

Eighth Grade Course Descriptions

Dear Eighth Grade Students,

Attached you will find the Elective Course Request Form. We have once again established two schedules; Schedule A and Schedule B. Schedule A classes will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday where Schedule B classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday. You will attend a class from **both** Schedule A and Schedule B. We have also included a section for the year round electives. A year round elective will meet everyday for the entire school year.

Schedule A Classes (M/W/F)

Art in Depth: An advanced art class designed for the serious art student. Students will use the basic elements of art and principles of design to execute original ideas. Students will also gather inspiration from art history, different cultures, and different art movements while continuously seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit on thoughts and ideas.

Fit for the King: This class is built around the biblical concept that our “body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.” Students will learn the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being a good steward of the body that God has given them. Classes will be focused on athletic fitness through instruction on training techniques, proper eating habits, self-image, and cardiovascular exercises to stay in shape. Please note that this is not a free recess period! Students will be graded on effort and attitude!

Teacher Aide: Students will assist with various organizational needs in PreK and Elementary classrooms, school offices, library, and tech lab. In order to be considered for Teacher Aide, there is an application that must be completed and turned in to Mrs. Wexell.

Schedule B Classes (T/TH)

Fit for the King: This class is built around the biblical concept that our “body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.” Students will learn the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being a good steward of the body that God has given them. Classes will be focused on athletic fitness through instruction on training techniques, proper eating habits, self-image, and cardiovascular exercises to stay in shape. Please note that this is not a free recess period! Students will be graded on effort and attitude!

Web Page Design: Students will learn the basics of web page design. They will use some basic html to design pages. Students will then complete web project assignments in Dreamweaver. Flash and Photo-shop programs may be used to create graphics for web pages.



Year Round Electives (Meets everyday):

Singing Saints: The Middle School Choir is available for students interested in singing, drama and choreography. The Singing Saints will present a musical, participate in the ACSI Vocal Music Festival, and perform during the Fine Arts Concerts. Students in this ensemble also have the opportunity to perform on-stage at Walt Disney World for Singabration in February. This ensemble will focus on singing skills, note reading, and ensemble techniques. This course is a year long elective.

Intermediate Strings: This course is a year long music elective for students playing stringed instruments; violin, viola, and cello. Note reading, technical skills, and ensemble techniques will be the focus of the class. The string class will perform in chapel, Fine Arts Nights, and Solo and Ensemble Festivals. One day per week will focus on the development of advanced rhythmic studies through the use of multiple percussion instruments. When this group plays for football games, basketball games and other school events, it will be called the **FBA STICKS OF THUNDER** (Job 37:5). Students must have at least one year of playing experience on a stringed instrument before joining the class. Teacher may ask student to audition.

Intermediate Band/Sticks of Thunder: A full year music elective available to those with prior playing experience on a woodwind instrument, brass instrument, percussion instrument or on bass guitar. Four days per week will be dedicated to developing the player's skills on their primary instrument. One day per week will focus on the development of advanced rhythmic studies through the use of multiple percussion instruments. When this group plays for football games, basketball games and other school events, it will be called the **FBA STICKS OF THUNDER** (Job 37:5). The band will perform concerts in January and May. Individuals will have the opportunity to participate in solo/ensemble festivals.

***Worship Team musicians (singers and band members) must be enrolled in music elective. See Mrs. Barnes for audition information.**

