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Dear Students and Parents:

On behalf of the staff and administration here in our district, we are pleased to share with you the William R. Satz School Program of Studies for 2019-2020.

It was once said by a noted politician that “the road to freedom - here and everywhere on earth - begins in the classroom” and we certainly concur. However, we also think that the many and varied opportunities, both in and out of the classroom, offered to you here at the Satz School will go a long way in continuing your lifelong educational journey.

We hope you will take full advantage of the opportunities available to you here at Satz and want you to know that ALL OF US - your teachers, coaches, club advisors and other school staff members are here to help you succeed. You have our sincerest “best wishes” for a GREAT school year!

Sincerely,

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

English

English 7 - This course is designed to build upon students' previously learned literacy skills in order to encourage deeper comprehension of print and digital texts of various genres. Each thematically driven unit includes vocabulary instruction, and each complementary writing unit includes grammar instruction. Student writers learn to effectively use the literary techniques they come to appreciate while reading works of literature when crafting their own writing.

Honors English 7 –The Honors English 7 course is designed to meet the same objectives as those taught in our 7th grade English curriculum at much higher levels of intensity. This may mean alternative texts, broader expectations for literary analysis, and an accelerated pace in accordance with students' mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills.

English 8 – This course is designed to strengthen students critical reading skills through the study of classic literature, contemporary fiction and nonfiction works. Each thematically driven unit draws upon multiple genres, includes vocabulary instruction, and provides opportunities for students to respond to text in a myriad of ways. Writing units are designed to expose students to the unique characteristics of narrative, informative, explanatory and persuasive writing genres, as well as provide opportunities to effectively apply grammar skills.

Honors English 8 – The Honors English 8 course is designed to meet the same objectives as those taught in our standard 8th grade English curriculum at much higher levels of intensity. This may mean alternative texts, broader expectations for literary analysis, and an accelerated pace in accordance with students' mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills.

Mathematics

Mathematics 7 – This course provides the students with the necessary skills to solve mathematical and algebraic problems using computation, logic and problem solving strategies. Students study numerical relationships, rational numbers, algebraic equations, data analysis and statistics, probability, ratio and proportion, fractions, decimals and percents, and topics in geometry.

Honors Mathematics 7 – This course provides the students with the necessary skills to solve mathematical and algebraic problems using computation, logic and problem solving strategies. Students study topics in geometry, integers, algebraic equations, graphing, functions, rational numbers, proportions, percents, data analysis, statistics and probability.

Mathematics 8 – Students study arithmetic and algebraic topics in preparation for high school algebra. Topics include patterns, algebraic equations, graphing, data analysis, probability, discrete math, number theory, rational numbers, geometry concepts and related verbal problems.

Algebra 1 (Grade 8 only) – Eighth grade students study algebraic topics in preparation for a strong high school mathematics program. Topics include expressions, equations, functions, rational numbers, linear equations, graphing, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, radical equations and related verbal problems

Please Note: Algebra 8 may serve as a prerequisite for several different courses on the high school level beyond 9th grade. Please communicate with your child's guidance counselor about how this class may affect future course selections.

Honors Algebra I (Grades 7 and 8)– Students study algebraic topics in preparation for a high school honors mathematics program leading to Advanced Placement Calculus BC and beyond. Topics include expressions, equations, functions, rational numbers, linear equations, graphing, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, radical equations, quadratic equations and related verbal problems.

Please Note: Honors Algebra may serve as a prerequisite for several different courses on the high school level beyond 9th grade. Please communicate with your child's guidance counselor about how this class may affect future course selections.

Honors Geometry (Grade 8 only) - Emphasizes high level conceptual thinking skills. Topics include complex proofs, solid figures, angle relationships, lines, planes, triangles, similar polygons, circles, coordinate geometry, areas of polygons and circles, areas and volumes of solids, and transformations.

Health and Physical Education

Health Education – Health Education in the Holmdel Township Public Schools is intended to provide the student body with a firm foundation of knowledge that promotes desirable health attitudes and practices. Through a multi-faceted program which is an integral component of the entire curriculum, Health Education will provide students intellectual, physiological, emotional and social dimensions relating to the decisions that affect their personal, family and community well-being. Topics addressed in this course include, but are not limited to, first aid & safety, health & wellness, personal lifestyle habits and genetics.

