

2026-2027 Redmond Middle School Elective Offerings

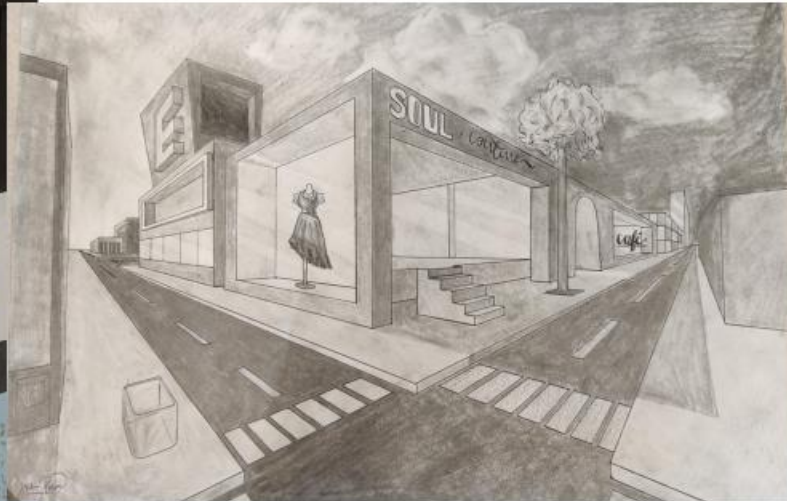


Art & Design 1

1 semester 7th and 8th grade elective

Explore the Elements of Art
and Principles of Design

Create with drawing, painting,
perspective, papier mache,
collage, printmaking and more!

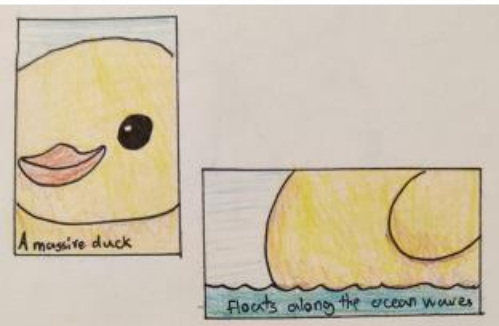
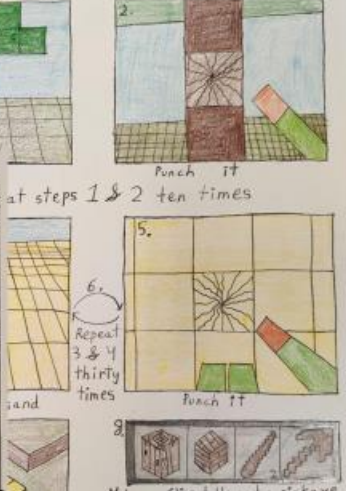


Art & Design 2 Comics and Cartooning

**Separate class – do NOT need to take Art & Design 1 first!*

1 semester 7th and 8th grade elective

Explore drawing, inking, character design, comics, cartooning, digital coloring, storytelling and more



Digital Media

1 semester 7th and 8th grade elective

Create & edit digital art

Explore digital photography

Learn Adobe Photoshop



New Elective Option!



One-semester elective for 7th and 8th grade

- ▶ Step into a world where every voice matters and every story **shines**. Here, we celebrate the art of creativity with opportunities for **CHOICE** woven into our curriculum!
- ▶ Dive into the enchanting realms of **short stories**, explore the depths of **poetry**, discover the **other perspective**, and **support** your peers in their journeys as well!
- ▶ Creative Writing is the perfect place to explore who you are as a writer
- ▶ Questions? Contact Ms. Swenson(cswenson@lwsd.org)

DRAMA!

