

Junior High Opportunities

The National Geographic Bee - Each year Northside junior high students participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography.

Word Power Challenge – The Reader’s Digest National Word Power Challenge is a vocabulary contest designed for schools nationwide. There are three levels of competition: School, State, and National. The educational outreach program is designed to boost the vocabulary skills of students and get them excited about the power of words.

The Talent Identification Program - The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) identifies gifted children and provides resources to nurture the development of these exceptionally bright youngsters. Each year Northside identifies seventh graders who qualify for TIP.

The Mecklenburg Independent School Spelling Bee - The junior high sponsors a spelling bee each year with the school winner advancing to the Mecklenburg Independent School Spelling Bee competing against students from the other private schools in Mecklenburg County.

The Junior Honor Society - Both seventh and eighth grade students are eligible to qualify for the Junior Honor Society.

Help Classes for each Core Class- All four core classes: English, History, Math and Science offer either a before-school or after-school weekly help class.

State Fine Arts Competition- Junior high students can compete in state fine arts competition in the following areas: music, speech, art, and spelling.

The American Mathematics Contest - The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) is dedicated to the goal of strengthening the mathematical capabilities of our nation’s youth. We believe that one way to meet this goal is to identify, recognize, and reward excellence in mathematics. Both seventh and eighth graders participate each year in the AMC 8.

The American Scholastic Achievement League - High achieving junior high students are selected to participate in the American Scholastic Achievement League. The league covers the following information: general knowledge, language, literature, geography, history, science, mathematics, logic, and problem solving.

The Math Fax Contest - The Math Fax Contest consists of four assessments during the school year with each test score being added for a cumulative score. Although there are many good, professional math competitions available to schools, Math Fax was created for one primary purpose: to sharpen the participating students test taking math skills that are needed to do well on college board entrance exams.

Small Groups – Each junior high student is placed into a small group. The small group leader prays daily for each of the students in his small group. The leader monitors the students’ academic, social, spiritual, and physical activity and sends encouraging notes to his students. Small group leaders meet with their group several times during the school year.

Small Group Outreach - The small group leader is asked to plan, organize, and encourage his small group to participate in a small group service project in our community.

Black History Contest - Northside junior high students have an opportunity to be selected to the team that competes in the Black History Contest. This contest is a quizzing contest that takes place at a local private school in the Charlotte Mecklenburg area.

Ministry Day for Master's Mission - This program provides an opportunity for individuals of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project that reaches out to suffering children while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Northside's seventh and eighth grade students not only fill shoeboxes with gifts, but they also share the gospel through tracts in the Ukraine language. Master's Mission shares Jesus' love with orphans and needy children in Ukraine by putting together a box with gifts for these children.

Junior High Student Council - The junior high students elect the Junior High Student Council with input from the faculty and administration. The council sponsors a junior high prayer meeting and a junior high Bible study. They also take an active part in the chapel program each week. The students learn to be servant-leaders.

Private Music Lessons - Private Lessons are offered in the following areas: piano, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, guitar, and voice. Most private lessons are offered during the school day.

Bible Study – A student leads a weekly before school Bible study. All junior high students are encouraged to attend.

Prayer Meeting - A student leads a weekly before school prayer meeting. All junior high students are encouraged to attend. A list of the prayer requests is sent to our junior high email list so both parents, teachers, and students can pray for the requests.

Junior High Sports

Students with a current physical on file may try out for the following sports:

Men

Cross Country
Football
Soccer
Basketball
Baseball
Golf
Track & Field

Women

Cross Country
Cheerleading (squad selected in spring)
Volleyball
Basketball
Softball (Fast-pitch)
Soccer
Track & Field

Junior High Course Offerings

7th Grade

Bible 7
Biological Science
English 7
Pre-Algebra 7 or Pre-Algebra Adv
NC/US History
Physical Education

8th Grade

Bible 8
Earth Science
English 8
Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1
Introduction to World Studies
Physical Education

Junior High Electives

Art
Band
Choir
Computer Applications
Creative Writing
Discovering Science
Guitar Ensemble
Spanish 7 & 8
Speech/Drama
Study Hall