Physical Education – Physical Education centers on the basic applications of team and individual sports, physical fitness and the benefit of physical activities throughout one's life. Emphasis is placed on game rules, fundamental skill areas and safety standards through daily participation. Project Adventure and Aerobics are an essential part of this program.

Science

Science 7 – Students explore concepts of earth and physical science through the study of the matter and its interactions, the Earth-Moon-Sun system, Earth's properties and its changes over time, plate

tectonics, earthquakes, and force, motion and energy. This course develops an understanding of scientific principles and experimentation.

Science 8 – Students explore concepts of life and earth science through the study of cytology, interdependence, genetics, heredity, and Earth’s changes over time, weather and ecological systems. This course develops an understanding of scientific principles and experimentation.

Social Studies

Social Studies 7 – This course enables students to appreciate, understand and demonstrate knowledge of the economic, geographic, political, historical, and social forces that shaped the emerging American nation. Students will be able to relate their learning to contemporary issues with a focus on active citizenship and the role it plays in a representative democracy.

Social Studies 8 – This course consists of a historical and cultural survey of the origins and development of world cultures, beginning with the rise of the medieval world. Emphasis is on political, social, economic, and technological developments, as well as the concept of historical change. The relevance of history will be stressed as students study historical developments and make connections between the world of yesterday and the world of today.

Technology Education

Technology Education 7 – This course, for grade 7 only, prepares students to live and work in the 21st century through the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). By combining the current Technology Education Program with an emphasis on STEM, students will gain an even broader exposure to current trends in Technology Literacy Education.

World Languages

Intro to Chinese – Seventh grade Chinese is a beginning language course in which students learn to speak, listen, read and write modern standard Mandarin, Pinyin transcription, some basic Chinese characters and Chinese grammar. The emphasis of the course is on the active learning in communicative settings with a variety of language activities including games, dialogues and oral presentations.

Chinese 1 – Eighth grade Chinese continues from where the seventh grade Chinese course left off. Greater emphasis is placed on mastery of the Chinese language with basic skill development and everyday vocabulary. Focus is on pinyin for phonetics, dialogues, basic grammar and introduction of Chinese characters. Cultural topics are included. ***This is a HS level 1 course.**

Intro to French – This course, for grade 7 students only, provides an introductory look at the French language. Students will develop basic oral proficiency, acquire vocabulary, and comprehend grammatical structures. They will be given the opportunity to acquire and work with

the language as it is spoken and written in the target culture. The emphasis will be on the spoken language.

French 1 - Eighth grade French is a communicative course emphasizing the three modes of communication; Presentational, Interpretive and Interpersonal. The course uses a thematic curriculum and is aligned to the latest national and state World Languages standards. The use of differentiation and implementation of a natural approach to second language acquisition allows for the development of authentic meaningful educational experiences. The course covers grammatical structures such as noun/adjective agreement, present, near future and past verb tenses, explores cultural and historical aspects of France in an enjoyable and clear manner. ***This is a HS level 1 course.**

Intro to Italian – This course, for grade 7 students only, provides an introductory look at the Italian language. Students will develop basic oral proficiency, acquire vocabulary, and comprehend grammatical structures. They will be given the opportunity to acquire and work with the language as it is spoken and written in the target culture. The emphasis will be on the spoken language.

Italian 1 - Eighth grade Italian is a communicative course emphasizing the three modes of communication; presentational, interpretive and interpersonal. The course uses a thematic curriculum and is aligned to the latest national and state World Languages standards. The use of differentiation and implementation of a natural approach to second language acquisition allows for the development of authentic meaningful educational experiences. The course covers grammatical structures such as parts of speech, present and past verb tenses, explores cultural and historical aspects of Italy in an enjoyable and clear manner. ***This is a HS Level 1 course.**

Intro to Latin – Seventh grade Latin is a beginning language course designed to briefly introduce students to Roman civilization and its influence on the languages, customs, and aesthetics of the Western World. Students will learn basic proficiency in Latin vocabulary, word order, and case usage.

