



METROLINA

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

2020-2021

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

At Metrolina Christian Academy, we are committed to our mission to “**lovingly lead and equip students for Kingdom living.**” In keeping with that mission, we seek to lead our students to personally own their faith and to not only possess but live out a Biblical worldview. It is our belief that we should seek to develop a detailed portrait of what a graduate of Metrolina Christian Academy should look like.

The administration and staff of Metrolina Christian Academy have prayed, sought God, and planned meticulously in the development of this portrait. We have used Luke 2:52 as a guidepost for developing this plan. This verse of scripture describes the maturation of Jesus as a young man in four areas. The Bible says in this verse that Jesus grew in **wisdom, stature, favor with God, and favor with man.** We seek to follow this model in developing our students.

From this approach, we prayerfully commit to leading our graduates to be true Warriors for Christ who will possess:

Worldview that is Christ-centered and biblically based

Academic foundation that prepares them for God’s open door at the next stage of life

Redemption that is biblically based and personal

Responsibility that is guided by Scripture and encompasses the individual, culture, and evangelism

Integrity that influences all of life’s decisions

Ownership of the Faith that is personal and transformational

Readiness to engage culture, proclaim the Gospel, and live life to the Glory of God

BIBLE COURSE PHILOSOPHY

The Bible curriculum at MCA aligns and supports our Mission, Vision, and Purpose to lovingly lead and equip students for Kingdom living. This is accomplished as MCA graduates are equipped with a Biblical worldview based upon established spiritual disciplines, sound academic thinking, and appropriate skill development. Articulation of a Biblical worldview solidifies the truth; therefore, an immersion of speech and communication arts will be woven into the curriculum. The Biblical worldview at MCA will be based on the principles and resources of:

- An intellectual defense for the truth.
- Biblically-minded administrators, faculty, and staff.
- Applications and implications of truth.
- Biblical saturation in every discipline, classroom, extra-curricular, and school activity.
- The need for ethics and apologetics to address contemporary cultural issues.
- Chapel programs with experts in the field of evangelism, apologetics, Biblical worldview, and discipleship.
- Spiritual retreats in grades 8, 9, and 12 which remove the students from daily responsibilities and distractions to provide intentional and intensive Bible study and corporate worship.
- Expository and persuasive speeches presented in Bible classes which are developmentally appropriate and measured according to a clearly defined rubric.
- Service opportunities through the MCA Project Serve Program and missions trips where students apply the principles of truth through practical service and evangelism.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - BIBLE

The resources chosen to implement worldview and apologetics instruction are:

- Kindergarten through fifth grade will study *Answers in Genesis*. This curriculum is apologetics based and developmentally appropriate for the elementary learner. It delves into issues regarding the Bible, God, and sin in a manner where children can defend their faith against a fallen world. The course highlights the unique collection of question-answer books from Ken Ham and the creative team at Answers in Genesis to help students focus on Scripture memorization and faith-building truth.
- Sixth graders will use *Running the Race* from *Positive Action for Christ*. This is a character development focused curriculum which will be supplemented with the *Answers in Genesis* apologetics text for 6th grade. Students will articulate their faith through quarterly speeches utilizing visual aids and a variety of presentation styles throughout middle school.
- Seventh grade will use *Route 66* from *Positive Action for Christ*. This curriculum provides a basic introduction to the structure and themes of the Word of God. As students' journey through this survey, they will discover the truths and applications that God has provided in each book of the Bible. The 7th grade Bible course will be supplemented with leadership focused modules to enhance their worldview.
- Eighth grade will build foundational knowledge of anchor books of both the Old and New Testament to prepare students for Old Testament and New Testament survey courses in high school. This course will also include *The Secret Battle of Ideas About God* from Summitt Ministries as an apologetics tool for teaching students the foundation of defending their faith.
- Ninth grade Bible classes experience a survey of the New Testament and the 10th grade Bible classes experience a survey of the Old Testament both using a Master Teacher format. This format allows a master teacher in the scripture to teach in the large group setting balanced with small group reflection. An immersion of apologetics and worldview instruction is woven throughout the lectures and discussions.
- Eleventh and twelfth grade students choose between an array of intense Bible courses all taught in the semester format. They will choose a total of four semester courses which analyze specific scriptural text and biblical disciplines. These offerings include yet are not limited to – Acts and the First Church, Discipleship, Finding God's Purpose, Eschatology, Tactics of Evangelism, Worldview and Apologetics, World Religions and a Defense for Truth, and Biblical Leadership.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Grade Nine

