

May 2022

Dear Parents,

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

We offer enrichment classes at CA Middle, 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.

Following GCC policy, every student must take at least one semester of music each year. If your child is taking private music lessons from a music teacher, that can count as their music credit. They would need to keep a journal of their practices with the teacher's signature and a grade from the teacher.

Music options are:

Caroliers

Band

Orchestra

Bells

General Music

Caroliers, Band, Orchestra, and Bell Ringers are the group music, and General Music is for those not in the groups. Musical group participants are expected to commit to the entire 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 2022 – 2023

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. *
- **Visual and Video Communications:** Students will develop personalized slide shows displaying the activities for the day, daily and weekly news reports, photography, and videography.
- **Drones:** Learn to fly and program flight patterns to complete various challenges utilizing DJI Tello drones. *
- **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. *
- **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)** homework, study for an upcoming test, or simply do some reading. **(Students will NOT be placed in both IXL Lab and Study Hall)**
- **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 by utilizing a middle school curriculum designed to be informative, fun, and engaging.
- **Innovation Lab*:** Students will be testing scientific/STEAM principles based on Mark Roper projects.
- **Independent Study*:** Teacher-facilitated student-driven personalized learning classes. Some options might include foreign language, advanced programming, Arduino, Makey Makey, and drones.
- **Gardening**
- **Indoor Climbing:** Students will learn basic climbing wall techniques while ascending our newly built climbing wall with five auto belays. Climbing harnesses and shoes are provided.

***STEAM Initiative Electives**