Latin 1 - Eighth grade Latin Introduces the Latin language and Roman culture. Vocabulary development through the knowledge of Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes. The grammatical focus will be Latin word order, case usages, concepts of declension and conjugation; development of basic reading and writing skills in Latin through a continuous storyline which follows the adventures of the well-known Pompeian banker Lucius Caecilius Iucundus. Cultural focus: includes many real-life stories based in ancient Pompeii and Roman Britain. ***This is a HS Level 1 course.**

Intro to Spanish – This course, for grade 7 students only, provides an introductory look at the Spanish language. Students will develop basic oral proficiency, acquire vocabulary, and comprehend grammatical structures. They will be given the opportunity to acquire and work with the language as it is spoken and written in the target culture. The emphasis will be on the spoken language.

Spanish 1 - Eighth grade Spanish continues to strengthen student performance in the three modes of communication introduced in 7th grade. Its purpose is to further develop student proficiency in the language and culture using a thematic curriculum and the development of authentic meaningful educational experiences. The grammatical focus continues to build upon vocabulary development, verb tenses and usage and increased proficiency through the integration of content from various subject areas while infusing linguistic and cultural awareness. ***This is a HS level 1 course.**

CYCLE AND ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

Advisory Period - This course will focus on study-skill and test-taking strategies, and will allow students additional time for personal study and/or academic preparation including, but not limited to (when appropriate), make-up testing and teacher/counselor visitation.

Course Length - 1 marking period

Art – Art Education is designed to increase the aesthetic awareness of students through the study and utilization of design skills. In addition, the course will provide the students with an opportunity to use problem solving skills in project design. Some of the objectives include teaching students to be able to demonstrate their increased skills in drawing and identify the elements of design to incorporate them into original 2 and 3 dimensional works of art. Building on the skills learned in 7th grade, our 8th grade students continue to expand their understanding of color theory and the uses of color in art, compare and contrast the uses of the elements of design in 2 and 3-dimensional art, and demonstrate knowledge of the process of critique.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Advanced Art (Grade 8 only) - This course is an elective opportunity for students who, having already taken Art in Grade 7, desire a deeper and more rigorous experience in the visual arts before moving on to their high school program of study.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Argument and Debate (Grade 7 only) - This course will focus on the strategies used to develop strong arguments based on claims supported by reputable evidence and sound reasoning that can then be forcefully debated. With an emphasis on constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others, this course will use topics of high student interest to reinforce best practices in reading, writing, speaking and listening, and will serve as a useful supplement to all other disciplines.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Biotechnology (Grade 8 Only) - Biotechnology is a technology that involves the use of living organisms. Biotechnology is mainly used in agriculture, food science, and medicine. In Biotechnology, living organisms are used to make useful chemicals and products or to perform an industrial task. As such, this course focuses on the technology that utilizes biological systems, living organisms or parts of this to develop or create different products.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Chorus - This course promotes knowledge, interpretation and performance of a high quality repertoire, appropriately chosen for the ability level of this mixed ensemble. Chorus welcomes students who are interested in singing various styles of music, learning vocal techniques and the fundamentals of sight singing. The class is performance oriented. All participants are expected to perform in school concerts and/or community events.

Course Length: Full-Year

Concert Band - This course is an instrumental performing group that emphasizes participation in school concerts, activities and community events. Instrumental instruction is provided to the students and all participants are expected to perform in various concerts and activities.