English 9- Themes in Literature*
 Bible 9
 World History*
 Environmental Science*
 Math 1 or Math 2*
 Spanish I
 PE/Health/Band

Grade Ten

English 10- World Literature*
 Bible 10
 Economic, Legal & Political Systems*
 Biology*
 Math 2* or Algebra II*
 Spanish II
 Elective

Grade Eleven

English 11- American Literature*
 Bible 11
 US History I*
 Chemistry*/Physical Science
 Algebra II*/Pre-Calculus*/Advanced Functions & Modeling
 Spanish III*
 Electives

Grade Twelve

English 12- British Literature*
 English 12 Advance- Expository Writing**
 Bible 12
 Anatomy and Physiology*/Physical Science/
 Physics*/ Advanced College Chemistry**
 Advanced Functions & Modeling/
 Precalculus*/Calculus*
 US History II*
 Electives

Metrolina Christian Academy Graduation Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Units</u>
English*	4
Math*	4
Social Studies*	4
Science*	3-4
Health/Physical Education	1
Foreign Language	2
Electives**	7-8

Total Unit Requirements 26

Explanation of MCA Graduation Requirements

English: One unit required each year that includes American Literature and British Literature.

Math: One unit required each year that includes Math 1 & 2, Algebra II, and a higher-level course.

Social Studies: The required units must include World History, American History, Civics, Personal Finance and Economics.

Science: Three units are required and must include Environmental Science, Biology and a choice between Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics & Anatomy and Physiology. Four units are required for students on the college-prep track intending to enroll in a 4-year college or university.

Foreign Language: Both required foreign language units must be the same language.

Fine Arts/Technology: One unit is required in either Fine Arts or Technology

Electives: MCA elective course descriptions can be found on page 16. *Students must take Bible each year they are enrolled at MCA.*

**Denotes honors classes available*

***Denotes courses eligible for college credit hours*

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Metrolina's Grading Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

Passing mark is 60

GPA Scale

<i>Regular Courses</i>	<i>Honors/SPCC Courses</i>
A=4 points	A=5 points
B=3 points	B=4 points
C=2 points	C=3 points
D=1 point	D=2 points
F=0 points	F=0 points

Upper School students will receive a report card each nine-week period. Grades are posted on RenWeb weekly. Parents can check their child's grades at any time.

SPCC Program

South Piedmont Community College offers the College and Career Promise program to MCA juniors and seniors based on eligibility factors of GPA and standardized test scores.

This program is designed to allow MCA students to enroll in college transfer courses taught on the MCA campus as well as courses taught online. A qualified student may enroll in elective courses in the afternoon/evening with the chance to earn both high school and college credit.

Students who successfully complete these courses receive college transfer credit granted by the community college for each course taken and one half high school honor credit. These classes are free of charge, but students are required to purchase their own textbooks and materials for all classes. Courses offered for each school year vary based upon what South Piedmont Community College offers each semester.

Athletics

Academic Eligibility- In addition to the NCISAA policies, MCA has established these additional guidelines for eligibility:

- * All participants in athletics must maintain a 2.0 grade average with no failing grades in any class.
- * Students may become ineligible based upon their grades at the 4 ½ week progress report and the 9 week report card grade.
- * If a student becomes ineligible at the 4 ½ week progress report, he/she may be reinstated to the team after a 5 school day period if all grades meet the eligibility standard.
- * If a student becomes ineligible at the end of the 9 weeks, he/she may be reinstated to the team again after a 15 school day period if all grades meet the eligibility standard.
- * While ineligible an athlete may not attend practices or games.

Fine Arts

MCA offers a band program to interested students in grades 6-12. Band students perform in two concerts at the school each year and in several regional events and contests. We also offer two drama productions, one in the fall and one in the spring. Piano, guitar and dance lessons are offered on campus as well.