- One-semester elective for 7th and 8th grade
- All experience levels welcome
- Act, direct, write, design, build, perform, improvise, collaborate, play
- Questions? Contact Mr. Neet (pneet@lwsd.org)



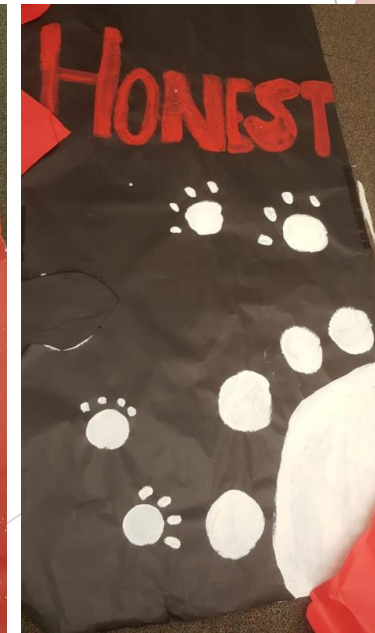
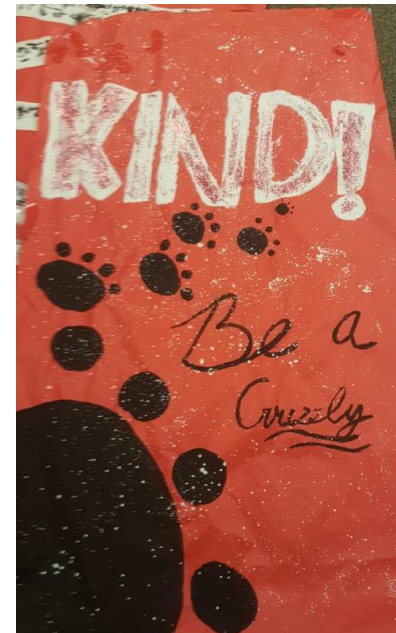
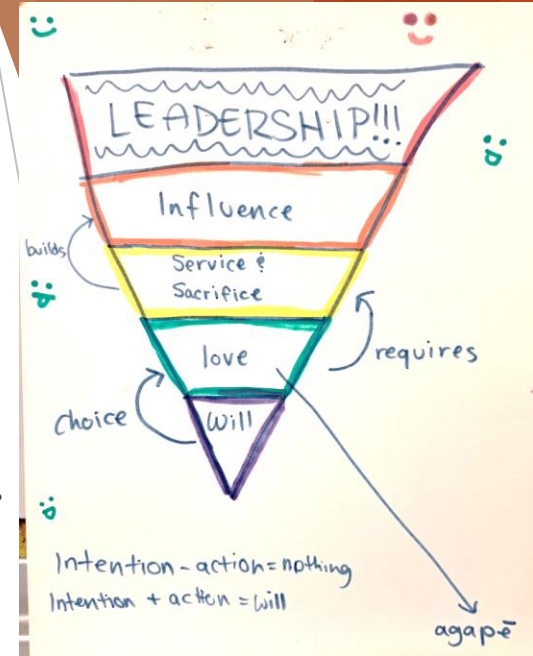
Foods of the World

If you would like to travel the world together—tasting the different kinds of foods from many cultures, this is the class for you! This semester course is designed for the student who wishes to prepare a variety of foods originating from all over the world. Students will have the opportunity to research and explore various regions of the world studying patterns of family meals, regional customs and food origins, and cooking techniques and equipment unique to various countries. Various preparation techniques reflecting a variety of regional ethnic cooking styles will also be demonstrated as an essential part of the class. Sign up for this class if you enjoy tasting foods! This course is part of the Human Services program pathway in high school.



