

Junior High Electives
2009-2010

“A Day” will be days 1-3-5 and “B Day” will be days 2-4-6

PE Games and Sports (Mrs. Sizemore): This is the “traditional PE” class. The focus will be on team games, sports and other physical activities. Examples would be basketball, soccer, football, kickball, etc. Individual exercises, physical activities and health would also be covered.

Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: A Day; period 1; semesters 1 & 2

Personal Fitness (Mrs. Sizemore): This class would focus on individual fitness activities and exercises. Some examples would be walking, aerobics, and Pilates, etc. A couple of team activities would be covered as well. *Yoga mat required for this class.

Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

6th Grade PE (Mrs. Sizemore): This class is a combination of curriculum from the games and sports class and the personal fitness class.

Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: B Day; period 1 & 2; semesters 1 & 2

Required materials for both PE classes: ASCS spirit shirt and blue or gray athletic shorts or athletic pants that follow student handbook guidelines. \$3.00 curriculum materials fee is required.

Art 1 (Mrs. Manning): This class is open to all junior high students. The focus will be to explore the elements and principles of design using a wide variety of media. Projects will range from drawing and painting to possible sculptures. The students will also have weekly drawing assignments outside of class to improve the learned skills.

Required materials: One 9X12 spiral bound sketchbook.

Maximum class size: 25 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

Art 2 (Mrs. Manning): This class is open to all junior high students that have completed Art 1. Students will build a personal portfolio of art pieces consisting of a wide variety of works done in several different mediums to be used at the next level. Students will also receive guided direction for required participation in art shows and contests throughout the school year.

Required materials: One 9X12 spiral bound sketchbook.

Maximum class size: 25 Scheduled: A Day; period 1; semesters 1 & 2

Painting (Mrs. Manning): This class is open to all junior high students but a prerequisite of Art 1 is required. The focus will be to explore various artists and their styles in painting. Students will cover techniques for watercolor and acrylic paint. Students may do several works on canvas throughout the year. Students will research at least one artist for the final project.

Required materials: One 9X12 spiral bound sketchbook, one package of acrylic paint pens in various colors and possibly one canvas.

Maximum class size: 25 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

Studio Art (Mrs. Manning): This is like having open studio time with teacher guidance, every artist’s dream! The class is open to all students who have completed both Art 1 & 2. The artists will build a personal portfolio to enhance previously learned skills. The students will explore their own artistic style and expression. Students must be self-motivated and willing to try new techniques as well as build upon previously learned skills. Required materials: One 9X12 spiral bound sketchbook and any materials

needed outside of what is normally provided – this will vary by student depending on their choice of projects.

Maximum class size: 13 Scheduled: B Day; period 1; semesters 1 & 2

Debate (Mrs. Brown): This class will explore and discuss controversial issues and current events. Materials for discussion will come from daily newspapers, various forms of media, literature and even history! Students will learn how to discuss and debate in a useful and constructive manner. Various types of discussion techniques will be explored. Once students become familiar with these techniques, we will learn how to debate as teams. Debates will follow a model that contains the majority of steps used in formal debate. Students will learn to listen to others with an open yet critical mind and become more clear and persuasive in arguing a position. The most important goal will be to learn to think and express thoughts without being abusive to others.

Maximum class size: 24 Scheduled: A Day; period 1; semester 1 only

Medieval Times (Mrs. Brown): This class will provide students with an opportunity to investigate Medieval Europe’s history, culture, achievements and oddities in greater detail than a regular history class. Students will focus on projects, presentations and plays that explore castles, knights, battles, the Catholic Church, art and architecture, music, medicine and myths. The class will conclude with a “medieval banquet”.

Maximum class size: 24 Scheduled: A Day; period 1; semester 2 only

Drama (Ms. Melany): This class will focus on the basics of drama, acting stage terms, techniques and performing. Students will participate in the presentation of at least one production for the year.

*Enrollment in this class will be by audition only.