Course Length: Full-Year

Creative Media - This course will introduce aspiring writers to the techniques that masters of fiction use to ground a story in a concrete world that ranges from the most realistic to the most fantastical. Writers will explore a mix of traditional mediums and newer 21st century digital mediums (e.g. podcasting, graphic design and video) when publishing their literary work.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Culinary Arts – By the end of this course, students should have a better understanding of basic culinary principles and techniques, and will feel more comfortable in the kitchen. Students will learn to follow recipes and prepare simple snacks and breakfast foods and will be learn to serve and enjoy them. Safety and sanitation in the kitchen will be a major focus.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Dance - This survey course is aimed at students with interest in this performing arts discipline. Units of study will focus on improvisation and composition, performing movements, and incorporating social, historical, and cultural themes and choreographic devices. Teaching activities and assessments may include: performance based tasks, participation in dance exercises, improvisation, student-driven choreography, research projects, written assessments, in-class presentations, journal entries, traditional exams, vocabulary quizzes, peer review and self-evaluation.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Forensics - This is an investigative course where will students learn how to observe, collect, analyze, and evaluate evidence found at crime scenes. Students play the role of an investigator to evaluate physical, chemical, digital, and eyewitness evidence and determine the likely perpetrator of staged classroom crimes.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Game Design - Students will explore the basics of digital game design and the systems that make up a well-designed game. Knowing how to put together a successful game involves system-based thinking, problem solving, collaboration, art, storytelling, and digital media literacy. Through the Game Design Process, students will learn to think analytically and holistically and use the principles of game design to create their own game. No programming experience necessary.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Music – This course will offer students the opportunity to explore the role that music plays in Western and non-Western society, and allow them the opportunity to compose and create music through a variety of enhanced hands-on activities and projects. Using a variety of compositional tools and technologies, students will learn to listen critically to music and make informed critique and analysis.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Mysteries in History - This course will introduce students to the basics of the historian’s craft by focusing on some enduring mysteries in American, Ancient, and World History. The teaching method for this course will be inquiry-based, with student choice, and will focus on the similarities between historians and detectives.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Standing Up to Intolerance: Profiles in Courage (Grade 8 only) - This course will, in addition to reinforcing the literacy skills learned in English and Social Studies, expose students to the many, many heroes (famous and anonymous) who have stood up to intolerance and biased behavior in their lives. Among other things, the course will seek to promote social justice, challenge biases, and engage students in discussions about diversity. The course will draw upon historical and contemporary examples to achieve this goal. By learning of the personal lives of those who lived through periods of intolerance (e.g. Native Americans, Civil Rights, European Holocaust, Women’s Rights), students will confront important themes of change. Such themes will include loss, courage, resourcefulness, fairness, humanity, justice and the ethical use of authority and power. By taking this course, students will be better prepared for their role as active participants in a diverse world.

Course Length: 1 marking period

Technology, Engineering and Design (Grade 8 only) - This course prepares students to live and work in the 21st century through the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Students will be introduced to real life applications of technology and engineering. The students will utilize the Engineering Design Process to solve challenges related to an area of Technology/Engineering. Throughout the course, the students will be introduced to various engineering careers. This course incorporates the New Jersey Technology Education Standards.

Course Length: 1 semester

Theater - This survey course is aimed at students with interest in this performing arts discipline. Units of study will focus on The Fundamentals and Basics of Theater, Creative Expression, Historical & Cultural Context, and Aesthetic Valuing. Teaching activities and assessments may include: performance based tasks, participation in dance exercises, improvisation, student-driven choreography, research projects, written assessments, in-class presentations, journal entries, traditional exams, vocabulary quizzes, peer review and self-evaluation.

Course Length: 1 marking period

SPECIAL SERVICES

The mission of the Special Services Department in the Holmdel School District is to maximize student success in the general education program and on state assessments required for graduation, offering a range of educational programs and/or related services in accordance with individual needs.

The Special Services Department at W.R. Satz School supports this mission by cultivating an educational setting that provides students with enriching learning experiences, and by ensuring that any accommodations made are consistent with the identified needs of students, are reflected in their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and are implemented cohesively into their educational program.

To facilitate the execution of this mission, services are designed for students in the context of the least restrictive environment and include a continuum of placement options such as general class placements with support, resource centers, special class programs, and specialized placements. The frequency and duration of a student's participation in each program is based on the identified needs of the Individual Education Plan.

Additional information can be obtained from the Special Services Department directly at (732) 946-1186.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 sets forth the requirement that no qualified student with a disability shall, on the basis of said disability, be denied services and access to general education. Rather, the law ensures that a school district provide the full range of reasonable accommodations necessary for such students to participate in, and benefit from, public education programs and activities.

Section 504 protects all students with disabilities who have “a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, have a record of such impairment, or are regarded as having such impairment.”

The determination for whether a general education student receives services/accommodations under Section 504 is made by a school-based “504 Team” through a variety of sources including, but not limited to, independent assessments (i.e. doctor’s report), and teacher and parent input. It is important to note that a student may qualify for Section 504 services and not require special education services.

If the 504 Team determines a student is eligible, they will develop a “504 Accommodation Plan” that describes the impairment (disability), and the accommodations needed to offer the student equal access to the curriculum. These accommodations may be temporary (such as an accommodation for a broken leg) or may be year-long in nature.

For additional information, you may wish to visit the New Jersey Department of Education website at www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/behavior/504 and read the “Frequently Asked Questions” section.

Chantal M. Simonelli, Satz Assistant Principal and 504 Officer, is available to assist you with any additional questions you may have concerning Section 504.