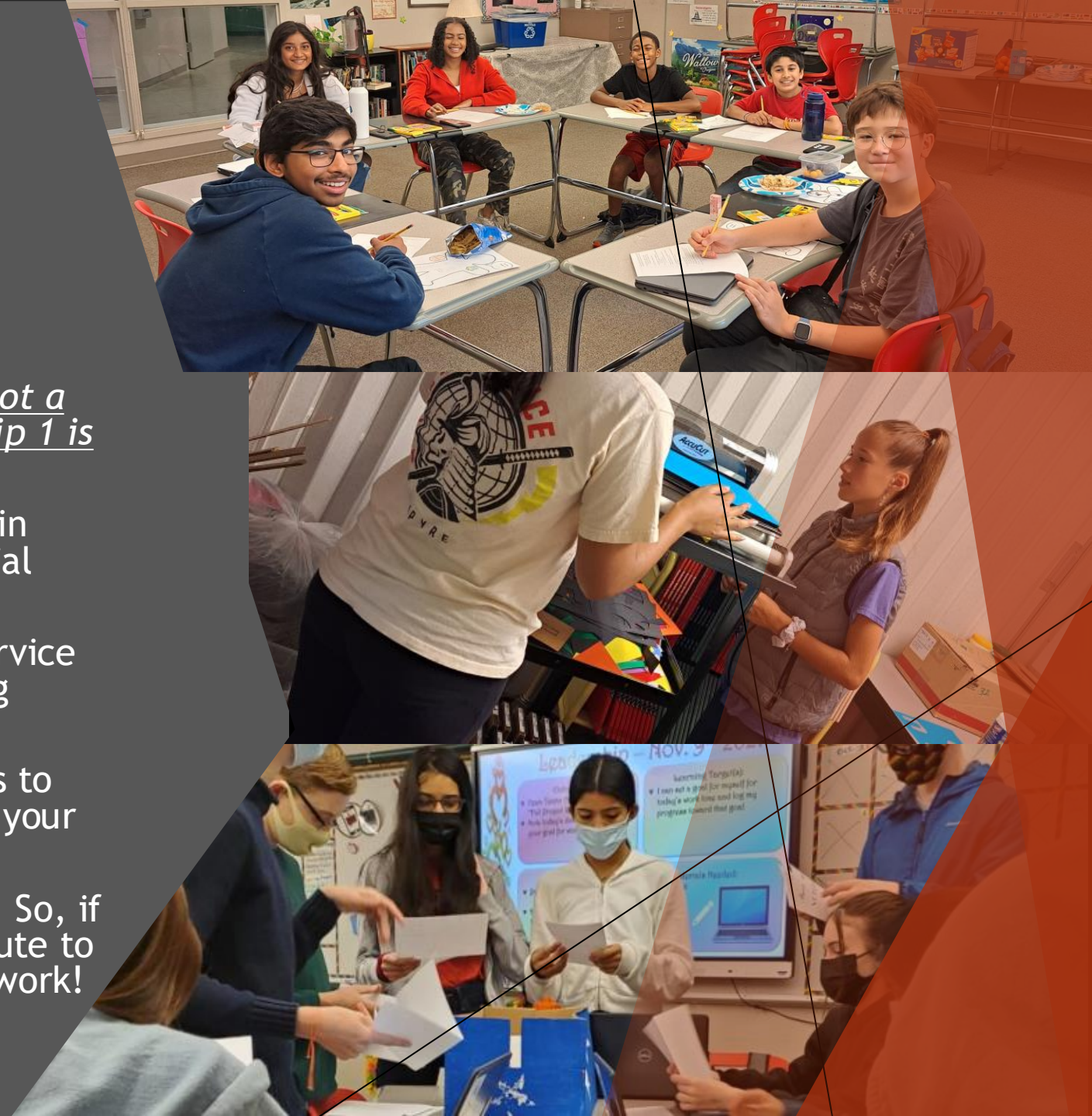
Leadership I

- ▶ 1 semester elective for 7th & 8th grades
- ▶ This is a foundational skills-based class. In Leadership 1, you will learn principles of Leadership. We focus on the Servant Model of Leadership, the Eight Essential Character Skills, and inter-personal skills such as communication, conflict resolution, and project management
- ▶ The semester culminates in a student-directed, school community service project. Past projects have included inspirational bulletin boards, petitioning to get metal instead of plastic utensils in the lunchroom, and many more
- ▶ Want to learn the basics of being a leader? Then this is the class for you!



Leadership II

- ▶ 1 semester elective for 7th & 8th grades. Each semester is different, so you can take this class multiple times!
- ▶ This class builds on the foundational principles covered in Leadership 1. While it is not a required pre-requisite, completion of Leadership 1 is encouraged before Leadership 2.
- ▶ In this class, we develop on the principles built in Leadership 1 to actualize our leadership potential through group project-based learning
- ▶ Students in Leadership 2 work on completing service work for our school community, such as planning Socials, Assemblies, and Service Projects
- ▶ We also partake in deep reflective opportunities to help you grow as a servant leader, and consider your own Leadership “Why?”
- ▶ This class takes a lot of commitment and effort. So, if you’re ready to roll up your sleeves and contribute to your school community, join us and let’s get to work!