Maximum class size: 25 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

Choir (Ms. Melany): Choir members will sit in the choir loft at every school mass. Members will focus on choral singing, sight reading, parts, and performance techniques. Students are required to perform at our annual Christmas program and Fine Arts Night as well as several music festivals scheduled throughout the year.

Maximum class size: no class size limit Scheduled: B Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

Music Theatre (Ms. Melany): This class will focus on individual and group performances. Be prepared to sing and dance!!! Students will explore different musical theatre productions and learn singing and dancing techniques and develop their own stage presence. They will perform in the Christmas program, Fine Arts Night, May Fair and other theatre opportunities of their own. They will attend field trips to live performances as well. Required materials: One notebook to keep music in.

*Enrollment in this class will be by audition only.

Maximum class size: 25 Scheduled: A & B Day; period 1; semesters 1 &/or 2

Intermediate Spanish I (Mrs. Rayburn): Students will learn the basics of Spanish grammar including subject and possessive pronouns, conjugations of AR, ER, and IR verbs, selected irregular verbs, prepositional phrases, gender and number of nouns and adjectives. They will study aspects of Hispanic cultures as a part of their regular curriculum. Additionally, they will learn to read Spanish prayers and will memorize the more familiar prayers. Some Catholic vocabulary will be introduced as well. Students will also study the lives, writings and contributions of saints who spoke Spanish. Conversational Spanish will be used in the classroom.

Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

Intermediate Spanish II (Mrs. Rayburn): Students will learn the basics of Spanish grammar including subject and possessive pronouns, conjugations of AR, ER, and IR verbs, selected irregular verbs, prepositional phrases, gender and number of nouns and adjectives. They will study aspects of Hispanic cultures as a part of their regular curriculum. Additionally, they will learn to read Spanish prayers and will memorize the more familiar prayers. Some Catholic vocabulary will be introduced as well. Students will also study the lives, writings and contributions of saints who spoke Spanish. Conversational Spanish will be used in the classroom.

Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: A & B Day; period 1; semesters 1 & 2

Advanced Spanish (Mrs. Rayburn): Students will review basic vocabulary and grammar learned in intermediate Spanish. Direct and indirect object pronouns will be introduced and developed. Students will learn to use the present progressive tense and in the latter half of the year, will learn the preterit tense. If time allows they will learn the future tense as well. Students will continue their study of Catholic prayers, vocabulary and customs. Conversational Spanish will be used in the classroom.

Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: B Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

*All classes will learn to recite the rosary in Spanish, study the events surrounding Our Lady of Guadalupe, customs of Semana Santa (Holy Week) and the unique contributions of the Spanish-speaking world to the Catholic Church.

Classical Books (Ms. Kizer): This class will consist of reading at least six classics from 1800 to modern times. Students will look at setting, characters, and explore possible reasons why these books are considered classics. Possible authors include James Collier, Scott O'Dell, Lewis Carroll, L. Frank Baum, Alexander Lloyd, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, among others.

Required materials: Library card from the Pioneer Library System, one folder pockets and lined paper, and pen and pencils.

**Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semester 1 only
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Net Research (Ms. Kizer): This class will teach students to locate and research the information highway using the world wide web. Many students enter high school and college with only the concept of "googling" facts for their information needs. Students will become more knowledgeable in the use of informational sources utilizing various research databases, medical sites, government sites, and educational websites.

Required materials: Library card from the Pioneer Library System, one folder pockets and lined paper, and pen and pencils.

**Maximum class size: 23 Scheduled: A Day; period 1; semester 1 only
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Independent Study Skills – 6th grade (Ms. Kizer): The purpose of the class is to improve student study skills, test taking skills, note taking skills and organizational skills and completing agendas. Students will also receive help with time management of long term projects.

Maximum class size: 20 Scheduled: B Day; periods 1 & 2; semester 1 & 2

Independent Study Skills – 7th/8th grade (Mrs. Williams): The purpose of the class is to improve student study skills, test taking skills, note taking skills and organizational skills and completing agendas. Students will also receive help with time management of long term projects.

