



Welcome to 6th  
Grade Registration  
Night!

Mr. Underwood and Mrs. Basham





# Tonight's Agenda:

- Introductions
- Registration Guide and Process
- Core Classes (required)
- Elective Courses
- Q & A

# Administrative Team-rotates up yearly

- Mr. Underwood- 8th Grade Principal (left)
- Mr. Coe- Head Principal & 6th Grade (center)
- Dr. Motley-7th Grade Principal (right)



# Other Friendly Faces to Know!



SRO Officer Brent Fleming



Nurse Sandra Mahon-Hughes

# Who Should I Contact?!

Mr. Underwood will be your student's 6th Grade Principal and will move up with your student each year.



Mrs. Basham will be your student's School Counselor and will move up with your student each year.





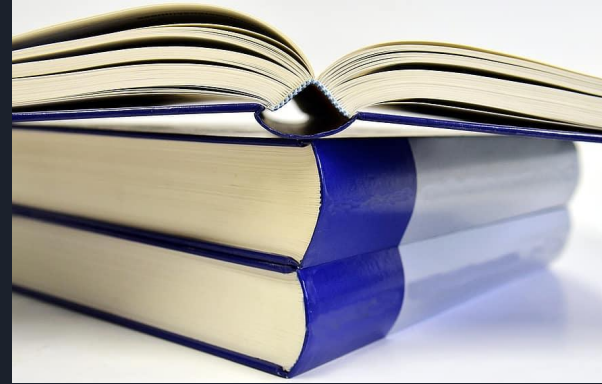
# Registration Guide and Process

- Where can I find it? <https://alms.salem.k12.va.us/> (under school counseling)
- What is the Process?
  1. Parent Info. Night Session
  2. Online Google Registration Form Sent (6th graders will only select their elective choice)
  3. Verification form will be sent home in the Spring for parent signature



# Core Classes- 5 Required!

1. English 6
2. Science 6
3. Math 6 or Advanced Math  
6\* (teacher recommendation)
4. US History 1865-Present
5. Physical Education 6/Health 6





# Math Placement

- Math placement is based on a variety of factors, including elementary math grades, work habits, and standardized test scores. Teachers make recommendations for placement.





# Electives

Students in 6th grade can choose one of the following:

- Exploratory (6 rotations - Art, Career, Engineering, Family and Consumer Science, World Language Exploratory, Keyboarding)  
6 week courses
- Band (all year)
- Choir (all year)

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\*Tutoring (may be required by the state based on student data, CIP/benchmark, SOL scores) this would take the place of the elective slot\*

# Full Year Electives

This course introduces choral singing by developing proper singing techniques, music theory, ear training, music reading, and singing in harmony in a variety of musical styles. Choir also offers opportunities for students to develop team building and leadership skills.

This is a performance-based class with multiple performance opportunities throughout the year.



Choir

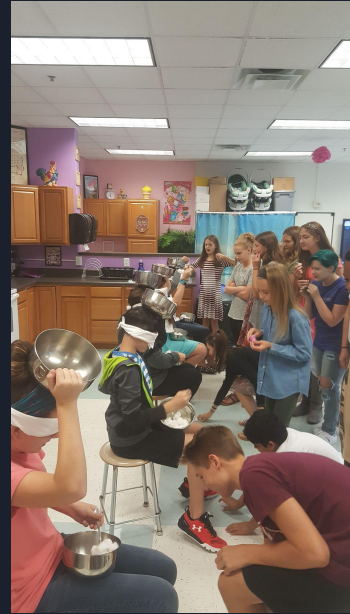
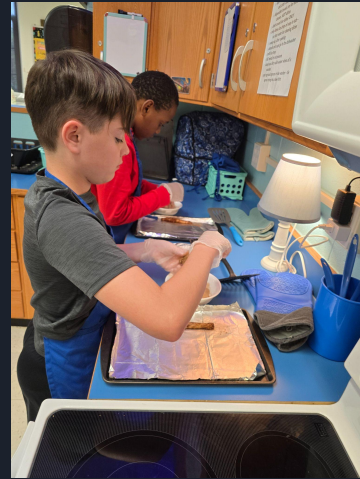
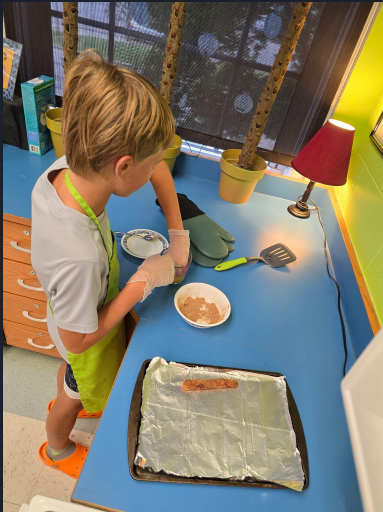
Band