INTERVENTION & REFERRAL SERVICES (I&RS)

The New Jersey State Board of Education has established that the primary mission of schools is to enhance student achievement of high academic standards in safe and disciplined learning environments. The effectiveness of public education in fulfilling this mission depends largely upon the capacity of school systems to respond to the diverse educational needs of students. Constantly evolving social conditions and the changing educational needs that tend to emerge with these changes can pose dramatic barriers to student achievement.

The educational mission is made more complex by the increased incidence, prevalence, and intensity of problems students bring to school. The type of "at-risk" behaviors students manifest while in school place students in jeopardy of school failure and other problems, leaving parents and teachers frustrated and in need of assistance.

In response to these circumstances and the attendant needs of students, the New Jersey Department of Education mandates the development and implementation of school-based Intervention & Referral Services committees. Such committees are to be multidisciplinary and collaborative in nature and approach.

Teachers and other school personnel typically apply their full range of skills and preferred strategies to resolve student academic, behavior and/or health issues prior to seeking assistance from their colleagues or other school resources. Educators commonly require supplemental support when educational problems are considered unmanageable, complex in nature, or determined to be beyond what can be dealt with within the confines of the school setting. As the numbers and types of student problems increase in both complexity and intensity, schools are being challenged to establish effective mechanisms for addressing these problems to ensure students' academic success.

The team approach, designed to support school staff and parents who seek assistance for the resolution of diverse educational problems, is supported by research and literature as an effective system for organizing and providing intervention and referral services for general education students.

Please contact the Satz School's I&RS coordinator – Chantal M. Simonelli - for additional information at 732-946-1808.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is designed to meet the needs of students whose native language is not English and whose proficiency in English is limited. The ESL Program emphasizes the acquisition of basic interpersonal communications skills (BICS) for successful social interaction and cognitive academic language proficiency (CALP) to support success in the mainstream academic program. The ESL Program also seeks to foster a sense of self-confidence in English Language Learner (ELL) students, and to provide them with an orientation to American culture while maintaining pride in their linguistic and cultural heritages.

Each student is evaluated using WIDA, a state-endorsed assessment instrument designed to assess his or her level of proficiency in English. All qualifying students attend a class which meets daily and is taught by a certified ESL teacher. Some students are also scheduled to take Transitional English in lieu of their regular English class while in our ESL Program. Both courses are taught by a certified ESL teacher.

COURSE PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Preliminary placement in core courses is based upon a student's cumulative grades and performance on standardized assessments at the time of course placement recommendations. Students desiring enrollment in an honors course must meet the published criteria, including participating in mandatory standardized assessments (MAP and NJSLA) in order to be eligible for inclusion in that program. The course placement criteria is posted on the district's website page: <http://www.holmdelschools.org/departments/curriculum-and-instruction>.

In all cases, the published criteria for each individual class will be used to determine appropriate placement for the next year. However, in the event of extenuating circumstances, a department review request may be made in writing or through an online district form between May 1-10, 2019.

Students who initially meet the published placement criteria but whose final grades or PARCC scores fall below the published criteria will be removed from the class for which they have been scheduled and placed appropriately during the summer months.

***Beyond the Course Placement Process:** The educational experts, inclusive of administrators and teachers, discuss each child individually during the department review process. They consider multiple criteria regarding a student's achievement, along with any information parents chose to provide in the department review request form explaining extenuating circumstances that impacted a child's overall performance in a course. After the decisions of the department review are communicated to families, parents may contact the department supervisor's office by June 5, 2019 to schedule a meeting with the Department Supervisor, Principal, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction to discuss the details of their child's department review and a waiver option. All meetings must take place between June 6-14, 2019, as courses are finalized afterward.*

GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

Voyagers Program

The Gifted and Talented Voyagers Program was developed to meet the needs of youngsters who have been identified as exceptionally talented. The goals of the program are as follows: to provide highly capable students with appropriate academic challenge in the regular classroom through differentiated instructional practices; to deliver experiences where students use higher levels of thought through independent and collaborative study; to expand the students' interest, motivation, and performance in an atmosphere where individual strengths and weaknesses are acknowledged and celebrated; to encourage students to assume an increasing degree of responsibility and independence for their learning; and to develop primary and secondary research skills.

