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Dear Parents,

This year our current 6th and 7th grade students will be selecting their 2020-2021 core and elective course choices online. The required courses for each student include English, Social Studies, Science, Math, Physical Education, and an elective.

Students viewed a presentation in their core class regarding the online course selection process. Please see the instructions on the back side of this letter. If you would like additional information, please view the 7th and 8th Grade Course Selection Presentation available on the CMS website under the Academic Tab-Course Selection/Electives page.

Math placement will be determined using the LVJUSD Math Placement Matrix. This matrix uses information from multiple student data sources including CAASPP Scores (previous 2 years), Placement Assessment (MDTP), Grades from T1 & T2 and Teacher Recommendation to determine the best math placement. Additional data used (if needed) for determining math placement: Grade from T3, Score from End of Course exam, 2020 CAASPP math result.

Students will check their Core choice online. They may choose either regular Grade-Level Core (English AND Social Studies) or Honors Core (English Honors AND Social Studies Honors). Honors Core is a more rigorous program that teaches the grade level curriculum at a more in depth level. These courses are not weighted.

Students will be offered one period of elective that will comprise of either one year-long course or three single trimester-long courses. **Electives are subject to change due to budget constraints, staffing, availability and course enrollment.** Some electives have prerequisites so please review the course descriptions at our website <https://www.livermoreschools.org/Christensen>. Some students may be administratively placed in an academic support class in lieu of an elective. We ask students to select their top two elective choices in the event we are not able to grant the student's first choice.

Students interested in taking two yearlong electives must select the "Two Elective = Zero Period P.E. Option." Zero period P.E. meets five mornings each week from 7:30 to 8:20. Please be aware that the office will not be able to grant every request for two electives due to budget constraints, staffing, availability and course enrollment.

Students who do not complete the course selection process by April 17, 2020, will have their courses chosen for them. Students will not be given the opportunity to change them.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the school. A computer will be made available to complete the online class selection process.

Sincerely,

Pat Avilla
Principal