

Complementary Course Descriptions

Art

Through experiencing a variety of art techniques and media, students are encouraged to use their creativity to produce art pieces which are not only technically proficient but also communicate the appropriate art concepts in each student's own unique way. Students will explore a range of artistic media that may include acrylic and watercolor paint, pastels, graphite, clay and printmaking.

Band

This is a full year opportunity for students to become familiar with playing a specific instrument of choice in both a group and individual setting, in addition to learning a variety of musical techniques and music theory. Collaboration and off-campus activities will build relationships in order to perform. Rentals: \$100 non-refundable.

Business

Learn the attitudes, skills, and knowledge needed in order to put in place efficient systems and strategies of management and marketing. Learn how to effectively use technology to collect, structure, manipulate, retrieve, and communicate information.

Choir

Love to sing? Want to sing in a group? Choir will give students the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of vocal singing in a group environment. Students will have the opportunity to perform for school and community members throughout the year.

Computer Science

Students will be introduced and/or develop their skills in the important and exciting world of computer coding. In this course, students will learn coding skills and computational thinking with opportunities to apply their coding skills in various ways, such as developing games, creating animations and programming robotics.

Construction

Students will learn about the safety hazards and proper uses of several hand tools, as well as age and ability appropriate power tools. Major projects will focus on exploration of interest and skills in the design process.

Construction Design

In this course students will learn or review the safety hazards and proper uses of several hand tools and machines. They will also learn how to plan, design and create in response to challenges with the potential of 3D design.

Design Thinking

Design thinking uses elements from the designer's toolkit like empathy and experimentation to arrive at innovative solutions. Students will learn how to use this thinking process and prototyping approach to creatively find solutions to real

world problems. Students will potentially work with maker space items, robotics, 3D printers, and more to tackle challenges, both big and small.

Drama

Develop acting skills, take risks, learn to observe others and develop your imagination and creativity. Take part in improvisational games, skits, small productions and acting while developing and reinforcing self confidence.

Exploration in Film

Students will develop and apply techniques and processes related to film, examine current and historical relationships between film, culture and society, and create and critique meaning portrayed in film.

Fashion

In Textiles and Fashion, students will explore basic knitting, hand stitching and machine sewing. Students will need to be creative and demonstrate initiative as they investigate techniques to design several projects. Projects will include knitting, up-cycling, needlework, quilting and design challenges. Students may also have the opportunity to design, create and donate work as well.

Foods

In this course, students will learn basic kitchen safety that you can use in your own house or in the culinary industry. A wide variety of recipes will be cooked alongside the knowledge, theory, and research involved. Students will potentially learn about a variety of personal and industrial related concepts such as budgeting and meal planning at home, cooking in the culinary industry, as well as nutrition.

French

Have you ever wanted to learn a new language? Or continue to develop your conversational French? In this option students will have the opportunity to learn how to speak, read and write in French in a project based approach focusing on student interest and hands-on activities. No prior experience is necessary.

Leadership

Students will develop their leadership skills and abilities in the classroom, the school, and the larger community. They will work collaboratively with their peers and staff to plan and run a variety of events within the school, take part in various volunteering opportunities, and take the lead on different charitable events at the school. Students wanting to sign up for leadership should consistently display and be willing to develop SPIRIT at school and be a strong role model for others.

Multimedia

The goal of Multimedia is for students to combine different content forms of media such as text, audio, animation and images to produce a variety of different projects. Students will be challenged to use their creativity to produce a variety of projects

including life biography videos, stop motion, photography, advertisements and movie trailers.

Photography

In Photography, students will be challenged to critically examine photos for technical skill and artistic qualities in order to create visual art. We will explore the digital camera and its capabilities while considering light, composition, photo editing and enhancing. Students will explore these elements while completing project-based assignments.

Publishing

Publishing students will be working on developing and using skills in technology, design and writing to make information available to the school community. They'll learn about the stages of publishing (gathering information, copy editing, production printing, marketing and distribution) to provide print materials within the school.

Sports Excellence

Sports Excellence will further develop students' physical literacy. The course provides opportunities for students to understand the need for, and demonstrate a commitment to, a high standard of academic, sport and lifestyle achievement. Students will focus on personal development, team dynamics and responsible citizenship through sport. Additionally, classes work to enhance performance through fitness and conditioning development.

Tourism

This exciting option allows students to look at the impact of tourism around the world as well as to develop the knowledge and skills required for the tourism industry. Possible topics include what characteristics make a place become a tourist destination, different kinds of tourism, tourist attractions and why people travel the world. Creativity and an interest in the world will be an asset!