Maximum class size: 15 Scheduled: A or B Day, period 1; semesters 1 &/or 2

Logic and Puzzles (Mr. Lawrence): Awaken your mind! Sharpen your problem solving skills! Exercise your lateral thinking! Learn the basic rules of logic! Become the great thinker that God intended you to be!

Maximum class size: 20 Scheduled: B Day; period 2; semesters 1 or 2

Music Production (Mr. Lawrence)**Permission from Mr. Lawrence is REQUIRED: For those students interested in vocal or instrumental music writing, arranging, recording, and/or performance. We will develop the skills needed to operate the technical ‘behind the scenes’ aspect of the performance arts.

Maximum class size: 20 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semester 1 only

6th Grade Keyboarding (TBA): The focus of this class is to master the use of the keyboard (letters, numbers and symbols) for compilation of class papers, projects and assignments. In our technology-based world, students are required to use keyboarding/typewriting skills. Students will learn the standard keyboard and the 10-key numeric keypad. They will understand the essentials of good technique for building accuracy and speed.

Maximum class size: 25 Scheduled: B Day; periods 1 & 2; semesters 1 &/or 2

Intermediate Computer Class (TBA): Students will learn “beyond the basics” about the computer programs most commonly used by students and people in the business world. We will explore Word (word processing), Excel (spreadsheet), and PowerPoint (presentation), as well as efficient ways to use the Internet as a tool. This class is open to all 7th & 8th grade junior high students.

Maximum class size: 20 Scheduled: A Day; periods 1 & 2; semesters 1 &/or 2

Yearbook (Dr. Bragg): Students in the yearbook class are charged with creating the school yearbook. Students learn theme development, cut-line writing and basic page layout. It is expected that yearbook staff members take photographs of school events during and after school hours. Students may be required to work outside of class hours in order to complete the yearbook pages.

***Enrollment in this class must be approved by Dr. Bragg.**

Maximum Class Size: 10 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semester 2 only

Basic Photography (Dr. Bragg): Students will learn basic camera and compositional techniques as well as photography history, ethics, and influences on social thought. In this class, students will also learn basic darkroom techniques, portrait lighting, hand-tinting and computer photo-editing skills. Students will receive a number of in-class and out-of-class photography assignments.

Required materials: One digital camera (at least 3 megapixels) or a 35mm film camera. Ability to print 4x6 and 8x10 photographs on photo paper using a home computer printer or prints made at a retail shop.

Maximum class size: 20 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semester 1 only

Media (Mrs. Rice): This class will examine the pop culture of our movies, news programs, biographies and games and how they incorporate the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Catholic Social Teachings and the Discipline With Purpose Skills. Students will analyze and summarize materials various forms of media through essays.

Maximum class size: 22 Scheduled: B Day; period 1; semesters 1 & 2

6th Grade Band (Mrs. Walker): This class will continue to build instrumental band skills acquired during 5th grade band. Students are required to perform at our annual Christmas program and Fine Arts Night as well as several band competitions scheduled throughout the year.

Maximum class size: 40 Scheduled: A Day; period 1; semesters 1 & 2

7th/8th Grade Band (Mrs. Walker): This class will continue to build instrumental band skills in preparation for band competition at the next level (high school). Students are required to perform at our annual Christmas program and Fine Arts Night as well as several band competitions scheduled throughout the year. Students in this class will also be eligible for participation in the ASCS Jazz Band.
Maximum class size: 40 Scheduled: A Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2

Creative Writing (Ms. Vincent): The purpose of this class will be for students to create a portfolio of their written work. At the completion of the class, each student will have work ready for possible submission in future writing contests. This a semester long course, however, it can be taken all year as students continue to work on new projects for their portfolios.
Maximum class size: 22 Scheduled: B Day; period 2; semesters 1 & 2
