

# *Summer Learning*

## *2021*

### *at Horace Mann Middle School*

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

Two Sessions are available:

Tuesday, June 8 – Thursday, June 24, 2021

Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 15, 2021

(no class on July 5th)

7:35 AM – 12:30 PM

Monday through Thursday

**Middle School Registration through May 15**

**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 register online for their course selections. *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 to advance 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.**
- 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 during the week of May 31st.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are expected to attend courses daily. Please report any student absences by calling the Summer School Office (715-261-0690).

**Middle School Summer School begins on Tuesday, June 8, 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 8- June 24, and Session 2 is June 28- July 15 (not July 5).**

**JUNE 2021**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SUN
		1	2	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 2021**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	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	31

***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 library, walk outside, play educational games, and much more.

## **Anime Club**

Naruto or Haikyuu? Sword Art Online or Log Horizon? Fruits Basket or Your Lie in April? Which one is your favorite? If you love anime or want to learn more about it, come hang out with other otakus (the Japanese term for anime fans) as we dive into the colorful world of anime. Come dressed as your favorite anime character (cosplay) every day! Plan on watching and discussing a great anime together, and learn anime drawing from a special guest! We'll also create our own manga (the Japanese term for comic).

## **Art and Design**

Welcome to summer ART. We will break down this class into 3 ...themes..one for each week.

The first will focus on drawing: landscapes, characters, wildlife, fantasy drawing, and optical illusions.

The second week will focus on paper sculpture. This will include paper folding, origami, and creative cutting, gluing, and building.

The third week will be using different web based art platforms to create a variety of ART.

## **Bookworms Unite!**

Reading is fun! Reading is essential! Reading will take you any place you want to go! This course will bring all of us "bookworms" together to discuss, recommend, and read a book together. We can access books from our own collections or borrow from the Virtual Library. Each day, we will come together to discuss a particular book we have chosen to read or have read in the past that we would like to share. So grab your favorite book or a new book and let's get reading!

## **Crafting Craze**

Crafting Craze is a course designed for students to tap into their creativity through crafting projects. During the first week, students will focus on making crafts that they can use in their everyday lives. The second week, students will select several holidays and will create crafts that they will be able to display during that time of the year. Finally, during the third week of the class, students will focus on a craft that is a service to the community. This could be making blankets or hats for infants, care packages for the elderly, or thank-you's to our law enforcement. This course allows students to develop the skills necessary to follow directions, work with others, and understand the joy of giving back to the community.

***Fishing, Fish and Lakes (7:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) \*\* Students need to provide own equipment\*\****

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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students \****

***Times and Dates To Be Determined***

Students will take part in an experience at their future high school. Students who also sign-up for additional classes will be excused from those classes during this timeframe. 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.

***German Essentials***

Increase your understanding of those in the world around you by learning the German language. This course is for students who have an interest in learning German basics or enhancing their skills through review and practice prior to high school. Students will also have a chance to practice conversational skills with a native speaker, help prepare some typical foods, and experience German culture.

***Hmong Language Club***

Nyob zoo! Zoo siab ntsib koj! What does this mean? It means: Hello! It's great to meet you! Hmong is a fun and easy language to learn! Join us as we dive into the Hmong culture and language! By the end of the class, you will be able to know how to speak, read, and write basic Hmong! Sib ntsib os! (See you soon!).

***Instrumental Music Lessons – Band and Orchestra***

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

***-Altered meeting times.***

***-Please complete a separate registration form and return to your current teacher.***

*Additional information is available from your present band or orchestra instructor.*

***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.

### **Let's Train 5K**

Ever wish you could feel the pride of crossing the finish line after training for a running event? Want to get in shape for your fall sport? This 3 or 6 week course will help you get prepared to take that next step. We will meet to discuss best practices, goals, and challenges. Each day will give us the opportunity to be better mentally and physically by having planned workouts, warm ups and cool downs. Let's see if you have what it takes to cross the finish line!

### **Lumberjack Power**

***-Students from any school may participate***

Lumberjack Power is a course designed specifically for students in grades 6 and 7. 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 Horace Mann will receive coaching from a middle school coach in an 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 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 at Horace Mann.*

### **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.

### **Quilting**

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.

### **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.

**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.

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