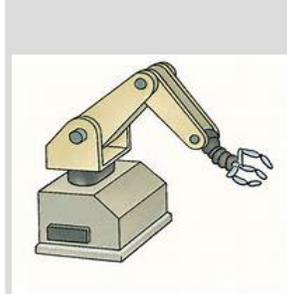
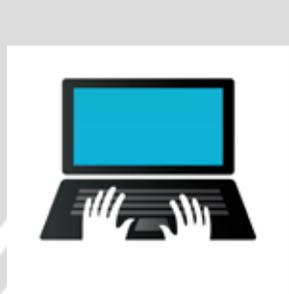


OLF Elective Offerings for Junior High 2017-2018



OLF Elective Classes

Every student in grades 6-8 is given one elective class option per year in addition to PE.

Elective classes are held on a yearly time period.

The following will be available:

Elective	Grade Offered	Instructor	When
Art I	6	Mrs. Erika Littell	M, W, F
Band-Level 2	6	Mrs. Diane Robin	M, W, F
Chorus	6	Mrs. Joni Hamilton	M, W, F
Technology I	6	Mrs. Tami Judice	M, W, F
Fitness for Life	6	Mrs. Danielle Catalan	M, W, F
Fitness for Life	6	Mrs. Gail Kishbaugh	M, W, F
Reading Workshop	6	Mrs. Alyce Moncla	M, W, F
Art II	7	Mrs. Erika Littell	T, Th
Band-Level 3	7	Mrs. Diane Robin	M, W, F
Chorus	7	Mrs. Joni Hamilton	M, W, F
Technology II	7	Mrs. Tami Judice	T, Th
Creative Arts	7	Mrs. Barbara Pharis	T, Th
Multimedia	7	Mrs. Jeannie Doucet	T, Th
Life Skills for Success	7	Mrs. Jerri Tatum	T, Th
Computer Programming	7	Mrs. Rachel Ducharme	T, Th,
Art III	8	Mrs. Erika Littell	M, W, F
Band-Level 3	8	Mrs. Diane Robin	M, W, F
Campus Ministry	8	Mrs. Theresé Doucet	M, W, F
Chorus	8	Mrs. Joni Hamilton	M, W, F
French	8	Mrs. Jeannie Doucet	M, W, F
STEM - Robotics	8	Mrs. Rachel Ducharme	M, W, F
Speech & Drama	8	Mrs. Barbara Pharis	M, W, F

- All 6th grade students will attend PE on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Those 7th grade students who attend Multimedia, Creative Arts, Technology II, Life Skills for Success, Art II, or Computer Programming will attend PE on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Those 7th grade students who attend Band or Chorus will attend PE with the 8th grade students on Tuesday and Thursday.
- All 8th grade students will attend PE on Tuesday and Thursday.
- If the need arises, a lottery will be held for student placement.

Art I **Offered to 6th Graders**

Art I will offer 6th grade students an opportunity for self-expression, while gaining relevant skills for the 21st century learner. This in-depth experience will provide students a necessary means to foster and develop art-making skills, while practicing various art techniques. Printmaking, painting, drawing, sculpting, and mixed media are among the areas of concentration that will be investigated over the course of the school year. Additionally, students will explore the world of art through the avenue of history, aesthetics, and art criticism.



Band Level 2 **Offered to 6th Graders**

This is a skills-oriented class. Emphasis is placed upon the continued development of those fundamentals introduced in beginning band, such as: tone production, technical proficiency, and rhythmic skills.

Prerequisite: One year of beginning band or by special permission from the teacher.

Performances include: school pep rally, Fatima-Cathedral football game, Christmas and Spring Concerts.

THERE ARE NO AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS



Chorus **Offered to 6th Graders**

Our Lady of Fatima Chorus is a vocal music class in grades 5-8. Students may enter the program at any grade level, and no prior experience is necessary. Classes meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Emphasis is placed on vocal and performance techniques, as well as basic music theory. No after school rehearsals are required, but there are 2 mandatory evening performances (Christmas and Spring concerts). Other performances include Solo and Emsemble Festival, weekly school masses, and monthly Children's Choir (optional).