Clubs/Organizations

MCA Upper School seeks to offer a variety of clubs to enhance the talents of our students. The opportunities for involvement in MCA high school clubs/organizations include the following:

- *Chapel Technical Team
- *Campus United- Discipleship Club
- *Junior Prom Committee
- *Middles & Mentors (M&Ms)- (MS & HS)
- *Praise and Worship Team
- *Yearbook Staff
- *National Honor Society & Jr. National Honor Society
- *Student Government (MS &HS)
- *Literary Club
- *Warrior Servant Leadership
- *Astronomy Club
- *Honor Thespian Society

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Preparing for Higher Education

The goal of Metrolina Christian Academy is to equip students both spiritually and academically, with a focus on a variety of experiences to help prepare them for college, vocational training or the work-force. Colleges and universities begin looking at a student's performance in ninth grade. College counselors tell us that they are looking for a well-rounded student, one who excels academically, yet is involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Metrolina provides several activities designed to appeal to a variety of interests.

Leadership is another important quality that colleges are looking for. MCA makes several opportunities available for students to be involved in leadership such as Campus United, Student Government, National Honor Society and Warrior Servant Leadership. Other leadership opportunities are available through our clubs, sports, and mission activities.

Beginning in the ninth grade, it is important for students to begin keeping a list of their awards, accomplishments, honors, church activities, volunteer records, etc. Our guidance counselors will emphasize the importance of keeping a high school portfolio and will work through various classes to talk with students about their preparations. This will be especially helpful during the college application process. At Metrolina Christian Academy we utilize Naviance, a career and college planning software to facilitate students keeping track of academic, athletic, social and leadership involvement.

Focus on Missions

High school Bible classes have required service project hours assigned to students each year. Metrolina provides several opportunities on campus and students can serve through their churches or other ministry organizations. These requirements help us to fulfill two of MCA's purposes: promoting the love of Jesus and teamworking with our parents and churches.

Each year MCA's high school focuses on missions with Missions Week. Our high school Bible classes often adopt a missions emphasis, praying and participating in the activity.

Our clubs offer service project hours while helping various organizations such as Operation Christmas Child, H.E.L.P. Crisis Pregnancy Center, and Samaritan's Feet.

For many years Metrolina has provided opportunities for our students to serve the Lord through missions. We are excited to announce that once again we will offer avenues for students to serve. In Acts 1:8 Christ told the disciples, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." This mandates the church to be the light of the gospel at home, in our country, and all over the globe. We desire to model this scripture by serving in our local community, within the United States, and internationally. Trips vary by year depending on opportunities and the leading of the Lord.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I

This course is an introduction to the study of Spanish through the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English grammar and the Bible are integrated into the language learning process. Communication is taught and conducted primarily in the present tense. Students will develop an understanding of the need for evangelism in Spanish speaking countries through cultural research and scripture memorization. The use of technology for research, practice, and production is strongly emphasized throughout the course.

Resources: ¡Sígueme! Spanish 1 (J. Edenfield), Bible

Spanish II

This course is a continuation of Spanish 1 and includes activities to enhance the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English grammar and the Bible are integrated into the language learning. Communication is conducted in the present and past tenses. Students will continue to investigate culture and memorize scripture for evangelism. The use of technology for research, practice, and production is strongly emphasized.

Resources: ¡Sígueme! Spanish 2 (J. Edenfield); Secondary Resource – Avancemos 2 (Holt McDougal), Spanish Bible

Spanish III Honors

This course is an advanced continuation in the study of Spanish. Complex grammatical structures are taught. This includes the future tense, conditional tense, and subjunctive mood. Students will further their studies of cultures and their ability to use Spanish for evangelism. The use of technology for research, practice, and production is strongly emphasized throughout the course.

Resources: ¡Sígueme! Spanish 3 (J. Edenfield); Secondary Resource – Avancemos 3 (Holt McDougal), Spanish Bible

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- HISTORY

Economic, Legal, and Political Systems

This course focuses on the development of economic and political topics. Study includes the Constitution, economic, political, and judicial systems.

United States History I

This course provides students an opportunity to look in depth at exploration, colonization, conflicts, and ideologies that shaped the nation in which we live. Along with the historical content and events covered, students will be challenged to develop a Biblical worldview by studying beliefs and practices throughout America's past through 1865.

