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Course Catalog
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-24 Spring LEAP Catalog! This program strives to reinforce The Meadows School Core Values of Scholarship, Character, Community, Inclusion, and Discovery. This catalog provides a tailored enrichment portfolio of after-school offerings for students in grades 6-8. Now in its second year, LEAP is taking exciting strides forward! This Spring, Middle School students are invited to experience enriching and engaging after-school programs. We are pleased to introduce two new classes into LEAP; the first is Skateboarding: The First Step led by Tim Lay. We are also excited to welcome back TMS alum Natalie Sullivan who is offering a Handbell Choir for students!

We know that after school, students in 6-8 grade have a wide variety of available options to them. Our commitment in LEAP is to ensure that every program is enriching, enjoyable, and challenging. In the catalog, you will notice the continuation of our flagship Chess and Debate programs. Our TMS E-Sports program continues to grow and is now available for middle school students led by professional E-Sports player Franke Sisto.

Thank you for your interest in the LEAP! If you have any LEAP related questions or concerns, please reach out via email at support@themeadowsschool.org.

Important dates for the LEAP Spring Trimester:

- Registration opens: Monday, January 29 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Registration closes: Tuesday, February 13 @ 11:59 p.m.
- Spring Session: Wednesday, February 21 - Wednesday, May 22

Spring Dates with No LEAP:

- Monday, February 19 - Presidents Day, No School
- Tuesday, February 20 - Teacher In-Service, No School
- Friday, March 8 - Half-Day Dismissal
- Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15 - Spring Break, No School
- Monday, April 1 - Founders' Day, No School
- Tuesday, April 2 - Teacher In-Service, No School
- Friday, April 26 - Spring Carnival, No LEAP
- Thursday, May 23 - Half-Day Dismissal

LEAP registration takes place within the myMeadows Parent Portal. Please use your existing account, along with VC Pay, to complete registration. Please note these important details.

- Registration is complete and space is reserved once payment is made.
- Once payment is received no refunds can be issued, registration is finalized.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Wells
Manager of Auxiliary Programs

LEAP Course Descriptions

Chess for All Skill Levels
Instructor: Ryan Phillips
Location: Middle School
Day: Monday

Grades: 6 - 8
Tuition: \$250 per trimester
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the journey of the 64 squares! This course will teach students tactical motifs such as back rank checkmates, double attacks, deflections, and much more. Taught by USCF expert Ryan Phillips, students will develop pattern recognition skills, learn opening principles, and be able to evaluate their decision-making process. This course is perfect for players new to chess and also for players looking to take their game to the next level.

Handbell Choir
Instructor: Natalie Sullivan
Location: Middle School
Day: Tuesday

Grades: 6 - 8
Tuition: \$250 per trimester
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir is a fantastic way for students to advance their musical talents, grow in musical performance, and learn music theory. There is no prerequisite knowledge or skills required. This class will culminate with a handbell performance for families! Instructor Natalie Sullivan is a TMS alum who began her Handbell journey here at TMS while she was as student, and we are excited to welcome back her 35 years of Handbell experience.

Debate for All Skill Levels
Instructors: Malcolm Gordon
Location: Middle School
Day: Wednesday

Grades: 6 - 8
Tuition: \$250 per trimester
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In the flagship debate program, students will learn to think critically about all sides of a discussion in addition to getting the opportunity to develop public speaking skills and confidence. Whether looking to grow your skill to compete with the co-curricular debate team at TMS someday, or looking to sample debate for the first time, all are encouraged to register!

E-Sports Club
Instructor: Franke Sisto
Location: TMS
Day: Wednesday

Grades: 6 - 8
Tuition: \$250 per trimester
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This course will provide students with a chance to compete against themselves and others in a virtual environment. Various gaming consoles will be used. All games will be age appropriate. Students will learn about the inner workings of the game consoles, the equipment used, and enjoy hours of competitive gaming in a fun and safe environment.

Skateboarding: The First Step
Instructor: Tim Lay
Location: Middle School
Day: Thursday

Grade: 6-8
Tuition: \$250
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

This class is designed for the Beginner in mind but will progress as fast as the student learns. Students will be taught the basic components of a skateboard, their stance, how to push and turn, and how to safely stop. Students will then progress to basic tricks, stationary 180s, tic tacs, and more! A skateboard and helmet is required for participation. Knee, elbow, and wrist guards are encouraged. The instructor will have scheduled opportunities to join him at a skate shop for help with acquiring appropriate gear.

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