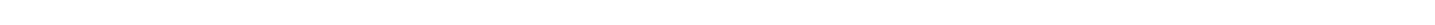
Technology I **Offered to 6th Graders**

Students in the Technology I course will be introduced to a variety of programs to assist them in their classes now and in the future. They will use programs such as Quizlet, Diigo, and Quia that will assist them in their class work. They will become more familiar with databases, such as the Gale Group and Ebscohost. Students will use Google for Education applications and Microsoft Office Suite to create documents, spreadsheets, and calendars as well as work with shared documents and files. They will also learn how to create better presentations using PowerPoint, Keynote, Prezi, and Google Slides. Students will be introduced to basic coding using Code.org, Scratch, and the Makey Makey. They will become familiar with using the iPads in conjunction with the computer to do basic green screen editing in iMovie. They will continue to work on their keyboarding skills. Students will complete a culminating project incorporating the skills they learned throughout the course.



Fitness for Life: Middle School **Offered to 6th Graders**

This course will provide a foundation for students to be physically active and fit throughout their whole lives. In **Fitness for Life**, students will follow the recommendations of the Physical Activity Pyramid to perform the correct amounts and kinds of activities. They will also learn skills like how to assess their own fitness levels and develop plans for improvement using short- and long-term goals. They will develop skills to help them build self-esteem, communicate effectively, deal with peer pressure and handle other social concerns and they will understand how their bodies work so they can move more effectively and efficiently. In all, **Fitness for Life: Middle School** will not only set the stage for high school by exposing middle-schoolers to a variety of developmentally appropriate and fun physical activities, but it will also help prepare them for a lifetime of health and fitness.



Reading Workshop --The purpose of this course is to teach literacy skills, study skills, **Offered to 6th Graders**

and organizational skills necessary for survival in the 21st century. Students will continue to build upon their reading foundation while receiving tips on how best to study and organize their time and work. Students will be encouraged and given time to work on the A.R. reading and testing and will engage in literary discussions that will facilitate a better understanding of the texts read in the reading classroom.

Art II *Art I is not a prerequisite for Art 2* **Offered to 7th Graders**

Art II will offer 7th grade students an opportunity for self-expression, while gaining relevant skills for the 21st century learner. This in-depth experience will provide students a necessary means to foster and develop art-making skills, while practicing various art techniques. Printmaking, painting, drawing, sculpting, and mixed media are among the areas of concentration that will be investigated over the course of the school year. Additionally, students will explore the world of art through the avenue of history, aesthetics, and art criticism.

Band Level 3 **Offered to 7th Graders**

This is a performance-oriented class. Emphasis is placed upon ensemble playing skills and sight-reading. Students are encouraged to switch to secondary instruments to achieve proper instrumentation in the ensemble. **Prerequisite:** two previous years of band or by special permission from the teacher.

Performances include: school pep rally, Fatima-Cathedral football game, Christmas and Spring Concerts.

THERE ARE NO AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS

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Technology II **Offered to 7th Graders**

Students in the Technology II course will be introduced to the creative side of using computers. Using Survey Monkey, they will learn how to create surveys and use that data to create charts and graphs. They will use iPads in conjunction with the computer, as well as learn how to choose quality iPad apps. Students will create audio presentations using different audio programs and create video presentations using programs, such as GoAnimate, Vimeo, and Screencast-o-Matic. They will create a web page using Weebly and will spend some time creating comic strips and cartoons on Toondoo. They will learn to use different photo editing programs including PicMonkey. Students will design their own backgrounds to use with the green screen. They will write basic code using Scratch to program the Makey Makey. They will continue to work on their keyboarding skills. Students will complete a culminating project incorporating the skills they learned throughout the course. Technology I is NOT a prerequisite.

Creative Arts **Offered to 7th Graders**

Students in this class will step into the world of creativity and tap into their innovative imaginations! In this elective, students will develop a variety of projects, such as creative writing, dramatization, poetry theater, digital newspapers involving interviews and photography, PowerPoint presentations, "How to" videos using green screen and iMovie, and much more. This class is for the student who wants to stretch his imagination and reach for the stars.

Life Skills for Success **Offered to 7th Graders**

This course is designed to teach students how to conduct themselves with confidence in various social situations. It will focus on character building skills, manners and etiquette, respect and courtesy, dining skills, appearance and presentation, communication skills, and sportsmanship. Students will come away with a greater sense of self-confidence, life skills for success, how to use good manners and proper etiquette, and how to treat others with kindness and respect. The class will use the knowledge gained to participate in a dining experience at one of Lafayette's finest restaurants during the dining skills session. This class has a \$30 fee for supplies.

