking countries.

Sports History in the United States

****only Session 1****

In this course we will be learning about the history of all of your favorite sports. Not only that, we will also learn about the all-time greats, from Michael Jordan on the basketball court, to Wayne Gretzky on the hockey rink. We'll discover how sports have influenced American society in many ways. Including, how a small college basketball team from Texas helped foster the American Civil Rights Movement and players like Michael Jordan turned a shoe company called Nike into a national powerhouse. We will even have the chance to play many of the sports we will be learning about!

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is any Olympic sport and martial art originating from Korea and is now the most widely-practiced martial art in the world. In this course, students will learn basic strikes, blocks, and Korean words. Students will also learn self-control, perseverance, respect, safety, and responsibility. Students will gain flexibility, self-confidence, and physical fitness as a result of enrolling in this course.

Tennis@ Wausau West (7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

**** only Session 1****

This course will focus on introducing students to the lifelong sport of tennis with a focus on skill development, rules of the game, and competition. We will take into account the present level of the student so that each student can feel success as we play games starting on day one. **Bus transportation will be provided from Wausau West to Horace Mann for those students taking a period 2 and/or period 3 course.**

Wilderness Connections

*** invited students only ***

Wilderness Connections is an innovative middle school summer learning course that helps establish trusting relationships between selected students and adults at the school, which could be an administrator/counselor/teachers and an officer from the Wausau Police Department. Students will participate in a 3-day, 2-night canoe and camping adventure on the Flambeau River in northwest Wisconsin.