

7th/8th Elective Course Descriptions - Proposed for 2021/22

**courses are taught both semesters unless otherwise noted*

Archery (spring only) - Dr. Jenkins

Students will study and practice the basics of the sport of archery, such as; safety, grip & stance, aiming and release, follow through, etc. We'll be shooting traditional bows and arrows of various types, including English longbows, Cherokee flatbows, Comanche horse bows, and recurves. Any Scouts taking the class should be able to earn the Archery Merit Badge.

Art - Vicky Carr

The Art Elective class will consist of a wide variety of projects that allow students to focus on the elements and principles of art. Some of these projects will include drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, fiber art, collage, and sculpture.

Calligraphy & Lettering - Bekah Carrington

Students will learn the basics of hand-lettering with a specific focus on brush calligraphy. Students will create two overarching projects: a "coloring page" with a relevant illustration from scripture; as well as a multimedia project of their choosing to display at home or in the classroom.

Chess (fall only) - Sara Fogle

Learn the basic rules of Chess and a little strategy. Play peers in the classroom and play spend time playing a computer as well. Elective ends with a double elimination tournament.

Creative Writing (fall only) - Helen West

Got a great idea that is worthy of making the NY Times Best Seller list? You probably won't have the time to complete it in this elective, but you will have an opportunity to explore writing techniques that can make good writing even better.

Drama - James Moleta

No experience is required, only a desire to learn more about performance. Through improv, group games, watching film clips and more, you can have fun while sharpening and developing confidence in your performing and public speaking skills. This elective also provides an opportunity to perform a skit during chapel.

In the Kitchen (spring only) - Sara Fogle

Are you hungry all the time? What is a recipe? Learn to make some of your favorite snacks and desserts with basic kitchen supplies, a toaster oven and a hot plate.

Leadership (fall only) - Jake Dixon

This class is by **invitation only**. It is reserved for the 12 eighth grade House Leaders. Leaders learn the ins and outs of managing a House. They work on presentation skills and ideas to build community in their respective houses through service projects and house meetings.

Public Speaking/Debate (spring only) - Sara Bachtel

Ever been a little envious when you see someone speak before a crowd and they seem to have the perfect words that are delivered without a stumble? This elective is designed to help you improve in this area by teaching the skills necessary to be an effective communicator. Additionally, you will explore debate and learn why active and critical listening are crucial to forming arguments.

Shop/Woodworking - Jennifer Julius

You won't be traveling from store to store purchasing the latest styles...this is woodworking. If you like the idea of creating and building with wood, this class is for you. Hammers, nails, hand saws, sanders, oh, and wood are included.

STEM - Phil Faulkner & Brad Lantis

How does it work? This elective is designed to explore some of the wonders of science. Students create projects that explore elements of both physics and chemistry/forensics. Get your thinking cap on and get ready for some problem-solving.

Video Production - Josh Whitlock

Learn mad skills from the master, himself. This elective teaches students techniques for editing videos to produce a polished product. Stop Motion Animation is included in this course along with traditional video editing.

World Explorers - Geography (spring only) - Jake Dixon

Explore the world through the lens of cultures, environments, climates and even topography. Through research, interactive class activities and presentations, this elective provides students the opportunity to learn more about our world.