Multimedia **Offered to 7th Graders**

The students in Fatima's multimedia elective will explore many aspects of media. Students will create projects using sound, full-motion and stop-motion video in computer applications. Exploration of Garage Band, iPhoto, and iMovie will provide a springboard for original multimedia products. Successful products will require self-discipline, collaboration, flexibility, and an appreciation for the contributions of classmates. A \$10 supply fee will be required

Computer Programming **Offered to 7th Graders**

In this elective, students will learn two programming languages. During the first 9-12 weeks, students will learn to program in Python. Python is a widely used high-level programming language for general-purpose programming. For the remainder of the year, students will use their knowledge of programming to learn ROBOTC. ROBOTC is a C-based programming language that allows students to learn the type of programming used in advanced education and professional applications. Students choosing this elective must have a final grade of a B or higher in both science and math. Students choosing to schedule the Robotics Elective next year, will program the robot using ROBOTC

Art III Art I & Art II are not prerequisites for Art III

Offered to 8th Graders

Art III will offer 8th grade students an opportunity for self-expression, while gaining relevant skills for the 21st century learner. This in-depth experience will provide students a necessary means to foster and develop art-making skills, while practicing various art techniques. Printmaking, painting, drawing, sculpting, and mixed media are among the areas of concentration that will be investigated over the course of the school year. Additionally, students will explore the world of art through the avenue of history, aesthetics, and art criticism.

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THERE ARE NO AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS

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Campus Ministry

Offered to 8th Graders

Rooted in the Corporal Works of Mercy, Campus Ministers will receive leadership formation, which will enable them to embody virtues through daily discipleship. They will help to build the Kingdom of God on our school campus and within their community through various acts of service. Campus Ministers will host class retreats for grades one through five in which they will create skits, give talks, and engage our student body in small group activities. Students should have a positive attitude and be prepared to work hard, create arts and crafts for the retreats, and to teach younger children.

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Chorus

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French

Offered to 8th Graders

This course introduces the students to basic vocabulary and fundamental sentence structure. Pronunciation, grammar, and everyday vocabulary are stressed as indispensable tools for comprehension and expression. Students will access the textbook online. Exercises will be completed online and monitored by the teacher. Tests will assess progress. Projects will demonstrate mastery of content. Daily informal conversation will build confidence and demonstrate comprehension and pronunciation. Self-discipline and independent work ethics are a must for success in this class. A \$10 supply fee will be required.

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STEM - Robotics

Offered to 8th Graders

In the Robotics elective, students will use science, technology, engineering and math skills to design and program Lego Mindstorm robotics equipment. The objective of this course is to introduce the students to basic programming as well as problem solving strategies. This course will involve students in the development, building and programming of an autonomous robot. Students will work hands-on in teams to design, build, program and document their progress. Student-designed robots will be programmed to operate in various situations where students will apply the scientific process to test and revise their design. Students will compete in the First Lego League competition. Students' grades will be based on research, quizzes, programming, and projects. Students choosing this elective must have a final grade of a B or higher in both science and math and must score at least average on standardized testing in both science and math. There is a \$30.00 class fee for this elective for necessary tools and supplies.

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Speech and Drama

Offered to 8th Graders

Students in **Speech and Drama** will participate in a number of performances throughout the year that will expose them to public speaking and better prepare them for their future. All students will present autobiographies, along with lip-syncs, monologues, storytelling, and movie monologues. Halloween skits for the lower grades and a "Grand Finale" for the parents will also be developed and presented.

Tear off this page, fill it out, and return it to school.

Junior High Elective Preference Sheet

Due by Friday, May 5, 2017

As of today:

Name _____

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Please rank your choices in the grade section you will be in NEXT school year.
Give a number to each item, 1 being your top choice.

6th Grade

Art I _____

Band _____

Chorus _____

Technology I _____

Fitness for Life _____

Reading Workshop _____

7th Grade

Art II _____

Band _____

Chorus _____

Technology II _____

Creative Arts _____

Life Skills for Success _____

Multi-Media _____

Computer Programming _____

8th Grade

Art III _____

Band _____

Campus Ministry _____

Chorus _____

French _____

STEM - Robotics _____

Speech & Drama _____

All electives will be for a grade and may include homework, projects, and tests. Grades given in electives will be included in grade averages when considering Blue and Gold, Banner Roll, etc.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

