Don't
sit
on the
sidelines!

Check out these activities and find out which ones your school offers. Then get involved. Don't spend your life watching other people have all the fun!

Sports

7th & 8th – Basketball, cheerleading, football, volleyball (You may also be able to play on junior varsity golf, softball or track teams. The High School League guidelines do not allow 6th graders to take part in school-sponsored sports.)

Clubs

Beta Club, Circus Troupe, Junior Honor Society, Newspaper, Peer Mediators, Soccer Club, Spirit Club, STARS (Students tutoring elementary students), Steppers, Student Council, Triple A Club, Yearbook

Recognition

Celebration of Excellence, Character Award, Citizenship Award, Duke TIP, Governor's Award of Excellence, Junior Scholars, Perfect

Attendance, Top Student in each subject for each team, Weekly Recognition for academics, citizenship and improvement

Academic Contests

Academic Challenge Team, DAR Writing Contest, Geography Bee, History Day, Lt. Governor's Writing Contest, Santee Cooper Writing Contest, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, My Favorite Teacher Art & Essay Contest

Activities & Programs

After-School Tutoring, BEST Business Partners, Communities-In-Schools, English as a Second Language, HATS (homework tutorial), Exemplary Writing, FAST, School dances, School-wide service learning, ST-ARTS (summer enrichment program at Winthrop University)

Flexible scheduling!??

Each team

of teachers may adjust the time
in core courses to give you more lab time
or more time to work on projects. You
might even use the time to work on
activities that relate to two or more
courses, something teachers
call interdisciplinary studies.

Each grade is organized into its own

"school" to you don't the shuffle.

spend

School Within-A School make sure get "lost" in You'll most of

your day with students in your grade and with teachers familiar with the expectations for your grade.

Do I get a LOCKER??

and other COOL stuff!!??

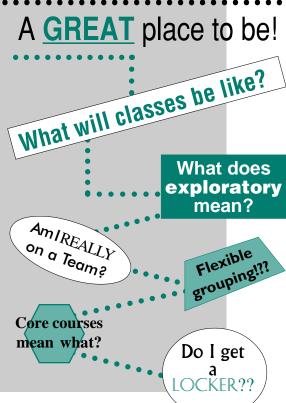
Yes! To help you get ready for high school!

ICE CREAM?? Available every day at lunch

COMPUTERS?? In every classroom

GOOD BOOKS??
Our libraries are filled with great books

Smack dab in the MIDDLE





What will classes be like?

Most classes
are 45-90 minutes
long, and you
usually change
classes every
period.

may be grouped

with other learners who

have the same goals

and needs for learning.

Your group may change

as your needs

change

6th grade

Core courses mean what??

Everybody takes language arts, math, science & social studies – these are your core courses

Year-long courses??

If you qualify, you can take

- ◆ Prehonors Math
- Prehonors Language Arts includes the William & Mary Curriculum

Prehonors certificates??

You can earn a certificate in

- ◆ Science and/or
- Social Studies
 In each subject, you must complete activities for a portfolio

Exploratory courses??

Depending on your school's offerings, you can choose from

- ◆ art ◆ band ◆ drama ◆ music
 ◆ physical ed. ◆ health ◆ gifted/talented class ◆ reading strate-
- gies ◆ computer ◆ home arts

th grade

Core courses mean what??

Everybody takes language arts, math, science & social studies - these are your core courses

Year-long courses??

If you qualify, you can take

- ◆ Prehonors Math (Prealgebra)
- Prehonors Language Arts includes the William & Mary Curriculum - Persuasion

Prehonors certificates??

You can earn a certificate in

- ◆ Science and/or
- ◆ Social Studies
 In each subject, you must complete activities for a portfolio

Exploratory courses??

Depending on your school's offerings, you can choose from

- ♦ art ♦ band ♦ drama ♦ music
- ◆ physical ed. ◆ health ◆ gifted/ talented class ◆ reading strategies ◆ computer ◆ home arts

8th grade

Core courses mean what??

Everybody takes language arts, math, science & social studies – these are your core courses

Year-long courses??

If you qualify, you can take

- ◆ Honors Algebra 1 possible high school math credit
- Intro to Honors English
 possible high school elective credit
 includes the William & Mary Curriculum The 1940s

Prehonors certificates??

You can earn a certificate in

- ◆ Science <u>and/or</u>
- Social Studies
 In each subject, you must complete activities for a portfolio

Exploratory courses??

Depending on your school's offerings, you can choose from

- ◆ art ◆ band ◆ drama ◆ music
 ◆ physical ed. ◆ health ◆ gifted/talented class ◆ reading strategies ◆ computer ◆ home arts ◆
- gies ◆ computer ◆ home arts ◆ keyboarding for 1/2 high school credit

What does exploratory mean?

Art Computer Drama Gifted/talented Home arts Keyboarding Music Reading strategies xploratory courses are just what they sound like they are – the chance for you to explore areas you're interested in and discover your talents in these areas.

These courses may last <u>nine weeks</u>, <u>a semester or all year</u>, depending on the course and how your school schedules them.

Am I R E A L L Y on a Team?

ep, you and a group of your fellow students will work with the <u>same</u> <u>teachers</u> (from two to six of them) all year to help you get the most out of school.

They'll <u>teach core courses</u>, be there if you need someone to talk to and help you figure out strategies for improving study skills or getting along with peers.

During <u>parent-teacher conferences</u>, they'll all meet with you and your parents to make sure everybody's working together to help you.

As part of the team concept, all middle schools have a <u>dress code</u> – it takes the worry out of deciding what to wear and helps you stay focused on school – not what you, or someone else, is wearing.