

OLF ELECTIVE CLASSES

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THE FOLLOWING WILL BE AVAILABLE:

Art I	6	Miss Lindsey Collins	M, W, F
Band - Level 2	6	Miss Maddie Trcalek	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	Miss Lindsey Collins	T, Th
Band - Level 3	7	Miss Maddie Trcalek	T, Th
Chorus	7	Mrs. Joni Hamilton	T, Th
Computer Programming	7	Mrs. Rachel Ducharme	T, Th
Disciples for Christ I	7	Mrs. Therése Doucet	T, Th
Life Skills for Success	7	Mrs. Jerri Tatum	T, Th
Art III	8	Miss Lindsey Collins	M, W, F
Band - Level 3	8	Miss Maddie Trcalek	M, W, F
Chorus	8	Mrs. Joni Hamilton	M, W, F
Disciples for Christ II	8	Mrs. Therése Doucet	M, W, F
Speech & Drama/Broadcasting	8	Mrs. Barbara Pharis	M, W, F
STEM-Robotics	8	Mrs. Rachel Ducharme	M, W, F

General Information

- 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.
- All 6th grade students will attend PE on Tuesday and Thursday.
- 7th grade students enrolled in Life Skills for Success, Art II, Disciples for Christ I or Computer Programming will attend PE on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- 7th grade students enrolled in Band or Chorus will attend PE with 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 (the Christmas concert in December and the Spring concert in May). Additional performance opportunities may include the school pep rally and the Fatima-Cathedral football game.

CHORUS**Offered to 6th Graders**

This is a vocal music class. Students may enter the program at any grade level, and no prior experience is necessary. Emphasis is placed on vocal and performance techniques, as well as basic music theory. No after-school rehearsals are required, but there are two mandatory evening performances (the Christmas concert in December and the Spring concert in May). Other performances throughout the year include Solo and Ensemble Festival, Children's Choir (optional), and singing at weekly school masses and liturgies. There is a \$20 class fee, which includes music/supplies, Solo and Ensemble Festival fees, chorus spirit shirt, and a Spring concert t-shirt.

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, Excel, and Pages. To tap into the creative side, we will work with programs such as PowerPoint, Google Slides, and iMovie with a green screen. Additionally, students will create PodCast radio shows and develop their creative writing skills using "Story Jumper." To insure excitement and motivation, skills are taught through an exciting, innovative process.

Fitness for Life**Offered to 6th Graders**

This course will provide a foundation for students to be physically active and fit throughout their whole lives. In FFL, students will follow the recommendations of the Physical Activity Pyramid to perform the correct amounts and kinds of activities. They will learn skills like how to assess their own fitness levels and develop plans for improvement using short and long term goals. Students will develop skills to help them build self-esteem, communicate effectively, deal with peer pressure and handle other social concerns. They will understand how their bodies work so that they can move more effectively and efficiently. This course 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 A.R. reading and testing, and they will engage in literacy 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 (the Christmas concert in December and the Spring concert in May). Additional performance opportunities may include the school pep rally and the Fatima-Cathedral football game.

Chorus**Offered to 7th Graders**

This course is a vocal music class for students 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 two mandatory evening performances (the Christmas concert in December and the Spring concert in May). Other performances throughout the year include Solo and Ensemble Festival, Children's Choir (optional), and singing at weekly school masses and liturgies. There is a \$20 class fee, which includes music supplies, Solo and Ensemble festival fees, a chorus spirit shirt, and a Spring concert shirt.

Computer Programming**Offered to 7th Graders**

In this elective, students will learn programming languages and syntax needed to create valid programs. During the first half of the year, 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 create a project with Raspberry Pi. Students choosing this elective must have a final grade of a B or higher in both science and math.

Disciples for Christ I**Offered to 7th Graders**

Rooted in the Corporal Works of Mercy, students will be given the opportunity to respond to their baptismal call of service by allowing them to be witnesses to Jesus' Gospel message and enabling them to embody virtues through daily discipleship. This class provides leadership formation, which prepares the student to effectively lead others in the tradition of Jesus Christ. Students are encouraged to develop and use personal skills, talents and knowledge. Leadership is demonstrated through liturgies, prayer services, retreat experiences, service activities and example. Through spiritual reflection and guidance, Disciples for Christ can unite the entire school into what all of us are called to be, the Body of Christ.

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.

Art III Art I and 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.

Disciples for Christ II**Offered to 8th Graders**

Rooted in the Corporal Works of Mercy, students will be given the opportunity to respond to their baptismal call of service by allowing them to be witnesses to Jesus' Gospel message and enabling them to embody virtues through daily discipleship. This class provides leadership formation, which prepares the student to effectively lead others in the tradition of Jesus Christ. Students are encouraged to develop and use personal skills, talents and knowledge. Leadership is demonstrated through liturgies, prayer services, retreat experiences, service activities and example. Through spiritual reflection and guidance, Disciples for Christ can unite the entire school into what all of us are called to be, the Body of Christ.

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STEM-Robotics**Offered to 8th Graders**

In this 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 the student 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/Broadcasting**Offered to 8th Graders**

The combination of Speech, Drama and Broadcasting is new this year. While the two entities are quite different, they have one thing in common - public speaking. Speech & Drama includes individual dramatic presentations. The students are expected to memorize their speeches and frequently perform in costume. Halloween skits for the lower grades will also be developed and presented. The broadcast portion of the class will involve group work, spotlighting events taking place at Fatima. Basic principles will include digital photography, filming, and creating scripts for new stories and live broadcasts.