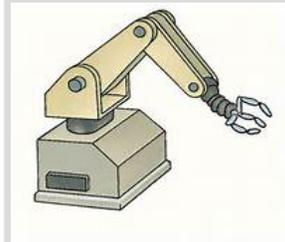


OLF Elective Offerings for Junior High 2018-2019



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	6	Mrs. Barbara Pharis	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
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
Yearbook	8	Miss Heather Hamilton	M, W, F

- All 6th grade students will attend PE on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Those 7th grade students who attend Multimedia, Creative Arts, 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.

No after-school rehearsals are required, but there are two mandatory evening performances: Christmas and Spring Concerts. Additional performance opportunities may include the school pep rally and the Fatima-Cathedral football game.

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 **Offered to 6th Graders**

Students in this technology class will practice keyboarding on a regular basis to achieve proficiency as well as develop basic computer skills that will help them in the future. Students will learn to create documents and spreadsheets in Google Docs, Microsoft Word, and Pages. To tap into the creative side, we will work with programs such as iMovie, using the “Green Screen effect”, PowerPoint, and Google Slides. We will also create PodCast radio shows using GarageBand and “Story Jumper”, and “Inkle” to create interactive stories.

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 **Offered to 6th Graders**

--The purpose of this course is to teach literacy skills, study skills, 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.

No after-school rehearsals are required, but there are two mandatory evening performances: Christmas and Spring Concerts. Additional performance opportunities may include the school pep rally and the Fatima-Cathedral football game.

Chorus **Offered to 7th Graders**

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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 \$35 fee for supplies.

Multimedia **Offered to 7th Graders**

The students in Fatima's multimedia elective will explore many aspects of media. This intellectually challenging course will require analysis, interpretation, and evaluation. Students will use a variety of computer applications including Garageband, Photos, iMovie, and Google Docs. Successful products will require self-discipline, technology skills, problem solving, creativity, collaboration, flexibility, and an appreciation for the contributions of classmates. There is a \$10.00 activity fee for this class.

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.

Band Level 3

Offered to 8th 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: one year of beginning band or by special permission of the teacher.

No after-school rehearsals are required, but there are two mandatory evening performances: Christmas and Spring Concerts. Additional performance opportunities may include the school pep rally and the Fatima-Cathedral football game.

Campus Ministry

Offered to 8th Graders

Rooted in the Corporal Works of Mercy, Campus Ministers will receive spiritual and 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 prayer and various acts of service. They will also evangelize by hosting class retreats for grades one through five in which they will create skits, give talks, and engage our student body in small group activities.

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, which will prepare the students for French I in high school. A \$10 supply fee will be required.

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.

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.



Yearbook

Offered to 8th Graders

This course is designed to develop students’ skills in yearbook production as they document the school year. Students learn basic principles of yearbook production and develop skills that include writing copy, captions and headlines; digital photography; desktop publishing and using appropriate technology tools for media production. Yearbook production supports student’s development as writers, photographers, editors, and independent users of technology as they capture the year in film and make memories for themselves and others.



Junior High Elective Preference Sheet

Due by Friday, May 11, 2018

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

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 _____

Fitness for Life _____

Reading Workshop _____

7th Grade

Art II _____

Band _____

Chorus _____

Creative Arts _____

Life Skills for Success _____

Multi-Media _____

Computer Programming _____

8th Grade

Art III _____

Band _____

Campus Ministry _____

Chorus _____

French _____

STEM - Robotics _____

Speech & Drama _____

Yearbook _____

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 _____