Design and Modeling

- 1 semester course
- Students learn the engineering design process and how it can be used to solve real world problems
- We design:
 - therapeutic devices
 - wooden puzzle cube
 - Tiny house floor plan and model
 - 3d printed parts



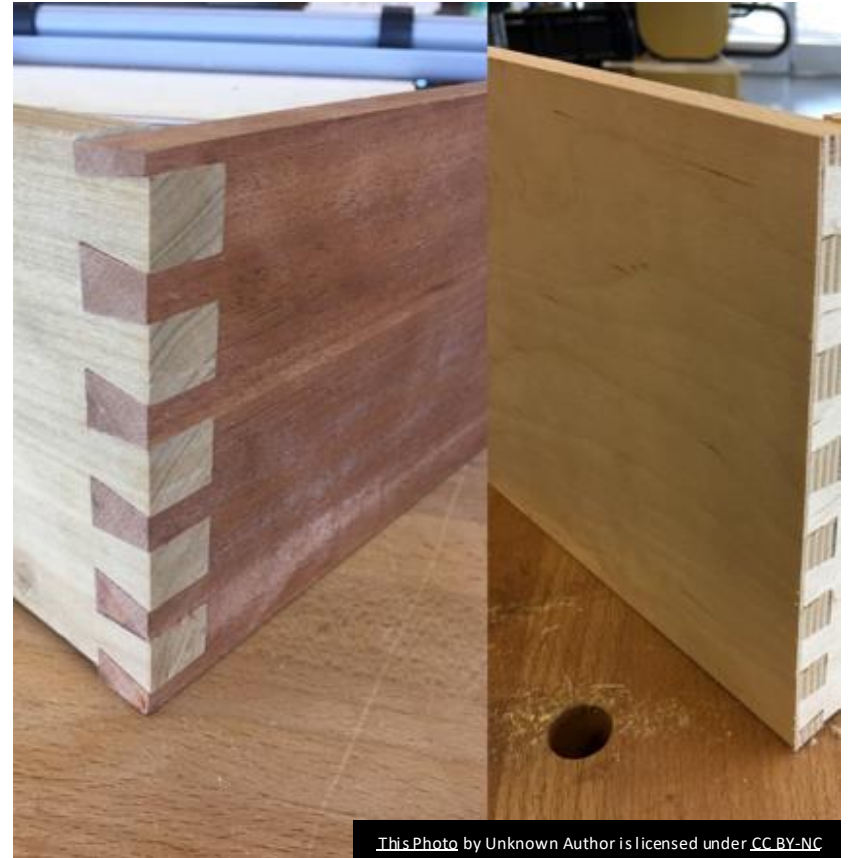
Manufacturing and Design 1

- 1 semester course
- Students learn how to use all the tools in the woods lab safely.
- We use the design process to create new ideas
- We complete the following projects:
 - Creating a passive wood speaker/ phone holder
 - Designing car cupholder organizer to be 3d printed.
 - Design an assembly line to produce cutting boards for all class participants
 - Build a folding stool
- Students learn situational judgement while using power tools to make their ideas come to life.



Manufacturing and Design 2

- 1 semester course
- Like woods 1 we focus on learning to use all tools in the lab safely. We also use the design process to create and build new ideas
- We complete the following projects:
 - Create wooden joinery (no screws or nails), to hold together a small furniture item
 - Complete a tool focus presentation where students learn the specifics of a high precision woodworking tool.
 - Design a focused woodworking project using the tool they studied
 - Design an assembly line to produce multiple wooden fidget toys for all class members
- Students learn the same concepts from woods 1 but apply these ideas to more challenging projects that have a focus on fine woodworking skills

