

# 2017-2018 Middle School Elective Catalog

## 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

### Monday/Wednesday/Friday Courses

#### **Concert Band**

**Teacher: Mrs. Maka**

This is a performance-based class where students will learn musical concepts and elements in small and large ensemble settings and will participate in school concerts. This is a class for students who want to learn to play the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or percussion instruments. Other Woodwind, Brass or Percussion instruments are available, however students must meet with Mrs. Maka to discuss those options. Students will need to provide their own instruments which can be rented or purchased. We will explore the elements of rhythm, note reading, music vocabulary, history, form and composition to better read, write and perform music literature.

#### **Art and Drama**

**Teacher: Mrs. DeFord**

Calling all Thespians—throughout the year in drama students will have opportunities to act, write scripts, create costumes, design sets pieces and props and work as a team. Each grade level will have special interactive projects dedicated to entertaining both in and out of the classroom. This course is designed for both the seasoned drama student and newcomers alike.

We will explore different techniques and mediums in art, creating hands on projects along with incorporating some of the great masters. Students will make projects using, paint, pastel, clay, paper mache' and much more.

#### **Spanish IA**

**Teacher: Mrs. Graf**

This class is an introduction to the Spanish language and culture of the Spanish speaking world. We will begin to develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening in fun and interactive ways. We will begin the study of the vocabulary and grammatical structures of the Spanish language using multiple resources. We will also learn about the products, practices and perspectives of Spanish speakers, in order to foster cultural awareness. Mainly, the goal is to begin to communicate in the language and to get excited about it!

#### **ELD**

**Teacher: Mrs. Ganje**

This class is for our international students and is a required elective course. In this class students receive explicit instruction and perform activities designed to support English Learners at various proficiency levels as they rise to meet or exceed the California English Language Development standards, promoting independent use of English quickly and effectively. Lessons offer English Learners at all proficiency levels multiple opportunities to engage in challenging, purposeful, and scaffolded activities. In which students analyze portions of authentic text, engage in meaningful academic discussions about text, understand and produce written text and oral presentations, both independently and collaboratively.

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### Tuesday/Thursday Courses

#### **String Orchestra**

**Teacher: Mrs. Maka**

This is a performance-based class where students will learn musical concepts and elements in small and large ensemble settings and will participate in school concerts. This class is for students who want to learn to play the violin, viola, cello or string bass. Students will need to provide their own instruments which can be rented or purchased. We will explore the elements of rhythm, note reading, music vocabulary, history, form and composition to better read, write and perform music literature. This course will focus on listening and performance skills in a variety of musical styles and various cultures. Students will use knowledge and skills to create, compose, arrange, improvise and perform appropriate grade level musical literature. Through musical literature, students will learn to apply the fundamental musical elements to performance on their chosen instrument.

#### **Spanish 1B**

**Teacher: Mrs. Graf**

This class will build upon what students learned in Spanish 1A. Students will begin to apply their Spanish knowledge to reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities throughout the year. We will read a series of short stories and novels in class that will further enrich their acquisition of the Spanish language. Students may only sign up for Spanish 1B if they have taken Spanish 1A previously.

#### **Adventures of the Mind (Includes Public Speaking)**

**Teacher: TBD**

This class will solve fun STEM challenges, engage in research, and collaborate with peers. Students will be exposed to SAT/ACT vocabulary, analyze primary sources through answering DBQ (Document Based Questions), debate historical and current events, and have the opportunity to participate in competitions such as National History Day, the Orange Country Science and Engineering Fair, and ACSI events.

#### **Video Production**

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Explore beginning skills in making movies and telling a visual story; from writing scripts and *Claymation* to short and fun camera shooting techniques. We will work on lab computers and iPad minis using Movie Maker and iMovie software. We will develop and refine basic skills in shooting and editing. Students will film projects working in small groups and create a final film project that reflects the skills learned throughout the course of the year.

#### **Literature for Life**

**Teacher: Mrs. Ganje**

Students can sign up for this class with teacher recommendation only. This class gives students opportunities to read and analyze complex literary and informational texts, to synthesize their responses, and to create original oral and written texts. Integrated instruction is customized to support the various needs of the students. Students will annotate and analyze text, cite text evidence, close read, and develop vocabulary in order to better understand challenging texts and to build skills to aid comprehension.

## AVCS Middle School Elective Registration

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Middle School students now have some input as to the elective classes they would like to take for the year. Please take some time to look over these options, discuss with your parents, fill out this form and then turn it into your homeroom teacher no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Students will get their first or second choice. Some classes are limited to a certain number of people. Please number your choices in order of preference below.

### Monday/Wednesday/Friday Elective Class Options

- \_\_\_\_\_ Band
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art/Drama
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 1A
- \_\_\_\_\_ ELD (for International students only)

### Tuesday/Thursday Elective Class Options

- \_\_\_\_\_ Orchestra
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 1B (Students must have taken Spanish 1A in 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adventures of the Mind
- \_\_\_\_\_ Video Production
- \_\_\_\_\_ Literature for Life (By invitation only)

In addition to this change in elective class options, for the 2017-2018 school year, Middle School students will participate in 3 days of Physical Education a week and will have two 45 minute Study Skills classes per week. These Study Skill classes will provide time for study skill/organization/test prep mini lessons as well as time to work on homework.

Parents must sign this form stating they agree with the elective class choices for their child.

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in life, in love, in faith, and in unity. 1 Timothy 1:12*