United States History II

This course provides students an opportunity to look in depth at exploration, colonization, conflicts, and ideologies that shaped the nation in which we live. Along with the historical content and events covered, students will be challenged to develop a Biblical worldview by studying beliefs and practices throughout America's past from 1865 to the present.

World History

This course covers topics of study including ancient Mesopotamia, Greece and Rome, as well as Islamic, Asian, and African civilizations, medieval Europe, the Renaissance, the Reformation, the modern European world. Also included is an overview of 20th century's significant events.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- LITERATURE

English 9 – Introduction to Literature

Students will improve skills in literary analysis, criticism, and composition. Students will be exposed to a variety of texts from American and world literature in order to gain skills in analyzing, comparing, and examining fundamental literary concepts and themes. Students will prepare for higher educational opportunities through introduction to the analysis of complex texts, examination of major themes and motives of authors, and a continuous emphasis on developing skills in vocabulary and grammar.

Resources: *Implications of Literature: Explorer Level* (TextWord Press, 2000), *To Kill a Mockingbird* (HarperCollins, 2006), *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Prestwick, 2005)

English 10 – World Literature

Students will be exposed to an array of literature, extending from the ancient periods to the modern era. Students will examine the works of authors from around the globe in context of culture, language, and common or unique social themes. Students will develop critical thinking skills through the analysis of literature, the examination of cultural influence on significant texts, the comprehension and application of research materials, and the connection of concepts, styles, and values from different places and eras. We will maintain a continuous emphasis on developing skills in research, composition, oral communication, vocabulary, and grammar.

Resources : *Elements of Literature: World Literature* (Holt, 2006), *The Sea of Monsters* (Disney-Hyperion, 2007), *Julius Caesar* (Prestwick, 2005), *Animal Farm* (Signet Classics, 1996), *Night* (Hill and Wang, 2006), *Cry, the Beloved Country* (Simon and Schuster, 1987)
The Odyssey (Prestwick, 2006)

English 11 – American Literature

Students will study American literature through character analysis and the examination of plot, theme, and point of view. Students will articulate comprehension through writing, oral communication, and the Socratic method. Students will expand their understanding of biblical worldview through the exploration and analysis of the Christian founding of America. We will maintain a continuous emphasis on developing skills in research, vocabulary, and grammar.

Resources: *Implications of Literature: Pioneer Level* (Textword Press, 2000), *The Great Gatsby* (Scribner, 2004), *The Crucible* (Penguin, 1976), *Fahrenheit 451* (Simon and Schuster, 2013), *Common Sense* (Dover, 1997), *The Scarlet Letter* (Prestwick, 2005), *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (Barnes and Noble, 2003)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- LITERATURE

English 12 – British Literature

Students will be exposed to a survey of literary genres through the Medieval, Elizabethan, Romantic, Victorian, and Modern Eras of British Literature in order to increase mastery of the culture, language, and themes of the time periods or concepts introduced. Students will develop critical thinking skills through the analysis of styles and themes, writing and editing, and a continuous emphasis on developing skills in research, vocabulary, and grammar.

Resources: *Implications of Literature: Trailblazer Level* (Textword Press, 2000), *The Screwtape Letters* (HarperOne, 2015), *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus* (Prestwick, 2005), *Frankenstein* (Prestwick, 2005), *Mere Christianity* (HarperOne, 2015), *Romeo and Juliet* (Prestwick, 2005), *A Modest Proposal* (Dover Thrift)

English 12 – Advanced College English

This course incorporates all required assignments for SPCC's ENG 111 and 112 classes, as well as the literature and composition requirements for Advanced College English at MCA. Students successfully completing this course will earn 6 hours of college credit from SPCC in addition to the Advanced College English credit on their MCA transcripts. ENG 111 and 112 are designed to develop the ability to produce clear writing in a variety of genres and formats using a recursive process. Emphasis includes inquiry, analysis, effective use of rhetorical strategies, thesis development, audience awareness, and revision. In adherence to MCA's standards for this course, students will also practice literary criticism through the analysis and imitation of complicated styles, the examination of underlying themes and contexts of classic texts, intensive research on group and individual topics, extensive writing and editing, and a continuous emphasis on developing skills in vocabulary and grammar.

Resources: *Students will be required to purchase books assigned by SPCC for ENG 111/112. All literature books (listed below) will be provided by MCA.

