

2019-2020 7th & 8th Grade Enrichment Course Descriptions

Physical Education (required for all grade levels)

1 Semester

7th & 8th Grades

\$15 uniform fee

P.E. emphasizes health-related fitness and developing the skills and habits necessary for a lifetime of activity. These courses provide students with opportunities to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness and increase their knowledge of fitness concepts. The program includes: (1) health-related fitness activities (cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and body composition), (2) aerobic exercise, (3) team sports, (4) individual and dual sports, (5) outdoor pursuits, (6) dance/rhythm (7) recreational games, (8) the use of technology in developing fitness. Ongoing assessment includes both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Art:

7th Grade Art

1 Semester

\$15 fee for supplies

This class will focus on art skills, vocabulary, creativity, color, composition and concepts of design.

Art 7 will offer drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking and commercial Art projects (the developing and design of LOGOS, package design and advertising). Pottery will be introduced- covering all three types of hand building- Pinch pot, slab and coil construction. Projects will include the making of a functional piece of pottery, usually a mug, container and/or tile.

Drawing and Painting:

7th Grade

1 Semester

\$15 fee for supplies

Drawing and painting: the foundations of drawing will be taught first. Objective is to explore and understand the elements of Art. First working on shading, line and realistic perspective. The success of painting will be hinged on your success in drawing. The painting section will include water color and Pattern painting.

8th Grade Art:

1 Semester

\$15 fee for supplies

Drawing continues to be the foundation as students increase their skills as teen Artists. Assignments and projects will include problem solving, critical thinking and the integration of Art History. Units may include Graphic Design, pottery, sculpture, drawing, painting and metal work.

Instrumental Music:

All music course offerings will be pending on student interest.

Intermediate Band

Full Year

7th

\$50 sectional fee

This is a performance group that does not require an audition and will have around 3 required performances per semester. This group will travel off campus for festivals. Participants will need a dressy, all black outfit that will be worn at performances. Students provide their own method books and instruments, with the exception of specifically assigned instruments. There are some school instrument available on a first serve basis. Students will continue their learning of proper instrumental techniques and will learn intermediate level music theory. Students will also learn intermediate sight-reading skills.

Advanced Band

Full Year

7th (by audition only)

\$50 sectional fee

This is an advanced band that has many required performances during the year and will travel off campus several times. Participants will need a dressy, all black outfit that will be worn at performances. Students will learn at a fast pace and will learn advanced instrumental techniques as well as advanced music theory and advanced sight-reading skills.

Advanced Band

Full Year

8th Grade

\$50 sectional fee

This is an advanced band that has many required performances during the year and will travel off campus several times. Participants will need a dressy, all black outfit that will be worn at performances. Students will learn at a fast pace and will learn advanced instrumental techniques as well as advanced music theory and advanced sight-reading skills.

Vocal Music:

All music course offerings will be pending on student interest.

Spotlights

1 Semester or Full Year

7th or 8th grade

This is a performance group that does not require an audition and will have around 3 required performances per semester. This group will travel off campus for festivals. Participants will need a dressy, all black outfit that will be worn at performances. Students will continue their learning of proper choral singing techniques and will learn music theory including key signatures, how to read music and chordal structure. Students will also learn intermediate sight-reading skills. Students in this class do not have to have any prior knowledge.

Odyssey

Full Year

7th or 8th grade (by audition only)

This is an advanced choir that has many required performances during the year and will travel off campus several times. Participants will need a dressy, all black outfit that will be worn at performances. Students will learn at a fast pace and will learn advanced choral singing techniques as well as advanced music theory and advanced sight-reading skills.

Music:

All music course offerings will be pending on student interest.

Beginning Guitar

1 Semester

8th grade

Students must provide their own guitar

This is a class for beginning guitar players. Students must have a classical, acoustic, or electric guitar with a small amp. There is a possibility of renting a guitar from the school. This class will start with the parts of the guitar, how to hold the guitar and the proper playing technique. In this class students will learn how to read tablature, written music (notes) and play chords; including Barre chords.

History of Rock and Roll

1 Semester

8th grade

This course will look at the history of Rock & Roll music, beginning with its jazz roots, all the way to today. Students will look at all the different milestones and musical styles that make up Rock and Pop music today. Topics include the King of Rock & Roll, the British Invasion, Homegrown American, Anti War music from Vietnam, and Folk Music. We will look at the guitar heroes of the ages and how they influenced the music from the 70's to today.

Yearbook & Graphic Design (A year long class)

8th grade

Provides middle school students with the opportunity to assist in photographing school activities, special events, field trips, sports and everyday school life. Students will learn page layout & graphic design, caption writing as well as interview and survey skills. Students are responsible for promoting the yearbook sales by making posters and distributing yearbook information. Learn about the principles of design.

Family & Consumer Science:

FACS 7

1 Semester

7th grade

\$15 fee for supplies

This course focuses on basic skills that students need to prepare them for life. Units of study include sewing, nutrition, and food preparation. Cooperation, problem solving, and evaluation of skills are emphasized throughout the course. This course serves as a foundation for further study. Students will also participate in a unit called "The DIY" where they will learn how to fix things around the house, as well as work in the wood shop.

FACS 8

1 Semester

8th grade

\$15 fee for supplies

Students will learn skills necessary for life in high school and beyond. Topics studied include personality traits, learning styles, career information, advertising ploys, buying a used car, insurance, writing checks, renting an apartment, food & nutrition and cooking skills. This course include a child development unit where students learn about pregnancy, birth, the first year of life, developmental phases of childhood, discipline techniques, and play as learning. Students are required to participate in the Baby Think It Over Program which involves care of an infant simulator. Students will also participate in a unit called "The DIY" where they will learn how to fix things around the house, as well as work in the wood shop.

Computers and Technology:

Digital Media

1 Semester

7th

Students in this class will learn to work with a variety of digital media - Music, Images, GIFs, Video, Voice Recording, and more. Included in this class will be 3D design, photo editing, animation, screencasting, audio editing, and digital music creation. This class is highly recommended for 8th grade PNN.

Video Production

1 Semester

7th & 8th Grade

This class will focus on the entire video production process: pre-production, production and post-production. Students will get “hands on” experience with a variety of videography equipment. All students will learn basic and intermediate video editing skills using Movie Studio 14. This class is a required prerequisite for PNN!

Coding & Game Design

1 Semester

7th & 8th

This class will introduce students to several computer programming languages, elements of game design, and website design. Students will also learn about and get hands on experience with the inside hardware of a personal computer.

Panther News Network (PNN)

8th Grade

1 Semester

Prerequisite: Video Production & Digital Media (highly recommended)

Students selected for this class will plan, produce and distribute four PNN shows throughout the semester. Students will use and be responsible for expensive videography equipment, including all equipment in the green screen studio, as well as working with other advanced video editing tools. Skills in Broadcast Journalism will also be a focus in this class: planning, designing, and writing news stories, news anchor script & performance, and interview styles & techniques.

Other Enrichments:

Buddies

1 Semester

7th or 8th grade (by application only)

Students selected to be a Buddy work directly with individuals with special needs under the direction of the special education teacher. Students selected will be assigned time in the SSN (Significant Support Needs) classroom and/or time in an enrichment such as PE or Art. In addition, students will be required to attend a monthly training during ROAR, so that buddies working at different times during the day can meet together. Students will receive a grade based on participation, homework and weekly journals.