



# Mater Dei Middle School Electives

## Fall Semester 2018-19

It's time to select your elective courses for the upcoming semester. We offer electives so students have the opportunity to explore different areas of interest.

- Write your name and grade at the top of the Electives Worksheet.
- Read each description carefully to determine your level of interest. Please note, class sizes are limited for some electives.
- Select an elective for each time slot.
- If an elective is shown in a colored box, it meets more than one time per week. If chosen, all boxes of that color must be selected.
- 5th hour electives are not offered on Mass days.
- It is recommended that students take one study hall each week, but that is not required.
- Please do not choose more than one study hall on days where two electives are offered.

### **ADVANCED BAND - Mr. Benteman**

Students will build on their previous instrumental skills while learning more advanced musical and performance skills. This class will emphasize teamwork, the importance of practice, and understanding the responsibility involved in being committed to a music program. **If you choose this elective, it meets on Monday AND Thursday.**

### **ART - Mrs. Clark**

For the student who is serious about art. 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. **Art meets during BOTH elective sessions on Wednesday and ALSO on the Tuesday session. Please choose it for ALL 3 sessions.**

### **CHOIR - Mrs. Cruz**

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.

### **DRUMLINE - Mr. Benteman**

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. **Maximum enrollment is 14 students. Preference will be given to students in 7th and 8th Grade. This class meets during the first elective on Monday and Thursday. Attendance at the Catholic Education Foundation's Gaudeamus Event on Saturday, October 20, 2018 is mandatory.**

### **GAMES - Mrs. Mester**

Take a break and enter the fun and challenging world of games! From board games and cards to brain teasers and puzzles, it will be a good time galore!

### **GENIUS HOUR - Mr. Hillebert**

Tap into your creative side to solve problems and collaborate with others to design projects for exploration! This elective class will include concepts in science, engineering, technology, art, and robotics. **This class is offered during BOTH elective hours on Wednesday. A student should sign up for BOTH sessions.**

### **HANDBELLS - Mr. Benteman**

Handbell ringing is beautiful, challenging, the ultimate in musical teamwork and FUN! Learn basic handbell techniques and music-reading skills. No prior experience required.

### **HORTICULTURE - Mr. Tanking**

In this class, students will learn how to grow, divide and maintain plants, pruning techniques, and design a vegetable or perennial garden.

The horticulture class will also plant and care for the tower garden in the cafeteria. During Advent, students will learn how to make a floral arrangement using fresh greens. Anyone enrolled in this class should be willing to get their hands dirty, but most important - have fun!

### **INTERMEDIATE BAND - Mr. Benteman**

This band class will give 6th grade students - or those who have had beginning band, but been away from it for a while - a chance to continue to learn fundamental skills related to their chosen instruments. There will be a focus on building muscle memory, becoming proficient at reading music, and becoming more confident musicians. Second semester, this band will join the Advanced Band. **If you choose this elective, it meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

### **INTRO TO THEATER - Mrs. Wicker & Mrs. Palubinski**

This class will explore stage and theater, terms used in theater, creative communications, presentations. This class is an introduction to theater and beginners can be successful in this elective. All are welcome! Break a leg!

### **IXL - Miss Harvey**

Every student **MUST** take ONE session of IXL each week. This allows each student time to work on math skills, specific to his/her needs. Sometimes a student needs extra practice and sometimes a student needs to be challenged with new concepts. This elective is offered at EVERY elective time slot, but each student needs to attend only ONCE each week.

### **JEWELRY MAKING - Mrs. Cruz**

Never again worry about finding the perfect gift! You can learn to make jewelry with Mrs. Cruz! This class will provide hands-on experiences with different processes for making jewelry.

### **JOURNALISM - Ms. Kaberline**

This elective class will focus on principles of journalism, including questioning, design and layout and photojournalism concepts. Students in this class will work to create our newspaper, The Knightly News! **This class is offered twice each week, but a student should only sign up for one of the days.**

### **JUST RELAX! - Ms. Valdivia**

Students in this elective will have time to relax, be creative, and enjoy fellowship. There will be opportunity for prayer, games, conversation, art, maybe even some camp songs and activities. The focus is on finding some "down time" in a busy day.

### **NEEDLECRAFT - Mrs. Wicker**

Mrs. Wicker will teach students cross-stitch and embroidery skills. There is no previous experience with needlecraft required. Any student who is eager to learn is welcome!

### **PERSONAL READING TIME - Ms. Kaberline**

Students are invited to bring a book of their choice and have some midday reading time. What a relaxing way to spend a Friday morning!

### **STUDY HALL**

Study hall is available so that students can have some extra time to work or ask for help during the week. We encourage all students to consider one study hall each week. Please do not sign up for more than one study hall on any given day.