

May 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to CA Middle. So happy that you will be joining our family.

Here at CA Middle, we offer enrichment classes, which we call electives. The students take two each semester. As we begin to plan for next year's classes we need to have your child sign up for their electives

In accordance with GCC policy, every student is required to take at least one semester of music each year. Music options are:

Caroliers

Band

Orchestra

Bells

General Music

Caroliers, Band, Orchestra, and Bell Ringers are the group music's, and then we have General Music for those not in the groups. Musical group participants are expected to commit to the full school year, while General Music is one semester focusing on music introductions. Caroliers is a choir that requires auditioning.

First, have your child list the music they would like to be in. If they choose, Caroliers have them make a second choice also. We ask your child to choose four enrichment electives even though they will not be in all four. Depending on selections, students may also be placed in an elective they did not choose if all the choices are full. The 8th graders are placed first, then 7th, and then 6th. The second semester will provide an opportunity to try other electives.

Below you will find a list for your child to choose from.

Thanks so much. We look forward to having your child here at the Middle School.

Blessings,

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Name: _____

Elective Choices

Music Choice _____

1. _____

Music Choice _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Electives 2021 – 2022

Enrichment Electives

Four enrichment electives need to be selected even though students will not be in all four. This is to accommodate full classes. Depending on selections, students may also be placed in an elective they did not choose if all the choices are full. The second semester will provide an opportunity to try other electives. For reference, a brief description of each enrichment elective is below.

- **3D-Printing:** Students will design and print 3D objects and be the first to use our new and upgraded printing platforms.*
- **Art:** Mrs. Stone from the high school leads students on projects utilizing advanced techniques and various media.*
- **Communications:** Students will develop personalized slide shows displaying the activities for the day.
- **Drones:** Learn to fly and program flight patterns to complete a variety of challenges utilizing DJI Tello drones.*
- **Geography:** With the National Geography Bee coming in January and our curriculum emphasis on cultural, physical, and political geography throughout the middle school years, what a great opportunity to get a jump start or deepen your knowledge.
- **Health:** Focusing on the C.R.E.A.T.I.O.N. health initiative, students will explore a wide array of topics and the impacts on our bodies.
- **IXL Lab:** Overseen by one of our math instructors, this time provides students with the opportunity to work on IXL at school, seek help from a teacher, and complete other homework if time allows. **(Students will NOT be placed in both IXL Lab and Study Hall)**
- **Robotics:** Explore Lego Robotics in a fun environment while completing various challenges. Participation on the school robotics team is not required to take this class during 1st semester.*
- **Spanish:** Have fun learning conversational Spanish, but also immerse yourself in the culture by trying some tasty foods.
- **Maker Space:** With an emphasis on the engineering loop, students will design, construct and reconstruct a variety of engaging projects.*
- **Student Finance:** Immerse yourself into the Dave Ramsey philosophy on managing money utilizing a middle school curriculum designed to be informative, fun, and engaging.
- **Study Hall:** This time provides students an opportunity to get a head start on homework, study for an upcoming test, or simply do some reading. **(Students will NOT be placed in both IXL Lab and Study Hall)**

***STEAM Initiative Electives**