The identification process uses multiple criteria which is listed on the Voyagers pages our school website (www.holmdelschools.org). Each year, students are assessed for potential inclusion in the Voyagers Program. And given the combination of the multiple measures, children who demonstrate exceptional potential may have the opportunity of being included in the program. At

the start of the school year, a formal permission slip is sent home to the parents of identified youngsters. The Gifted and Talented Program in Holmdel is a combination of cluster grouping in the regular classroom and an independent research segment with a special teacher who guides the students to develop divergent thinking skills and problem solving strategies.

More information on the Gifted and Talented Voyagers Program can be found on the District website at the following web address: <https://sites.google.com/holmdelschools.org/holmdeltownshippublicschoolsgi>

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS

Achieve Supplemental Services

The Holmdel Township Public School **Supplemental Programs** are academic intervention services that offer a multi-tier approach to identification and support of students with demonstrated learning needs. The goal of the programs is to provide support to students performing below grade level due to gaps in mastery of the **foundational skills** necessary for meeting grade level expectations.

Supplemental support services include:

- Achieve Literacy
- Achieve Multi-Sensory Literacy
- Achieve Mathematics

These programs provide supplemental, research-based, targeted instruction to students. Support is provided through classroom push-in or small group pull-out or a combination of these to meet individual student learning needs. All instruction supports the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) and district approved curriculum. Academic supplemental support is provided in 6-8 week cycles. At the end of each cycle, student progress is assessed and service recommendations are made.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

American Mathematics Competition (AMC 8) – Formerly known as the American Junior High School Mathematics Exam, the AMC 8 is a 25 question, 40 minute multiple choice examination in middle school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem solving skills. The examination provides an opportunity to apply the concepts taught at the junior high level to problems which not only range from easy to difficult but also cover a wide range of applications. Many problems are designed to challenge students and to offer problem solving experiences beyond those provided in most junior high school mathematics classes.

Builders Club – The Builders Club is sponsored by Kiwanis International and offers service opportunities to middle school – aged students. The goal of this club is to develop leadership

qualities by working together in school and community projects. Builders Club is suited for young people who want to take positive action to build a better world for themselves and others.

Chess Club - The educational objective of the Satz Middle School Chess Club is to create a comfortable and enthusiastic learning environment for students interested in chess. This club provides students the opportunity to learn new chess tactics, play against the high school chess team, and potentially compete in tournaments. They will be provided with professional chess tournament sets, timers, and instructional “Chess Tactics for Kids” books during the club, will be taught various tactics, and will learn professional notation techniques. Creativity will be stressed with different types of in- club chess tournaments and a unique 3-Man Chess Set. Furthermore, strengths and weaknesses will be more closely analyzed with an online Chess Analysis program. Overall, students are encouraged to compete and play professionally against one another in an environment where they can fit in and enjoy themselves.

Continental Math League – The contest is for 7th and 8th grade honors students. The C.M.L. team will receive 5 certificates and 2 medals. National and Regional awards will be distributed to recognize individual and team achievements. A team will consist of the top 6 scorers for each test. Contest dates will be announced well in advance.

Drama - Provides opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to acquaint themselves with theater life. Producing at least one play and one musical a year, our students learn about various aspects of the theater ranging from costuming and props, to acting and singing, to staging and lighting. This is a wonderful way to meet other students and get involved in extracurricular activities. Check us out!

Hand Bells –Seventh and eighth grade students have the opportunity to participate in the Hand Bell Choir, *the Melody Ringers*. The Melody Ringers meet during Zero Period on alternating days. Students learn the basic techniques of hand bell ringing, including proper handling of the bells, multiple ringing styles, and sight reading. No experience is necessary in order to be part of the ensemble. Students who are part of Melody Ringers are unable to be part of the Concert Band, as they meet on the same day, although they may sign up for Concert Chorus.

Jazz Band – Seventh and eighth grade students also have the opportunity to participate in a Jazz Band ensemble. Jazz Band offers the young musician a complete big band experience including full brass, woodwind, and rhythm sections. The music selection ranges from standard swing charts to various forms of popular music. Difficult solo sections are introduced and students have the opportunity to solo over simple blues patterns or more difficult chord progressions.

New Jersey Math League (N.J.M.L.) – NJML is open to both seventh and eighth grade math and Algebra 1 students. The 7th grade contest will be given on the first Tuesday in February. The Algebra 1 contest will be given on April 15th or later. Tests will be received by mail. A certificate of merit is award scoring student in that school. Awards are given to the two schools with the highest total score in the League, the two students with the highest total score in the League, and the highest scoring school in the county.

