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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In preparing for the 2010-2011 school year, we are in the timeframe of registering our students for their elective courses. Mrs. Jones has put together a sheet listing all of the elective courses available to the students at Mercer County Junior High. Most of the courses are open to both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students; however, there could be changes made as the registration process begins.

Attached is the elective course listing. Please take time with your child and number your choices 1 through 5 with 1 being your child's top choice. By placing a 1 next to the top choice does not guarantee that your child will be placed into that elective. There are other factors (overall school schedule, number of students wanting the elective, a conflict in electives, etc.) that can impact what elective your child receives.

The faculty and staff make core subject curriculum and student achievement our top priority. If we feel that a student needs a study hall as one of the electives, we will contact the parent and student regarding the need for a study hall. For example, if a student has trouble turning in assignments on time or needs additional support in several academic areas, then the recommendation for a study hall would be pursued.

We have scheduled a 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation day for April 13<sup>th</sup>. In-coming 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be bused over to the junior high, given a tour of the building and have the opportunity to hear from the staff from the different electives. We are asking that the registration sheets for electives be returned by April 14<sup>th</sup>. You may have your child return it to the office in the intermediate building or hand it in during the orientation. The current 7<sup>th</sup> grade may turn in their elective sheet at the junior high.

We appreciate your time and interest in your child's education. If you have any questions regarding the elective courses, you may either refer to a course description book or contact the junior high and speak with Mrs. Jones or myself.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Reed  
Principal, Mercer County Junior High