Perrine's Literature: Structure, Sound, and Sense (Cengage Learning, 10th Edition)

Macbeth (Prestwick, 2005)

Beowulf (Prestwick, 2005)

Frankenstein (Prestwick, 2005)

Heart of Darkness (Dover Thrift)

A Modest Proposal (Dover Thrift)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- MATHEMATICS

Algebra I

The course introduces the following algebraic topics: operations with integers, functions and their graphs, solving equations and inequalities, graphing and writing linear equations, solving systems of equations and inequalities, quadratic equations and functions, and polynomials.

Resources : Glencoe Algebra 2014, McGraw-Hill Education and online resources through ConnectEd, IXL

Geometry

The course provides students an opportunity to learn the principles and concepts of Euclidean Geometry, comprising a study of plane, solid, and coordinate geometry applied to both real-world situations and abstract mathematics. Emphasis will be placed on developing critical thinking skills as they relate to logical reasoning and argument as well as proof writing and verbal explanation as students are required to explain much of the course content.

Resources: Glencoe Geometry 2014, McGraw-Hill Education and online resources through ConnectEd, IXL

Algebra II

The course includes a review and extension of many topics of Algebra I. It also includes complex numbers, quadratic equations, functions, logarithms, graphing quadratics, rational expressions, and linear equations. The Honors course will introduce trigonometry, probability, and statistics and conics.

Resources: Glencoe Algebra 2, 2014, McGraw-Hill Education and online resources through ConnectEd, IXL

Pre-Calculus Honors

The course includes a thorough graphing calculator-based treatment of all types of functions (polynomial, rational, transcendental, trigonometric, logarithmic, and exponential) as well as matrices, conic sections, sequences and series, binomial expansion, and ACT/SAT/NCEMPT prep.

Resources: Glencoe Pre-Calculus 2014, McGraw-Hill Education and online resources through ConnectEd

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- MATHEMATICS

Advanced Functions & Modeling

The course provides students an in-depth study of modeling and applying functions with calculator-based learning. The course integrates topics in consumer math, algebra, and geometry in real-life application. The goal is to train students to be educated consumers and apply the principles in algebra and geometry to a variety of situations. Students will be preparing for college algebra.

Resources: Glencoe Advanced Mathematical Concepts Precalculus with Applications 2006 Edition (limited tools with this edition on the text), IXL, supplemental Algebra 2 material

Calculus Honors

The course develops the student's understanding of the concepts of calculus (functions, graphs, limits, derivatives and integrals) and provides experience with its methods and applications. The course encourages the geometric, numerical, analytical, and verbal expression of concepts, results, and problems.

Resources: Calculus; An Applied Approach, 6th edition, Larson Edwards, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003

Statistics/Discrete Math

The course includes a detailed understanding of statistical terms, organizing and representing data, summarizing data with measures of central tendencies and variance, probability of events, identify properties of normal distributions, interpret confidence intervals, hypothesis testing and equations of regression lines. The graphing calculator will be thoroughly used throughout the course.

Resources: Elementary Statistics: A Step by Step Approach, 10th edition, Bluman, 2018 and accompanying online resource

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- SCIENCE

Anatomy and Physiology

This course is designed to introduce students to the structure and function of the human body systems and the common disorders and development aspects of each. Labs and demonstrations are a part of the course.

Resources: Marieb – Anatomy & Physiology wps.pearsoned.com <http://iteachbio.com/Anatomy-Physiology/anat-phys.html> Answers in Genesis (various)

Anatomy and Physiology Honors

An in-depth study of the major human body systems. A detailed analysis of structure and function help students to realize the role of each organ system and how they work together as a whole, as well as offering evidence of God's creative work in the human body. Diseases and disorders are also discussed with each system, with an eye toward the consequences of the fall of humans from God's original design of genetic perfection. Labs, demonstrations and projects complete the curriculum for this class.

Biology: Touching on such areas as botany, zoology, cell biology and genetics, Biology class seeks to strengthen the faith of the student through the recognition of God in the creation of all life and to equip them to critically examine the various interpretations of scientific observation through a biblical lens. A number of hands-on labs are included throughout the year.

