

**TOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Form 2018-19**

**Due:**  
 Turn in to your science teacher

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please Print)                                      Last                                      First                                      Middle Initial

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders will take the following courses:

- Math\*: Math 7, Pre-Algebra, or Algebra (Year-Long)
- Language Arts\*: Language Arts 7 or Pre-Honors Language Arts 7 (Year-Long)
- Social Studies 7 (Year-Long)
- Science 7 (Year-Long)
- PE 7 (Three Quarters) and Health 7 (One Quarter) Rotation
- Elective(s) (Year-Long or Two Semesters)

\* Families will receive a letter with their student’s math and language arts placement.

**Elective Choices:** Students will take one year-long or two semester-long electives. We will try our best to place students into year-long music electives and into their top semester-long elective choices. However, this may not always be possible due to schedule, staffing, and facility constraints. As such, students who sign-up for a year-long elective should also sign up for semester-long electives in case they do not get into the year-long elective they select. See additional sheet with elective course descriptions.

<b>Year-Long Electives:</b> Put an X in the box by your 1 <sup>st</sup> choice.	
	Concert Band
	Concert Choir
	TA (must be selected via application)

<b>Semester-Long Electives:</b> Put a 1 in the box by your 1 <sup>st</sup> choice, a 2 by your 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice, etc., through 8 in case you are not able to get into your top choices.	
	2D Art
	Digital Art
	Engineering & Design
	Intro to Computer Science with Minecraft
	Leadership
	MakerLab
	Robotics & 3D Modeling
	Speech & Drama

- Students may be placed in Reading Lab or Math Lab as their elective if they do not meet standard on this spring’s SBAC exams.

*I thoughtfully selected my electives. I understand courses are offered based on student sign-ups, and I will not have the opportunity to change my elective choices.*

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Tolt Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Courses

All courses are offered every year unless noted.

### Year-Long Electives

#### **Concert Band** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

This class is for students who participated in Debut Band or Premier Band during 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Concert Band is designed for students with at least one year of previous band experience. In this ensemble, students will start to be more responsible for individual preparation and extensive practice outside of school. There are several evening performances throughout the school year.

#### **Symphonic Band** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

This top-level ensemble class is for students who participated in Concert Band. Symphonic Band is designed for students with at least two years of previous band experience. In addition to musical skills, this class teaches students leadership skills and how to work as part of a team. There are many evening performances throughout the year, including at least two performances with the Cedarcrest HS Band!

#### **Concert Choir** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

This class provides an introduction to choir as students learn to sing in an environment that fosters comradery and teaches them how to navigate their changing voices. Literature performed during the year will specifically cater to students' vocal ranges and interests.

#### **Chorale** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

This ensemble provides an opportunity for students with basic music literacy skills to focus on composition and performance skills. The music literature for this class will be more challenging and there will be more performance requirements (festivals, concerts, and special events).

#### **TA: Teacher's Assistant** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, students selected via application process)

Being a TA is all about helping our school run smoothly. We need responsible and friendly students who are willing to work hard to learn skills to assist our staff. Students will complete on-the-job training and be expected to efficiently perform tasks assigned to them. TA positions are limited.

#### **Yearbook/Publications** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only, students selected via application process)

This year-long class focuses on using technology and creativity to complete a range of projects. While crafting the TMS yearbook takes center stage, other projects include websites and videos. Students will build career skills while learning and using design, digital photography, coding, writing resumes, and video production. Team members should be able to manage time and stress well, work independently and in groups, and, above all, have a positive attitude and strong desire to create.

### Semester-Long Electives (Continued on Back)

#### **2D Art** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, offered every other year starting in 2018-19)

Students will gain a deeper understanding of the application of the Elements of Art and Principles of Design as we create 2-dimensional art in the mediums of graphite, charcoal, ink, pastels, and paints. Students will hone their drawing skills as they master various drawing techniques including perspective and portraiture. Famous artists, art movements, art history and art critiquing will be explored.

#### **3D Art** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, offered every other year starting in 2019-20)

Students will focus on the Art elements of Form and Space by designing and creating 3-dimensional works of art. Mediums will include clay, paper, cardboard, glazes, paints and more. Students will learn about various sculptors, types of installation art, historical and cultural aspects of sculpture and form.

## Semester-Long Electives (Continued)

### **Digital Art** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Students will create digital art using computer resources. We will explore careers in art and design through the lens of Graphic Designer using applications such as Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop. Students will create digital designs such as business logos, t-shirt graphics, product labels, product brochures, magazine advertisements, and more.

### **Engineering & Design** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

In this class we start with ideas, draw them on paper, model them with computers, then build them. We learn to code to mini computers called Arduinos to control lights and musical instruments. We use design software to create a perfect house or city, then with the help of a laser cutter we build them. Your ideas become real!

### **Intro to Computer Science with Minecraft** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

In this class we'll use Code Connection to see code come alive in Minecraft. Program in Scratch, Makecode, or Javascript and use features only found in Minecraft Education Edition. We'll learn about conditionals, coordinates, loops, event handlers, and variables, all while making awesome things happen in Minecraft!

### **Leadership** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Do you want to develop your leadership strengths, build your character, serve others, and make a positive difference at Tolt? This course provides real-life opportunities to develop and practice skills in showing kindness, compassion, and empathy. We'll have fun while learning how to be an inspiring leader at school and in our community. Come ready to transform the lives of others!

### **MakerLab** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Technology gives you amazing ways to be creative. In this class we'll build and program Microbits to create inventions, create pixel art animations, edit sound effects and music, design logos to be cut on the laser cutter, and create video games with code.

### **Robotics & 3D Modeling** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

In this class we will design, build, and program robots. We will make robot pets, have robot races, and use sensors to navigate mazes. We will also do 3D modeling and use the 3D printer to make robot parts. Like Minecraft? We'll approach 3D modeling from a different perspective — by creating voxel art!

### **Speech & Drama** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

This class is all about putting on a show. We write plays and perform them. We tell ghost stories. We give funny speeches. Improv activities will train us in how to respond to important life situations. Join us! By the end of the semester, you'll be more comfortable performing in front of a group than you ever thought possible.

### **Video** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

Create a music video of your favorite musician and/or band. Invent a product and film a commercial advertising your unique invention. Write an original short story and put it to film. Create a Public Service video on important topics and issues. You'll learn the importance of camera angles, staging, effects, costumes, and other film techniques. Learn I-Movie and Garage Band to assist you in creating a quality video. Have fun as a director, film editor, and actor/actress.