

JUNIOR HIGH ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

ACADEMIC

Literary Circle – Students, together with a teacher, will read and discuss a book of high interest. They will discuss elements of the story such as character and plot development, use of vocabulary, foreshadowing and symbolism.

Word Power – Nothing says “smart” like a strong vocabulary. Reading, writing and test taking are all easier when you have the right words at your disposal. Students will strengthen their vocabulary with new strategies, word games and on-line resources.

Young Authors – Nothing improves writing like practice! This class will give students the opportunity to improve their written communicate through a variety of writing genres.

Geography – Get a jump on high school geography. Students will gain a visual understanding of our world, including the location of important land formations, countries and capitals. They will learn more about different cultures and some valuable world travel tips.

Logic and Rhetoric – Have you ever watched a commercial, heard someone debate, or read an argument and knew it didn't make sense? In this class, students will learn how to identify “logical fallacies.” Don't confuse a silly argument with an intelligent debate; learn the difference while developing critical thinking skills.

TECHNOLOGY

Webpage Design – Learn how to maximize the internet, effectively access information and create a webpage of your own. Students will become familiar with HTML, graphic conversion and basic webpage design.

Garageband – Students will learn how to create music in different genres using the computer program, *Garageband*.

Video Production – Students will learn to work both in front of and behind the video camera. Concepts include; writing, directing , editing, special effects, performing, lighting, using a digital video camera and exporting to tape and DVD.

Multi Media – Learn how to put together powerful presentations using the computer and other media. This is a skill that will enhance your academic classes and prepare you for project expectations in high school.

Digital Photography – Students will learn the basics of shooting digital photos and incorporating them into meaningful communication using computer software. (digital camera and USB flash drive required).

FINE ARTS

Art - This course is designed to encourage students to appreciate and express themselves through art. They will learn basic techniques using a variety of mediums. **(purchase of some supplies may be necessary)**

Drama / Improv -- This class will teach basic drama and acting skills along with improv exercises to develop acting abilities and characterization in a creative, fun environment.

Choir - Do you love to sing? Come and make a joyful noise while learning choral techniques. There will be a venue for performance at the end of this elective.

LIFE SKILLS

Girls' Life Skills – Students will identify the qualities necessary to be a woman of God in today's society. In this class they will discuss real issues and learn some practical life skills including etiquette, money management, babysitting and cooking.

Boys' Life Skills – Like its counterpart, this class will help young men understand what it means to be a man of God in today's culture. They will discuss real issues and learn practical life skills including etiquette, money management, mechanics and cooking.

Faith in Action – This class will be looking at what it truly means to live a life of faith where belief becomes active. Students will identify where God is at work around them in the community and in the world and look for practical, creative ways that they can partner with Him as they put servant leadership into practice (may involve outside involvement).

Capstone – This is a class that gives students an opportunity to explore their God-given gifts, abilities and interests. It is designed to help students develop as confident leaders in preparation for entering high school. It is taught by Steven Eubanks a Foothill parent and adjunct professor at APU.

PE – Two credits of PE are required each school year. Students will automatically be enrolled in these classes, but you may choose to take additional PE classes. **Please note:** You can receive one PE credit if you play on a FCS sports team or you are involved in an organized sport outside of FCS (verification is required).

Study Hall – Offered to give you a jump on your homework. Students will be required to come to class prepared to work or additional work will be assigned by the monitoring teacher. Grade is based on work ethic and behavior.

Student Services – Opportunities for involvement will include teacher assistants for elementary classes and junior high classes as well as office support.

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE LEVEL: _____

7TH AND 8TH GRADE ELECTIVE WORKSHEET 2010 - 2011

Over the course of the school year, 7th and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to take 8 elective classes. These will include two required PE classes* and the 8th grade capstone class. These required class assignments will already be included in your school schedule. First quarter schedules will be available on Renweb later this week.

Below you will find the elective classes that will be offered for first quarter. You will find course descriptions attached. Please complete this worksheet and submit it to Mrs. Kitchel ASAP. Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Included is an interest survey of other possible classes to be offered in subsequent quarters. Please look them over and check those that interest you. This will help in planning out the remainder of the school year. Once we have settled into the new school year, I will meet with each of the students and together we will make elective choices for the entire year. We will do everything that we can to provide each student with a rewarding and well-rounded elective schedule that meets and expands their educational experience.

* **Please note regarding PE requirement** : A student may be excused from this requirement if they are playing on a FCS sports team or are involved in a league outside of FCS. Necessary schedule changes will be made once required verification is received.

For overview of course content refer to **JUNIOR HIGH ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE.**

FIRST QUARTER ELECTIVE CLASSES: Choose three – number in order of preference.

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| _____ Literary Circle | _____ Webpage Design |
| _____ Drama/Improv | _____ Geography |
| _____ Choir | _____ Boys' PE (pre-assigned) |
| _____ Capstone (pre- assigned) | _____ Study Hall |
| _____ Student Service | |

OTHER POSSIBLE CLASSES FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR: Check those classes that you would be interested in taking.

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| __ Garageband | __ Multi Media | __ Video Production | __ Digital Photography |
| __ Word Power | __ Young Authors | __ Faith in Action | __ Logic and Rhetoric |
| __ PE | __ Girls' Life Skills | __ Boys' Life Skills | |
| __ Art | __ Study Hall | __ Student Service | |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Check any FCS teams you plan to try out for: __volleyball __ football __ basketball __ softball __ soccer

List any sports teams you play for outside of FCS: _____

Do you plan to audition for the JH Spring Musical? __YES __NO

Do you plan to apply for the JH Mission Team?(8th grade only) __YES __NO