Resources: Glencoe Science McGraw Hill Publishing; Evolution Exposed Biology Roger Patterson Answers in Genesis

Chemistry Honors

This is a survey course that covers the fundamental principles that govern matter and the changes it undergoes. Topics include measurement, atomic and molecular structure, periodicity, chemical reactions, chemical bonding, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, gas laws, solutions, oxidation-reduction reactions, and nuclear and organic chemistry. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of fundamental chemical laws and concepts. Students will develop a greater understanding and appreciation of God's creation; recognizing the orderly way in which He has used elemental building blocks of His design to form the components of the universe.

Resources: Glencoe (2008) Chemistry: Matter and Change Carolina.com TeachChemistry.org Answers in Genesis (various)

Environmental Science

A course which provides students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies from a biblical perspective of Creation.

Resources: Pearson – Environmental Science Textbook, Moche – Astronomy Text, LMS – I pad, General Lab Goods

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- SCIENCE

Physical Science

In physical science, students acquire a fundamental knowledge physics and chemistry. We study energy—its source, nature, and uses—and the substances in our world—their composition, properties, and interactions. Physical science includes inquiry-based instruction (scientific method), allowing students to engage in problem solving, decision making, critical thinking, and applied learning. Physical Science at Metrolina Christian Academy will emphasize God’s hand in all of creation, as presented in His Word.

Resources: Glencoe Physical Science

Physics

The branch of science that involves the study of the physical world, including the relationship between energy and matter. This class will include labs and activities designed to reinforce the major concepts studied. This class will include written work, group activities, outside assignments, lab experiences and tests.

Advanced College Chemistry

Extensive review of topics covered in Honors Chemistry and further explores the subject at the college level. There are two courses worth four college credit hours each that cover the fundamental principles and laws of chemistry with an emphasis on the topics of measurement, atomic and molecular structure, periodicity, chemical reactions, chemical bonding, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, gas laws, and solutions. This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement for collegiate natural sciences/mathematics. Students can opt to take the first course alone or Advanced College Chemistry I and II.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- ELECTIVES

FINE ARTS

Art I: This course consists of a broad view of several different art mediums along with some Art history. Some of the mediums covered will be both Acrylic and watercolor painting, pointillism, oil, pastel, chalk, scratch art, clay, collage, sharpie, colored pencil, and charcoal. Year-long elective. One class for 10th grade, one class for 11 & 12.

Art II: This course continues with the basics learned in Art I, for those with a desire to learn more detail and works towards creating a creative portfolio. Semester course. Available for grades 11 & 12 only.

Art - Master Crafts: This course includes a variety of projects from the master craft class. Students experience woodworking which includes work on the wood lathe and wood burning. A slab constructed jar out of clay, stained glass window along with a fused glass project. Bead making and basic jewelry is taught. Semester course for grades 11 & 12 only.

Art – Paper, Painting & Printmaking: This course covers three areas of art. Paper- paper craft and collage. Painting- Watercolor and acrylic. Printmaking- linocut prints. Semester course for grades 11 & 12 only.

Advanced Art: Course for students who are passionate about art and is self-directed in nature. This course requires a signature from the Art instructor and must have had at least a full year of Art as a prerequisite. Year-long course for grades 11 & 12 only.

Art Exploration - Getting Art Smart: Get a taste of Art History and Art Appreciation as students explore famous paintings, notable artists and major art styles across the ages in our quest to examine and understand man's desire to communicate, create and reflect culture. Although not a traditional studio class that is project driven, students should be prepared for some creative exploration with mini projects in class that reflect the art genres they will study. Semester course.

Band: The daily objective of the course is to foster and promote musical growth through playing musical instruments. Year-long course.

Choir: This course is designed for students to apply musical skills as they continue to create and experience music as a musical ensemble. Semester course.

Digital Photography: This course will help the students become informed in the fundamentals of digital photography. Four areas of instruction will be emphasized: Cameras, composition, lighting and photo editing software will be the course focus. Semester course.

Literature and Film: This course examines the interaction of film and literary texts, and the qualities of each. We will consider what happens when a variety of short stories, novels, and plays are made into film and how we view and read these texts. This course will be useful to anyone who has an interest in learning more about films, screenwriting, how the written word is translated to the screen, and cultural and historical aspects of adaptation. (Students will not be making films in this class). Semester course.

Music Through the Ages: This course will be a study of music from classical to modern day. Students will study the history, importance to the culture, and the development of music over time. Semester course online.

