

ENCORE ELECTIVES – SEMESTER CLASSES

ART071 Art 1 Semester \$15 lab fee Grade 7
Students in this class will focus on color and design through assignments involving drawing, painting, lettering, and graphic arts. Projects will use tempera paint, oil pastels, graphite, and charcoal. Students will learn the elements and principles of design through various mediums, artists, art movements, and techniques. Some craft projects may be offered.

ART501 Drama 1 Semester Grades 7, 8
This course is an expansion of Intro to Drama, however prior enrollment in Intro to Drama is not required. This class is designed to challenge students by exploring areas such as monologue, character interpretation/development, and improvisation. Set design and stage presence may also be explored.

ELE201 Leadership 1 Semester Grades 7, 8
This course examines the principals of citizenship, leadership, and student government within the school and community. Students in this class will be involved with planning student activities and assemblies, and assume leadership roles within the school.

ELE141 Marine Science 1 Semester Grade 7
This STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Mathematics) elective course provides students with hands-on learning experiences that focus on marine plants and animals, ocean health, Puget Sound beaches, local estuaries and watersheds. Through lab experiments, outdoor fieldwork, engineering design challenges, and project-based learning, students will understand what it means to be a saltwater citizen scientist in Washington State.

ELE403 Office Assistant 1 Semester Grades 7, 8
Office approval and GPA of 2.5 or better required for 8th graders. Current teacher recommendation required for 7th graders. In this class, students will have the opportunity to learn skills that will assist them in the future job market. Course responsibilities may include answering telephones, assisting students and staff, filing, delivering passes, greeting visitors, and more. Students are expected to be responsible self-starters in this class, and must be able to voluntarily fill any downtime with schoolwork. Students' attitude and work must be high quality, as they will be representing John Sedgwick behavior to students and visitors alike. Interested students must fill out an application from the counseling office to be considered.

CTH321 Pre-Engineering (PLTW) 1 Semester Grade 7
This course introduces students to a variety of technologies that apply to a broad range of careers in engineering. This course is a great introduction to many of the technology and engineering courses offered at SKHS, and students are given the opportunity to explore a variety of academic career pathways. Students will utilize the design process to design and construct Remotely Operated Vehicles to meet real world challenges. In addition, Students learn how to apply green concepts to the fields of architecture and construction. They explore dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability and apply what they have learned to design affordable housing units. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of technology tools.

ELE401 Teacher/Library Assistant 1 Semester Grades 7, 8
Teacher and office approval and initials required. The opportunity exists for qualified students to assist with clerical tasks and errands in a number of areas in the school, including teachers' classrooms and the library. Interested students must fill out an application from the counseling office to be considered.

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PED141 Weights/Conditioning 1 Semester Grades 7, 8
Teacher signature required. This is an advanced physical education elective that is designed to facilitate overall body strength and condition. Proper lifting and safety techniques will be a focus as students strive for a high level of physical fitness. Students will be expected to set and pursue goals for self-improvement.

CTH111 Wood Technology 1 Semester \$35 lab fee Grades 7, 8
The class provides general skills instruction for hands-on operation of wood working machinery including band saw, belt sander, biscuit jointer, drill press, edge jointer, jig saw, lathe, miter saw, radial arm saw, surface planer, and various hand tools. Instruction will include both text readings and review with extensive instruction and demonstrations provided by the teacher. Projects include a variety of household items that can include lather turnings as barbecue handles, baseball bats, bowls or candlesticks. Other projects like benches, birdhouses, clocks, chairs, chopping boards, coat racks, planters, shelves, table units, and wooden toys may be offered or chosen by students. Activities will include students designing each project, making a multi-view plan, developing a materials listing and pricing sheet, wood selection, mark-up, cutting, gluing, assembly and finishing procedures. Class focus is on safe working procedures with quality and craftsmanship encourages on all projects.

ENCORE ELECTIVES – YEARLONG CLASSES

ELE701/702 7th Grade AVID 2 Semesters Grade 7
Teacher signature required. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students are selected to enroll in the elective after an application process. AVID is designed for students in the academic middle who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make college attainable. The AVID program at JSMS provides enrichment in a progression from 6th through 8th grade for students who wish to remain two or three years, but no prior enrollment is required. Students may enroll in AVID at any point during their stay at JSMS.

MUS211/212 7th Grade Band 2 Semesters Grade 7
This is a yearlong course for those students who have begun learning an instrument prior to 7th grade. It is designed to provide continuing practice and review of music essentials that will prepare them for advanced band. Group performances may be required outside of school hours. Student attendance at public performance is mandatory.

MUS411/412 7th Grade Choir 2 Semesters Grade 7
This class is meant for intermediate vocal music students who wish to continue to grow their singing technique in preparation for advanced choir arrangements. Group performances may be required outside of school hours.

MUS311/312 7th Grade String Orchestra 2 Semesters Grade 7
This year-long course is designed to provide students who play a violin, viola, cello or string bass an opportunity to refine prior playing skills and learn new skills in a performance ensemble. Students may need to purchase a music book for this class, and they will learn to perform as part of a group. Group performances may be required outside of school hours.

INTERVENTION CLASSES

Language Arts Intervention

1 Semester

Grades 6, 7, 8

It is the goal at John Sedgwick Middle School that all students be effective readers who read at grade level. Students will be identified using STAR and SBA testing data, district reading assessments, and teacher/parent recommendations. Students will practice reading strategies to become more fluent, confident readers.

Math Intervention

1 Semester

Grades 6, 7, 8

It is the goal at John Sedgwick Middle School that all students be proficient in math. Students will be identified using SBA testing data, math baseline tests, and teacher/parent recommendations. Students will learn strategies to improve math skills along with becoming more effective math problem solvers. Instruction will support student progress in the regular math class and will involve pre-teaching regular math course concepts as well as target additional practice to each student's identified needs.