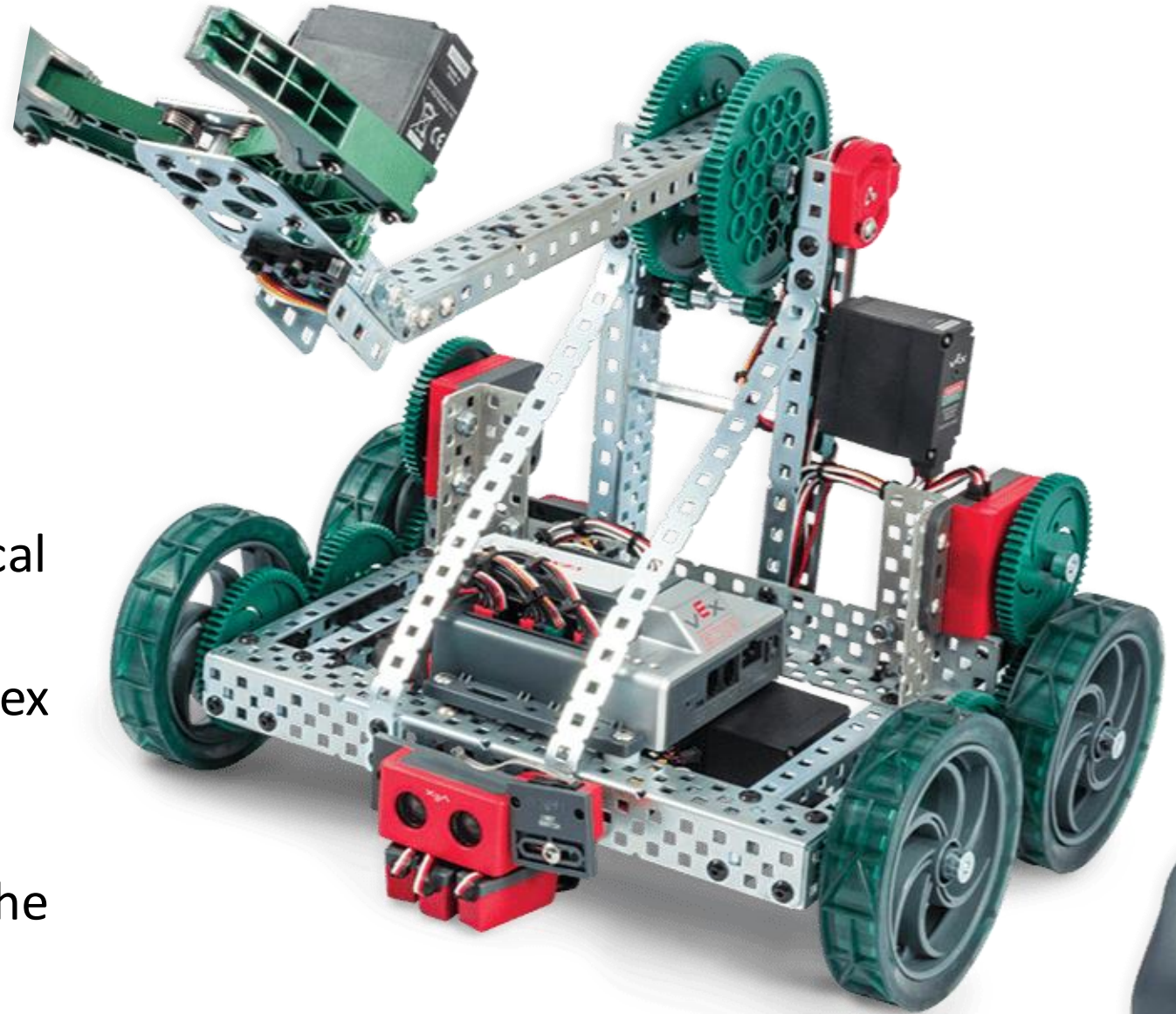


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Robotics

1 semester course

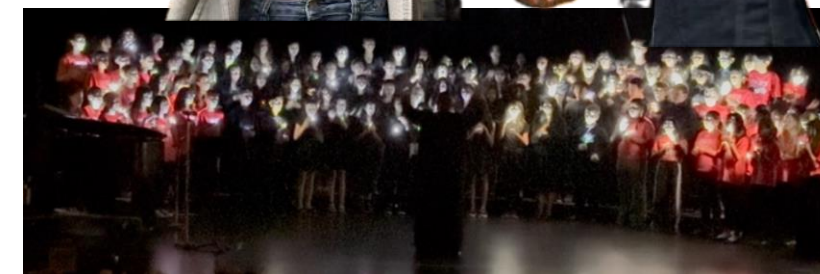
- Covers the basics of Coding, Mechanical advantage, torque, and electricity.
- Students learn troubleshooting complex systems to fix robots.
- Students compete in small scale competitions and challenges against the classmates





