

July 2017

Dear 7th & 8th Grade Parents,

As we approach the new school year, I am excited to share that we will continue to give our junior high students the opportunity to have academic choices through elective courses. Below are brief descriptions of the electives that will be offered first semester.

Introduction to Spanish – This course will be taught by Mrs. Laura Thompson and will be an introductory course to the Spanish language and Spanish-speaking cultures. Students will be exposed to both written and oral language skills.

Exposure to Art – This course will be taught by Mrs. Melissa Bergholt and will expose students to all types of art using a variety of mediums.

Political Science – This course will be taught by Mrs. Laurie Jones and will focus on the different systems of the government and politics. Part of the course will include a look at the deeper meaning behind political cartoons.

Band – This course will be taught by Mrs. Jennifer Porath from Lutheran High School South and teaches instrumental music and equips students to prepare for high school band. (It is important to mention that there is an additional cost with this elective.

Exposure to Music – This course will be taught by Mr. Gabriel Maichel and will expose students to all types of music both through appreciation and understanding. Both reading music and listening to music will be part of the course.

Newspaper Publications – This course will be taught once a week by Mrs. Sarah Maxfield and will focus on the process of publishing a school newspaper. There will be opportunities for writing, editing, art, photography, technology use, interviewing, and much more.

Contemporary Issues – This course will be taught by Mrs. Laurie Jones and will focus on current events in our society. Curricular resources will include the St. Louis Post Dispatch and Time Magazine.

Character Development through Historical Figures – This course will be taught by Mr. Nathan Dehn and will focus on building character in a way that takes a look at well-known historical figures and how they promoted good character.

It is exciting to be able to give our junior high students more choices and allow them to take some ownership in their learning. Attached to this page, you will find a sheet that needs to be filled out by your son/daughter, signed by you, and returned to me in the school office **by Friday, August 11th**. Please let me know if you have any questions. I pray that the rest of this summer goes well for you and your 7th/8th grader.

In Him,
Alicia M. Klug
Principal

