

MATER DEI MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

SPRING SEMESTER 2011

It's time to select your elective courses for the coming spring semester. Everyone will be allowed to select 1 elective and your other one will automatically be a Study Hall. Read each description carefully to determine which ones you are interested in.

Every effort will be made to honor your first choice, but be sure to indicate a second and third choice just in case classes become filled or if there is a lack of enrollment. Electives are an integral part of the program and the individual teacher will determine grading. Classes are pass/fail, and grades won't be calculated into the honors grade unless the student fails the class. A parent signature must be on the form. You will be notified of your elective placements when we return from Christmas break in January.

Band Choir *Drumline Handbells	Quiz Bowl Lewis & Clark Math Boost Newspaper Art Spanish Animation with Power Point	Study Hall (everyone will have a Study Hall on the opposite days of your chosen elective)

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Open to 7th & 8th graders only

DIRECTIONS:

- Read each course description carefully.
- List your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. You must have something different in each space. Remember that your other elective will be a Study Hall.
- Include a parent signature.
- Turn in to Mrs. Clark or your homeroom teacher by Thursday, December 16, 2010.

BAND

Students will build on their previous instrumental skills while learning more advanced musical and performance skills. Emphasis will continue on helping students become a member of a team, the importance of practice, and understanding the responsibility involved in being committed to a music program.

DRUMLINE

This class is designed to help students understand the basics needed to perform rhythmic patterns using drums as a medium. This class will explore African, Latin, and American rhythms so that students will be able to develop their own rhythmic skills. **It is only open to 7th & 8th graders.**

HANDBELLS

This handbell choir will explore handbell techniques and literature. Previous experience **is not** required. This group will perform in concert.

SHOW CHOIR

Use your talents in a vocal performance ensemble, focusing on two and three-part music. This class will offer you experiences in a variety of musical styles, movements, and instruments. Class size will be limited.

QUIZ BOWL

Do you like trivia in different subject areas? Have fun learning what you'll need to know in your classes anyway and still get to "team up" in competition format. We will host and/or attend a Quiz Bowl later in the school year.

ANIMATION WITH POWER POINT

Create moving cartoons, short movies, and build interactive activities. Learn how to create motion using power point effects, timing and triggers. Add sound and special effects. Become the writer, producer, editor and animator for you own production.

MATH BOOST

Students needing additional help with math skills will find this time valuable. Practice the skills you need to learn for your grade level before the Math State Assessment tests in the spring. Teacher approval/recommendation will be strongly considered.

ART

For the student who wants more than coloring sheets. Learn to sketch, use shading, appreciate various styles, and get to know some of the Masters in the field of art. Class size will be limited.

SPANISH

Knowing a 2nd language is becoming a real advantage for everyone. Be ahead of your friends and start learning basic words and phrases in the most common language in the U.S. next to English.

NEWSPAPER

Learn how to go after the news!! Students will write and publish stories in the form of a newspaper several times during the semester.

ADVENTURES ALONG THE LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

Discover many of the new species found along the Lewis and Clark trail. Follow the Missouri River northward to the Columbia and on to the Pacific Ocean. Students will mark the course on a map; mark locations of new species and illustrate. Work and fun combined!

COURSE SELECTION FORM

STUDENT'S NAME _____ GRADE IN 2010-11 _____

Please complete this form carefully. Place courses on the appropriate lines. You must select three different courses. Be sure to include a parent's or guardian's signature. Return only this page by Thursday, December 16, to Mrs. Clark or your homeroom teacher.

8th PERIOD

1st Choice _____ Your other elective will be a Study Hall.

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

I approve of my child's selection of elective courses for the 2011 spring semester.

Parent Signature