

ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

BAND All students previously enrolled in band should continue playing their instrument! Seventh grade band students will explore even more opportunities for performance in groups such as concert band, jazz band, jazz combo, holiday band, percussion ensemble, woodwind groups, and brass groups. Some of these groups will also perform on field trips. Studies have shown that playing a band instrument helps to improve student performance in all areas of learning. You have learned the basics – now explore the next level of music making!

CHOIR Do you want to sing fun songs with your friends? Register for Choir! In Choir, we sing everything from Bach to rock; everything from “Ode to Joy” to “Lean on Me”, and music of different world cultures! Choir is all large group singing, so no need to worry if you are a shy singer! However, for you star singers, there are also solo and small group opportunities! Additional choir opportunities include flex choirs, a cappella groups (similar to Pentatonix), and group voice lessons. Choir members have the opportunity to perform in at least two concerts throughout the year. Come with a great attitude and positive participation while we have fun making music together in Choir!

CHINESE A You don't want to miss the CHINESE FUN! ~ New learners welcome! Did you know that Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world? Students will learn the authentic language and cross-cultural communication with a native Mandarin speaker from China. Comprehensive practical language skills are taught through Chinese movies, cultural games and celebrations, making Chinese food, and writing letters to Chinese middle school students in China. The Chinese curriculum at Scott Highlands parallels the high school Chinese curriculum (levels I & II). There are extended learning opportunities available, such as attending a Chinese weekend camp, celebrating Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and Chinese New Year with handcrafts, food, and games, and participating in the Chinese Class Market. Let the Chinese fun begin by registering now!

CHINESE B *Sixth grade Chinese A is required for this class.* Students who successfully complete Chinese A and Chinese B will be well prepared to continue Chinese in high school. In this class, students will build upon their language skills through speaking, listening, reading, and writing Chinese. Topics studied include: calendar, time, daily routines, school, likes and dislikes, food, and geography. In addition, students will learn about Chinese culture through songs, videos, stories, and other authentic texts. Students are expected to spend time outside of class to complete homework, study vocabulary words, and prepare for quizzes and tests.

SPANISH A By studying Spanish, students will have an academic edge! Research has shown that children who have studied a world language have higher reading, language, and math test scores. Students learn basic vocabulary about personal likes and dislikes, food, describing yourself and others, school activities, time, feelings, family, going shopping and traveling around town. Students will use the vocabulary in simple questions and answers through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Outside class work will include studying flashcards, homework completion, and preparation for quizzes and tests. Active class participation is important. Grading will be based on daily homework, quizzes, tests, and projects. This curriculum is the same as the high school Spanish level 1 curriculum; the only difference is that the course is offered every-other-day over a period of 2 years. **Students should have a strong academic background to ensure success in this class.**

SPANISH B *Sixth grade Spanish A is required for this class.* Students who successfully complete Spanish A and Spanish B are encouraged to take a more advanced level of Spanish in high school. Curriculum topics will include: clothes, food, the home, celebrations, sports and health and fitness. The focus is on grammar, culture and vocabulary.

APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION **By choosing a full year APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION, you are agreeing to take one trimester each of the courses listed below. The applied arts courses are new courses designed for anyone interested! No previous experience is required. All activities will be different from the current school year. Students may opt to take TWO Applied Arts Combinations.**

ART classes are designed to provide a wide variety of artistic experiences at the middle level. Projects may include, but are not limited to: clay, colored pencil, watercolors/tempera, pencil/charcoal, oil/chalk pastels, brush and ink, plaster, paper maché and woven materials. The art projects are designed around the elements and principles of design, art history and self-evaluation.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE classes prepare students to begin their journey toward becoming independent, productive citizens. Students will engage in hands-on food and sewing labs. The areas of concentration include nutrition and wellness (cooking procedures, measurement, safety, recipe preparation), career planning, money management, child development, life skills and resource management, and design (Interiors, Apparel, and Construction).

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION is a program that incorporates both traditional hands-on machinery with the newest fab lab equipment. Using the Engineering design process students will be able to explore manufacturing, product design and thinking outside of the box. Safety, respect and responsibility in the work place is an underlying part of the curriculum. Students are encouraged to work within the constraints of their projects to design artifacts that express their creative and individual abilities.