CHOIR

- ▶ Year-long Elective - Full year commitment
- ▶ Learn about healthy vocal technique, ensemble skills and music through using your singing voice
- ▶ Part of a larger choral program (through RMS, with RHS and other middle schools in LWSD)
- ▶ One Evening Concert per quarter - 4 per year
- ▶ 2- 4 field trips over the course of the year
- ▶ Other fun events like caroling and Pal-entine's Day festivities.
- ▶ Access to enrichment opportunities like Honor Groups, Audition groups, Festivals, Solos and Leadership opportunities
- ▶ All rising 7th and 8th graders should sign up for Choir 2.
 - ▶ Class make-up will be determined with student input after registration



Questions:
Ask Mrs. Headrick
mheadrick@lwsd.org



BAND

- ▶ Year-long Elective - Full year commitment
- ▶ Learn about music through playing a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument
 - ▶ Brass: trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, tuba
 - ▶ Woodwind: flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon
 - ▶ Percussion: Drums, chimes, bells, marimbas, triangle, snare, etc.
- ▶ Financial assistance/Scholarships for instrument rentals available
- ▶ Functions as a part of a larger band program
- ▶ You will do at least 4 concerts and 1 field trip
- ▶ Access to enrichment opportunities like Honor Groups, Audition groups, Festivals, Solos and Leadership opportunities
- ▶ 6th grade students who take Band 1 will continue into Band 2
- ▶ 7th grade students who take Band 2 will continue into Band 3
- ▶ If you have experience from another school or private lessons or another instrument (like piano), please email astoddard@lwsd.org so we can talk to you about figuring out what class will be best fit for you.
- ▶ *Jazz Band is a 0-period auditions ensemble class. You must play a Jazz instrument (saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, drums) and is only eligible for students enrolled in the appropriate band/orchestra class during the school day as it's an extension of the learning*



Wind Instruments



Contact: astoddard@lwsd.org



ORCHESTRA

- ▶ Year-long Elective - Full year commitment
- ▶ Learn about music through playing one of these instruments from the string family:
 - ▶ Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- ▶ Financial assistance/Scholarships for instrument rentals available
- ▶ Functions as a part of a larger orchestra program
- ▶ You will do at least 4 concerts and 1 field trip
- ▶ Access to enrichment opportunities like Honor Groups, Audition groups, Festivals, Solos and Leadership opportunities
- ▶ 6th grade students who take Orchestra 1 will continue into Orchestra 2
- ▶ 7th grade students who take Orchestra 2 will continue into Orchestra 3
- ▶ Enrichment opportunities if you have experience: Honor Groups, Audition groups, Festivals, Solos, Leadership opportunities



Contact: tbartlett@lwsd.org

Beginning Guitar

Elective



- 1 semester course
- No music experience needed
- Students use acoustic/classical guitar to learn:
 - At least 10 different open chords
 - Notes on the first three frets of all six strings
 - Ensemble skills
 - Basic rhythm reading
 - Song writing/composition
- Instruments can be provided by the school





French 1

- Year-long elective open to 8th graders.
- Counts toward high school graduation requirements.
- Develop French communication skills in an engaging, low-stress environment. Learn to introduce yourself, talk about your hobbies, order scrumptious food, and more – en français!
- Explore the 29 countries and cultures where French is used as an official language. Participate in creative projects, games, and experiences. Decorate a Mardi Gras mask, make French lavender sachets, try impressionist painting, and more!
- No prior French experience needed! All 8th graders with an interest in the French language and/or French-speaking cultures are welcome.
- Questions? Contact Mme Craig (rcraig@lwsd.org)



Make sachets with real French lavender!



Design a cultural ornament representing a Francophone country!



Learn to make aquafaba meringues!

Spanish 1

- ▶ ¡Ven y aprende Español con nosotros! (Come and learn Spanish with us!)
- ▶ Counts as a high school credit
- ▶ Units include:
 - Who am I?
 - Who is important to me?
 - Travel
 - Food
- ▶ ***Open to 8th graders only***

