

ELECTIVE COURSES

128503 **8th Grade Concert Band**

Prerequisite: Approval of the instructor. An audition may be required.

Concert Band is designed for third year band students. Emphasis will be placed on the development of advanced technical skills, tone quality and style. Musical theory, analysis of form and increased individual expression are incorporated. Increased performance opportunities are available. Attendance at all performances is required.

128603 **8th Grade Concert Orchestra**

Prerequisite: Approval of Instructor

Eighth Grade Concert Orchestra continues to develop personal technical and performance skills for students within the ensemble. Emphasis is placed on the refinement of listening skills, improved intonation, balance and blend, tone quality, and individual practice skills. Proficiency is increased in music reading, analysis, and interpretation. A wide variety of orchestral repertoire is presented from many styles. Instruments are required for daily practice and all performances. Attendance is required at rehearsals and concerts.

128703 **8th Grade Concert Choir (Mixed)**

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor

Eighth Grade Concert Choir (Mixed) provides an opportunity for students to develop musically within a choral ensemble. Various styles of music will be studied with an emphasis on sight singing, vocal production, concert etiquette, and performance technique. An understanding of musical elements and terminology is reinforced. This choir will perform in various concerts throughout the year. Attendance is required at all performances.

Fine Arts

028543 **8th Grade Visual Arts Focus**

Prerequisite: none

Visual art students will become independent thinkers and creators as they focus on their place in the art and design world. The mastery of artistic skills will be developed through personal exploration using traditional art materials and digital technology. The study of art leads to the connection of self, community and culture.

058743 **8th Grade Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing**

Prerequisite: none

Let's put on a show! Grab your costume, toolbox, and script as we create a performance for an audience. In this course, students will demonstrate their skills in acting, design, construction, and production. After time spent building a supportive ensemble and refining acting and technical skills, the class will collaborate on an end of semester production for an invited audience. Students will have the choice to work onstage or behind the scenes in multiple and varied job opportunities.

038643 **Multimedia: Video Production**

Prerequisite: none

This multidisciplinary course will introduce students to the world of video production across varied digital platforms. In this course, students will create projects that encompass techniques used in the fields of TV, Film, and Web based applications. Our students will work in cooperative learning teams to fulfill the job assignments of a production team by: writing and editing copy for teleprompters, creating and planning storyboards, directing, editing & filming scenes using a variety of cameras available to us, and serving as on air talent. The work could

include the creation of student produced news for campus wide distribution; student showcase through short film festival, and projects to enhance learning in other classrooms around the building.

Practical Arts

108543 **Engineering Challenge**

Prerequisite: None

Compete against your classmates in the world of engineering, design and robotics while challenging your problem solving skills and STEM knowledge. Are you up for the challenge? Students in this course will be able to use concepts of problem solving to challenge their skills and knowledge of engineering. Course content will revolve around the various engineering subjects of robotics and 3D designing. Various design and programming software will allow each student to construct and test robots, mechanisms, designs in green architecture, 3D design and printing all while using the design process and tools.

038543 **Entrepreneurs, Innovators, & App Creators**

Prerequisite: None

This advanced business course teaches students industry leading practices and skills in entrepreneurship, business and marketing, video production, and programming in a hands-on manner. Students will leave this course with the ability to think critically and creatively through coding electronic devices, creating mobile apps, leading others with an entrepreneurial spirit, gaining financial responsibility from the businesses they create and operate within the school, adding meaning to pictures and video using a blend of technology and content, and enhancing writing and storytelling skills all while understanding the core value and benefits of teamwork. These concepts will be achieved through: *

- * Creating mobile apps
- * Preparing and running a small school business that could potentially generate profits for students
- * Building and coding various electronic devices
- * Making a series of commercials to market their small business.

098543 **Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration**

Prerequisite: None

Have you ever wondered how pizza dough rises? Or how clothes are designed and constructed? This class will discover the art of science and design related to Human Services, Hospitality & Tourism, Child Development and Apparel & Textile Design while giving students the opportunity to build communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills. Hands-on course focusing on problem and project based learning experiences with design and science as the focus with advanced learning activities in cooking, sewing labs, fashion and interior design, and child development.

MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

068533 **French B**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Level A course

French B is designed for students who have successfully completed Level A. Students will study various French-speaking countries and peoples to better understand their diverse cultures. Students will expand on their ability to describe themselves, family and friends, and daily life. They will participate in class by expressing themselves in French through reading, writing, speaking, and listening. At the end of this course students will be introduced to skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will help them live and work in an increasingly global society. Upon successful completion of French B, students will be ready to take French 2 at the high school level.

*Middle school students may choose to receive high school credit for this course. If so, the grades earned in this course will appear on the student's transcript.

068633 **German B**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Level A course

German B is designed for students who have successfully completed Level A and wish to continue learning to understand, speak, read and write in German. Students will study various German-speaking countries and peoples. Students will expand on their ability to discuss their feelings, families, and friends through paired practice, small group

work, and role plays. By the end of this course students will be introduced to skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will help them live and work in an increasingly global society. Upon successful completion of German B, students will be ready to take German 2 at the high school level.

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068833 **Spanish B**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Level A course

Spanish B is designed for students who have successfully completed Level A. Students will study various Spanish-speaking countries and peoples. Students will expand their ability to discuss feelings, family and friends, and daily life. They will participate in activities such as paired practice, small group work, and role plays in order to increase their speaking and writing skills. By the end of this course, students will have been introduced to skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will help them live and work in an increasingly global society. Upon successful completion of Spanish B, students will be ready to take Spanish 2 at the high school level.

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