News Media: This course explores and incorporates the students' ability to research, plan, film, and edit various types of videos. Students work collaboratively to relay school updates to students each Monday via a special newscast at lunch. All videos are published to the student WMCA YouTube channel. They use digital cameras and learn techniques to record quality video. Students learn basic video editing skills using video editing software. In the news media course, students will produce informational and opinion segments for the weekly newscast and other videos for special events such as chapel. Year-long course.

Theater Arts I (Drama): An introductory course covering the basic foundations of theater, improvisation, comedy, tragedy, theater history, scene work and more. Basic script writing and directing is also included. Theater Arts is available in more advanced courses as well (II, III and Advanced). Semester course.

Yearbook is a course designed to teach the basics of desktop publishing to students in grades 10-12. This course provides the tools for such activities as layout design, picture editing, copy writing, interviewing and other activities that lead to the production of an upper school and lower school yearbook. Students work both individually and as a team to ensure that deadlines are met. Year-long course.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS- ELECTIVES

TECHNOLOGY

Computer: IC3 certification (Internet Core Competency Certification) is a global benchmark for basic computer literacy, including operating systems, hardware, software, and networks. The test is administered by Certiport. Semester course delivered online.

Computer: Introduction to Computer Programming/Coding: This course is intended for anyone who is new to software development and wants, or needs, to gain an understanding of programming fundamentals and object-oriented programming concepts. This course is designed so you learn the coding basics of HTML and CSS and how to structure and style a webpage. Semester course delivered online.

Computer: Advanced Computer Programming/Coding: Continuation of Intro course. Must take above pre-requisite. Semester course delivered online.

Computer: Microsoft Office Suite (MOS) Certification: Students work throughout the semester to gain a globally recognized certification as a Microsoft Office Specialist in Word. In this course students will follow a curriculum created by Microsoft and Certiport to help them successfully pass the certification test. Semester course delivered online.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Conditioning: This course helps the student understand the importance of taking care of the physical body that God has given us. Students are required to participate in cardiovascular activity and weight lifting activity every day that they are in class. Guys only. Semester or year-long course.

Lifetime Sports: This course is designed to promote participation in fitness activities that may be appropriate for an entire lifetime like yoga or aerobics. Skills such as flexibility, stretching, and cardiovascular health for fitness are incorporated. Ladies only, semester course.

Ladies Physical Fitness/Modern Fitness: This course promotes and encourages high levels of health and wellness in the students. This course emphasizes increased levels of fitness through the 5 components of fitness - Cardiovascular Endurance, Muscular Strength, Muscular endurance, Flexibility, and Body Composition. Skills and knowledge of life-long fitness activities to improve student proficiency in many areas of physical fitness. Ladies only. Semester course.

GENERAL INTEREST

Christian Leadership: designed to teach and encourage a Biblically based view and understanding of leadership. Students learn qualities of a good Christian leader and apply them through their responsibilities in Chapel planning and involvement. Semester course online.

Criminal Justice: A survey course designed to familiarize students with the functions, structure, and organization of the agencies that are responsible for the administration of justice. Specifically, the course introduces students to the institutions and processes of law making and enforcement, the judicial system, corrections and the juvenile justice system. Semester course.

Debate/Public Speaking: Public Speaking and Debate is a communication course that will provide students with speaking skills for various daily and public interactive experiences. Students learn the history of public speaking, essential parts of speech and application of speaking techniques. Semester course.

SAT/ACT Prep class: Students will learn test-taking strategies, review English, math, and science content, take practice tests and discover ways to reduce test anxiety. Self-paced class using ePrep software. Semester course for grades 11 & 12 only delivered online.

Sports Management: This introductory course emphasizes basic management principles as they relate to the business of sports. Students are introduced to sports marketing, sports law, sports supervision, sports media, sports ethics, recreational sports management and other related areas. There is an emphasis on developing and improving communication skills. Semester course.

SPCC BUS 137 Principles of Management: This course is an overview of business management with emphasis on planning, organizing, controlling and communicating. This is a college-level course, so students must have high work ethic and a cumulative 3.0 GPA per SPCC guidelines. 3 hours of college credit upon successful completion. Semester course for grades 11 & 12 only - online.

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