Newspaper – The school newspaper is published by the students of William R. Satz School. There are many opportunities for students to become involved. The staff includes reporters, poets, artists, word processors, as well as people who sell and distribute the paper. Each issue is filled with important school and sports news, games, poems, creative writing and, occasionally, the controversial editorial.

Academic Competitions: Humanities – Provides opportunities for 7th and 8th grade students to be involved in activities that enhance the learning that takes place in the classroom. Students do not sign up for the entire program but rather sign up for individual activities appropriate to their interests. Morning announcements and flyers keep students informed about the most current activities. All practice meetings take place during student lunch periods. Students are required to participate in at least one Project Plus activity in order to be considered an active member. Project Plus activities include: the Academic Bowl, Science Olympiad, the Spelling Bee, the Geography Bee, and Battle of the Books.

- **Academic Bowl** – A team of 7th and 8th grade students participate in a Jeopardy-style academic competition. Separate teams of 6 (4+2 alternates) compete for each grade level in three rounds. Highest scores compete in a final play-off round.
- **Scripts Howard National Spelling Bee** – sponsored by the Asbury Park Press - 7th and 8th grades. Preliminary bees on each grade level in Language Arts classes. Grade level winners compete against each other to determine school finalist. Local sponsor holds final spelling bee to determine representative to the National Bee in Washington, D.C.
- **Battle of the Books** – A team of 7th and 8th grade students represent Satz School at a competition held in the spring and sponsored by the N.J. Educational Media Association. Students are responsible for reading 15 pre-selected books. The competition uses a Jeopardy-style format.
- **National Geographic Bee** – Students in 8th grade take a geography quiz published by National Geographic Magazine guidelines and sample questions prior to this time.

Academic Competitions: Science Olympiad – Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year. Each school-based team is allowed to bring 15 students who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set, but some school clubs have more than 75 members, allowing for an apprentice and mentoring system. Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school). Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal.

Student Ambassadors – The student ambassadors is a service-based organization designed to promote engagement between our students and the community. As an organization that is committed to improving the quality and quantity of volunteer experiences available to youth throughout the district, we invite you to join this membership network so the goal of making service the common expectation and common experience of all young people can be realized.

Student Council This organization is run by the students of William R. Satz School. All students in good standing may be members. A 75 percent attendance rate is necessary to remain a member. The Student Council addresses issues and problems involving the school community. It is an open forum where student concerns can be voiced openly. The Council also plans activities to increase school spirit and a sense of belonging among all students. The student leadership consists of an elected president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. These are selected from the 8th grade members. Each officer has one or two assistants who are elected from the seventh grade members.

Technology Student Association (TSA) – TSA promotes “leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design and engineering. Members apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) concepts through co-curricular programs.” TSA offers a wide range of competitions for the students to choose from. Some of the competitions include, but are not limited to, electrical applications, web design, medical technology issues, go green manufacturing, prepared speech, and essays on technology. To check out more about TSA, refer to the following: <http://www.tsaweb.org/> and <http://njtsa.pages.tcnj.edu/> .

Talent Show – The William R. Satz Talent Show provides any and all students with an opportunity to showcase their individual talents on the stage of the High School auditorium. Previous shows have brought us many varieties of ethnic dances with traditional dress as well as vocal solos, musical instrumentalists and even magic acts. Who knows what new talent will appear. Remember you don’t have to be a star to be in our show.

Yearbook – The Satz Yearbook is a pictorial review of activities, teams and highlights of LIFE at the Satz School. The Yearbook staff of approximately 20 students from both 7th and 8th grades is randomly chosen from those who have expressed an interest at the beginning of the school year. The staff works in small committees: Editing Publicity Photography Sales Surveys Art Meetings are held throughout the school year – culminating in the 8th grade Yearbook Signing Party and distribution of books to the 7th grade.

Youth Alliance - The William R. Satz Youth Alliance promotes a no-use message to students regarding drugs and alcohol. The Youth Alliance provides drug/alcohol free activities, which demonstrate that fun does not need to involve drugs or alcohol. The club is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Students participate in a wide range of activities including school dances and trips to professional sports games. The Alliance has a structured leadership consisting of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Class Representatives who help plan and coordinate activities. Meetings are held after school and are flexible to allow for student involvement in other school programs.