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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Middle School Electives...Which ones will YOU choose?

Art (semester class)

- ★ All art supplies are provided for the students through the Fay W. Boston Foundation.
- ★ The only thing that needs to be purchased is a sketchbook (about \$10).
- ★ We learn that we are all creative because we're made in the image of the Creative God.
- ★ The two projects are an expressive combination of our creativity and precision. (The symmetry and two-point perspective city projects)
- ★ Each project is now worth a large part of your grade in the class. You didn't get grades on artwork in elementary school.
- ★ Each day begins with a 10 minute sketchbook drawing time to get us into creative mode!
- ★ Then we begin working on our projects.
- ★ This class requires effort and diligence in order to create at our highest potential.
- ★ We also have fun, listen to music, and get ideas from friends.
- ★ We balance fun and creativity with perseverance and discipline in order to create excellent artwork.
- ★ So, it's fun but it is not easy and will challenge you in order to make you a better artist and student.

Band (year long class)

A performance based class where students learn a classical wind or percussion instrument.
Instruments you can choose from are...

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| ★ Flute | ★ No need to purchase an instrument. Rental instruments are available from |
| ★ Clarinet | Lane Instruments or Jones Music Store. |
| ★ Trumpet | ★ No decisions to make now on instruments. |
| ★ Trombone | You will be fitted the 1st week of middle school with the instrument just right for you! |
| ★ Tuba | ★ Additional cost for band is instrumental rental, purchase of band practice book, and all black concert attire. |
| ★ Percussion | |
| ★ No experience needed! | |

Choir (year long class)

We learn not just singing, but...

- ★ Good technique like posture, breath support, vowel position
- ★ Singing together in unison and in harmony
- ★ Singing in different languages
- ★ Connecting with other cultures & fine arts
- ★ Reading music

- ★ Understanding musical symbols
- ★ Performing & good performance practice
- ★ Authentic performance - how closely it is performed to the culture of origin
- ★ Performances throughout the year
- ★ MS Chorus is a grown up version of elementary music. There will be “assignments and quizzes” to aid in learning.
- ★ Additional cost for chorus is concert attire.

Computer Fundamentals (semester class)

In this class, you will work on:

- ★ Digital Footprint : What does Technology say about us? What are safe ways to use technology?
 - ★ Typing: Students will become more proficient at typing in speed and accuracy.
 - ★ Code : Introduction to how coding works.
 - ★ Current Events in Technology: what new technology is coming out and how it affects us
- Computer Fundamentals is the prerequisite for the 7th and 8th grade computer offerings: Intro to Programming (a focus on building a website), Games and Animation, Technology as a Tool (learning Microsoft and Google products), and Computers in Action (tech careers and other tech opportunities).

PE and Strength & Conditioning (semester classes)

In PE..

- ★ We play a variety of team sports and team games.
- ★ We spend a fair amount of time outside in both classes.
- ★ You must change clothes in middle school PE and Strength & Conditioning.
- ★ Your grade is based solely on dressing out and participation.

Strength & Conditioning is different than PE...

- ★ We work on strength, speed, quickness, hand-eye coordination, agility, and our overall conditioning.
- ★ We do a lot of body weight exercises.
- ★ We go to the weight room a few times in the semester to practice our mechanics on lifting weights.
- ★ We get creative with our games and workouts.

P.E. and Strength and Conditioning are two separate electives. Students may request either one or both of the classes depending on interest.

Additional cost for P.E. and Strength is the purchase of CCS logo athletic shorts for dressing out.

Spanish (semester class)

We learn...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ How to greet people & introduce ourselves ★ Nouns, pronouns, articles, and their plural, masculine, and feminine forms ★ Regular & irregular verbs and prepositions ★ How to tell time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Numbers from 0 to the millions!!! ★ How to ask and answer questions ★ How to compose a paragraph ★ How to read informational text ★ How to talk about your own likes & dislikes |
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- ★ How to describe yourself and others
- ★ 6th Grade Spanish is the prerequisite for the rest of MS Spanish classes.
- ★ By taking all 4 MS Spanish classes and passing a final exam in 8th grade, you may test out of Spanish I in high school!
- ★ We use funny videos, memes, songs, & games to make lessons stick.
- ★ Sometimes we may even sample some food for a more cultural experience!

Theatre Arts 101 (semester class)

- ★ Every class begins with an interactive exercise.
- ★ In Theatre Arts 101, students learn a little about all aspects of theatre.
- ★ Taking Theatre Arts 101 helps prepare you to audition for shows like "Charlotte's Web".
- ★ In Theatre Arts 101, you only perform for your peers and your teacher, so it is a great way to experiment and find out whether or not you like theatre arts!
- ★ If you pass Theatre Arts 101 in 6th grade, you may get to do a show when you are in the 7th grade, like "The Merrie Christmas Show". Such shows are part of the Theatre Arts 201 class you may take in 7th or 8th grade.
- ★ This year, 50 students auditioned for our Spring show.
- ★ Theatre 101 is different from anything you were offered in Elementary school! We may talk about musical theatre, but you don't have to sing as a part of the class.
- ★ We don't just study acting. We study set design, costume design and writing scripts!

Middle School course requests will occur in early June. Be on the watch for a letter from Mrs. Lane regarding honors and standard class placement and directions for making elective requests on Renweb. Feel free to contact Mrs. Lane or the MS office with any questions about elective opportunities!