This full year course introduces and develops techniques of instrument playing and music reading. No prior musical experience is necessary. Students are responsible for providing their own instruments. There are school-owned instruments available for those with financial need. The emphasis in this course is on individual development of skills. There will be two sections offered: Beginning Woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, and Saxophone) Beginning Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone) - French Horn and Tuba will be auditioned mid-year. Percussion will be auditioned mid-year as well.

# Family and Consumer Sciences Exploratory

This course prepares students for the demands of 21st century living. This course provides a foundation for managing individual, family, career, and community roles and responsibilities. Students focus on areas of individual growth, goal setting, strengthening families, and awareness of personal safety and wellness. They also explore saving and spending practices, clothing care, food preparation, positive and caring relationships with others, and careers. Instruction emphasizes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) concepts.

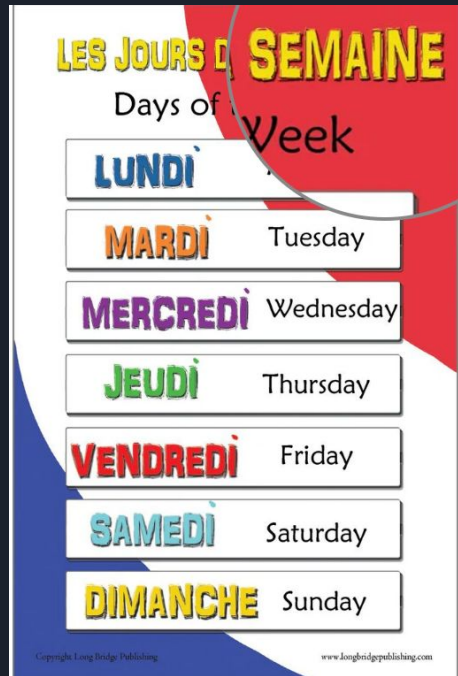


# Art Exploratory

Exploratory Art is designed to give sixth grade students the opportunity to try many new and creative things! Students will complete several projects that incorporate the use of the Elements of Art as well as learn about several artists who incorporated these various elements into their artwork. Projects include watercolor, collage, clay/glazing, as well as the use of drawing pencils, oil pastels and colored pencils.



# World Languages Exploratory



Students are introduced to basic German, French, and Spanish cultural and language topics through games, songs, speaking and listening activities.

# Career Exploratory



Students will be introduced to the 16 career clusters, take interest inventories, learn about career pathways, and determine how to be successful in any career. This class partners with Junior Achievement to further emphasize the importance of planning for life after high school.

# Engineering Exploratory



Students learn coding and bring it to life using micro:bits. Engineering Exploratory introduces students to engineering, computer science, and technology.

# Keyboarding Exploratory

Keyboarding is designed to develop skill in proper technique and correct fingering of alphabetic keys using the touch system.





## Common Questions:

- 1. Can 6th graders play sports?** Yes, only volleyball, wrestling and cross country
- 2. When does school start and end?** 1st period starts at 8am & we dismiss at 2:55pm
- 3. When is the earliest I can drop off my child?** 7:45 in the front of the building near the circle
- 4. How do I put money on my student's lunch account?** Cash, check or online: [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) or the app
- 5. What if my child needs to ride home with someone else?**  
Parents please write a note stating who your child will be riding home with and for how long- students will need to turn this into the main office and get a yellow bus note from them





## Questions?!

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