

Hauser Junior High School  
2009-2010  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Encore Course Descriptions**

**World Language (year-long) – Elizabeth Morris, Lynn Janik, Katie Moroney**

Spanish and French are offered at Hauser. Students will cover the equivalent of one year of high school world language during two years of study at the middle school level (both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades). Registration is done one year at a time. If a student takes world language during 7<sup>th</sup> grade, he/she is not required to continue during 8<sup>th</sup> grade; however, students are expected to complete the year for which they are registered. At the end of two years of middle school study, students may take a proficiency exam administered by the world language department at RBHS. Based on these test results, students may be placed in second year world language during their freshman year if they attend RBHS.

Students who take a world language at Hauser will be enrolled in a trimester reading class. Those who do not elect to study a world language will be registered for a year-long reading class. Students who would benefit from intensive reading instruction are advised to defer world language instruction until high school.

**TRIMESTER ENCORE COURSES**

**Consumer Education – Harry Kannry**

Today's consumers must be informed. Students will learn how to apply basic economic principles to spending decisions. In this course, students will be introduced to our economic role, our market system, the government's role, investment opportunities, and the evolution and role of money.

**Dance Techniques – Laura Lynch**

Do you like to dance? Whether experienced or not, you can learn to move! Students will explore dance styles, technique, and history in a group setting.

**Designing Spaces – Sara Aronow, Katie Kayastha**

Students will create their own architectural floor plan for a house in this project-based class. Activities will include learning how to budget, researching different architects, and understanding how to draw a scale version of their design.

**Drawing – Harjit Singh**

Do you like to doodle? Would you like to turn your doodles into cool drawings? You will be able to do that in drawing class. This class will introduce students to contour drawings, sketching, and various media. Still-life and figure drawing will also be introduced.

**Media Communication – Karina Koncius**

In this class you will learn the details of broadcast journalism. Discover photo journalism and how to take a professional picture. Get to know the ins and outs of video production. Be a producer, camera operator, or floor director. After producing their own TV/radio shows, 7<sup>th</sup> graders will never view television in the same way again!

**Microsoft ® Office Suite Introduction – Harry Kannry**

Students will explore Microsoft ® Office Suite. Modules will be offered in Word Basic, Excel, and PowerPoint. Interdisciplinary projects will align with multiple subject areas. This course will also include refresher work in keyboarding.

**Guitar, and Keyboarding Skills– Laura Lynch**

Let's play some instruments! Students will learn basic piano and guitar skills in preparation for composition and performance.

**Reading Workshop – Sarah Clark**

Talking about books is fundamental to fostering a love of reading and developing critical thinking. Join Reading Workshop to discuss books with your peers and to practice reading strategies with books you'll want to read!

**Sculpture – Harjit Singh**

For a three-dimensional approach to art, join sculpture class where you will work with plaster, clay, and newspaper. Explore contemporary and traditional techniques used in cultures around the world. This class will have an emphasis on ceramic hand building.

**Vocal Techniques and Musical Theater Workshop – Laura Lynch**

This class will introduce students to solo and ensemble singing through a variety of music. Students will perform in vocal solos and duets with group musical theatre pieces. No experience necessary!

**World Percussion – Brian Collins**

Explore the world of drums and percussion. Students will have the opportunity to learn about world cultures and art forms through performance in African hand drum circles, Latin percussion, and Steel Drum Band.