



Middle School Elective Descriptions

ART focuses on developing drawing and painting skills and observation techniques for the beginning artist. Drawings will be done in pencil, charcoal, pen, and ink to gain understanding of how black, white, and gray can be used to define shape, show distance, and develop value. Pastels and paint will be used to introduce color.

STEM/ROBOTICS is an opportunity for students to learn how to integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics with daily concepts. Students will be exposed to basic concepts of robotics, including the building of robots. Students will be learning basics of coding and engage manner to help further enhance their STEM skill sets.

TEAM SPORTS is an opportunity for students to focus on physical training related to their chosen sport. With limited space available, priority enrollment is given to 7th and 8th grade student athletes and Spanish 1 students.

THEATER ARTS/DRAMA will include experience with basic theatre acting techniques, theatre etiquette, lighting, costumes, makeup, production of plays, improvisation/instruction from Special Guest Faculty Member, pantomime and mime, voice and diction. Productions include: Christmas Musical Production and the CHCA Drama Department Dinner Theatre Broadway Production in the spring.

DRUMLINE allows students experienced with and/or interested in percussion an opportunity to learn beginner and intermediate skills.



SCHOLARS BOWL will be expanded to include ALL middle school students interested in honing their academic TRIVIA skills. Scholars Bowl Team elective provides students who want to be on an academic team the opportunity to study, prepare and practice for competitive meets.

READING BUDDIES/BOOK CLUB gives an opportunity for students to grow their love of reading and to serve as “reading buddies” with elementary students. Students will learn effective tools such as listening, coaching and mentoring before being partnered with a student as a “reading buddy.” With their peers the students will select, read, and discuss books of interest that represent strong literary contributions. Students must be in good standing (academics and behavior) to be selected for this elective

METEOROLOGY is an introduction to weather and atmospheric science. The Meteorology elective will consist of a study of both climate and weather in a way which allows students to have a better understanding of the world around them as well as how weather affects our daily life.

CREATIVE WRITING Creative Writing is a semester-long course that explores different genres of writing, through both reading and writing, as well as the other necessary elements needed to improve writing and composition skills. Students will have the chance to respond to literature, quotes, music, poetry, etc. We will review different strategies to avoid writer’s block and can peer review and share ideas. This course is designed with the goal of inspiring students to develop original pieces and ideas.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND COMMUNICATIONS will focus on introducing and developing various aspects of communication. Students will learn a love of public speaking with technical training and fun presentations. Students will explore



interpersonal communication strategies, conflict resolution, written communication, and web-based communication tools.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP and BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW will look at some of the most remarkable time periods in American history: the conflicts that have shaped our nation into what we are today. Learn how our nation was created in the American Revolutionary War, study the burning of Washington D.C. in the War of 1812, the devastation that swept our nation during the American Civil War, our growing pains as we achieved both Manifest Destiny and imperialism in the Mexican American War and the Spanish American War, and the end the semester studying our influence in wars abroad that lead us to become truly a superpower amongst other nations: WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Middle Eastern conflicts.

ECOLOGY will take stewardship of living areas our campus. Examples will be the upkeep and care of bird habitats and feeders and planting of a school garden. This is a new course offering we are excited to provide.

MATH and LOGIC GAMES Strategy and Logic will provide students with fun opportunities to explore mathematical concepts and practice calculation skills. Basic math functions as well as probability and reasoning skills will be presented in the context of board games.

Problem solving and the ability to effectively analyze information to make a judgement are much needed life skills. This elective will help students develop thinking skills through board games, logic puzzles, and critical thinking activities while also teaching healthy social interaction.