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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Byram Intermediate School offers a full range of extra curricular activities. The purpose of this letter is to increase your awareness of the opportunities your child has to participate in these activities.

Our music department offers instrumental lessons and an opportunity to perform in the school bands to students in grades 4-8. The opportunity to participate in the school choral program is open to all students in grades 5-8.

Rampage, the school newspaper, is open to 7th and 8th grade students. Writing for Rampage encourages our students to practice their writing skills.

The school's yearbook, Vision, is staffed by 8th graders. All 8th graders are encouraged to take part in developing the yearbook that is dedicated to their class.

The Graphic Arts Club is open to all students in grades 5-8. Using computers, digital cameras, and scanners to create posters, web pages, Power Point presentations and wherever else student creativity takes them.

The Environmental Club is open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Students will learn and participate in activities that will help to improve our school and local community environment.

Students from grades 7 and 8 are selected to serve on our school safety patrol. The safety patrol assists the teachers in supervising our students as they enter and leave the building. These students are selected by the safety patrol moderator on the basis of their reliability, maturity and leadership.

Our school offers a full range of athletic programs. In the fall, boys and girls in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in our interscholastic soccer program. The fall intramural program is open to grades 5-8.

Our students are reminded that their first responsibility is to their academic program and that deficiencies in that area may result in having the privilege of participation in extra curricular activities suspended. Our experience has been that the students who participate in these activities generally learn how to budget their time and become well-rounded individuals, capable of making good decisions in a wide variety of situations.

If you are interested in having your child participate in one or more of these activities, you may send a note to the moderator or your child may inquire directly.

A complete listing of extra curricular activities offered during the year can be found in the school calendar. More information will be sent home in letterform as the school year progresses.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Leonard
Principal