

Friday OPTIONS Program

2024-2025 Class Descriptions Grades K-12

Elementary Classes

Class Title:	Kindergarten		
Teacher:	VanValkenburg		
Grade:	K	Max:	12

Description: As a homeschooling enrichment program, we will be embellishing your child's education with experiences in language arts, math, science, art, music and movement. We will encounter excellent literature, and investigate countless mathematical concepts. We will explore the sensory world, and participate in kinesthetic activities that allow their bodies to develop and better interact with their environments. We will respect and value each classmate as a strong, capable and resilient member of our community; rich with wonder and knowledge. Every child brings with them deep curiosity and potential and this innate curiosity drives their interest to understand their world and their place within it.

Note: The kindergarten class is self-contained and students will not rotate between classes.

Class Title:	Language Arts		
Teacher:	Stokes		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: This Language Arts class will primarily focus on the development of written language. Although the mechanics of writing are extremely important, my hope for this course is to get your child comfortable with getting their own voice, who they uniquely are, down on paper. We will play with words and language as we work through the stages of the writing process: pre-writing, drafting, editing and publishing. We will have more time for the pre-writing and drafting stages but we will edit what they are able to during class time and publish on occasion.

Writing encompasses so much! Time honored techniques and daily exercises like copy work, dictation, narration, writing to a prompt, skill lessons and more are wonderful things you can be doing daily at home. One hour per week with me will definitely be supplemental, but hopefully beneficial to their growth as writers.

Class Title:	Science		
Teacher:	Timmons		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: Welcome to Science! Each year we explore the wonders of the natural world through various topics in life science, physical science, and earth and space sciences. The topics change each year but the goal is to explore a variety of science concepts in the context of projects, hands-on activities, experiments, and some dissections.

Science units for the 2023-2024 school year include:

- The Science of Flight
- Birds of Prey
- Under the Sea - Exploring the Oceans
- Funky Fungus

Class Title:	STEM		
Teacher:	Spivey		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: I will be introducing your child to the exciting world of STEM with the focus on elementary technology, engineering, and math of course! Through hands-on activities and engaging lessons, your child will learn the fundamentals of coding, robotics, and problem-solving. They'll explore the engineering design process and discover how to apply math concepts to real-world situations. By the end of the course, your child will have a solid foundation in STEM and be ready for future learning opportunities.

Class Title:	Robotics		
Teacher:	Kelsey		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: Students will learn the elements of robots and the basics to computational thinking. Though each class will be tailored to the appropriate age everyone will have hands on activities in building and programming robots. We'll start with unplugged activities and work through coding on the iPads and computers with resources such as: Code and Go Mouse, Coding Awbie, Ozobots, Sphero, Edison Robots, Drones, Lego Education Robots and many more.

Class Title:	Art		
Teacher:	Kingzett		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: Elementary Art will introduce and expand upon the elements and principles of art. We will learn to use line, shape, color, form, texture, value and space to create our masterpieces! Students will explore a variety of mediums including drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. This class will also incorporate famous artists and art from around the world, as well as seasonal projects, crafts and art games. Student artwork will be displayed at school throughout the year and presented at our end-of-year art show.

Class Title:	Spanish		
Teacher:	Johnson		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: Using the "Risitas Y Sonrisas" instructional program with support from other sources such as games, music, technology, literature, etc....

- Students will develop a positive association with the Spanish language
- Students will learn correct pronunciation and reading skills in Spanish
- Students will acquire Spanish vocabulary in an interactive and fun way
- Students will participate in meaningful conversations in Spanish.

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Class Title:	Physical Education		
Teacher:	Ruehmann		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	18

Description: Students will explore a variety of activities focusing on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship while working out their wiggles (motor skills, toss/catch, jump rope, tag etc.).

Class Title:	Gardening		
Teacher:	Timmons		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: In gardening class, we learn about plants and how they grow. We will learn about the parts of plants, the life cycle of plants, and what plants need to grow and thrive. Students work together to design, create, and tend to a variety of indoor garden containers and help to choose which plants we will grow.

Class Title:	Creative Arts & Crafts		
Teacher:	Spivey		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: My mission for this class would be to provide hands-on, immersive, life-long learning skills, through creativity. To enhance critical thinking through Creative arts and crafts activities, and strengthen personal development, as well group engagement. This class will be a place where creative skill and self-expression are fostered through the making and sharing of art and craft using different mediums. With the intent of enhancing the quality of life, through independence and creative thinking. My class will be a way for students to practice the skill I am teaching in a fun, tangible way, not just simply a step-by-step approach, but to allow thinking outside the box. Lessons will build a foundation of skills and knowledge so that students can apply and experiment within their own ways, therefore promoting independence and creative thinking. Students will be encouraged to engage with other students, learning how to work as a group, sharing ideas and abilities.

Class Title:	Fun with ASL (American Sign Language)		
Teacher:	Stokes		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: In this class, students will learn the basics of American Sign Language including hand shapes and facial expressions, the alphabet and numbers, finger spelling, and simple vocabulary like food, animals, places, etc. We will learn through fun activities and learn to sign some songs.

Class Title:	Public Speaking		
Teacher:	Johnson		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: Lights, camera, action! Come and practice how to be more confident while using different channels of communication. Learn how to be more natural and spontaneous. Get used to seeing yourself in a video and hearing your voice using the microphone. It's time to show yourself off being you. It's going to be fun!

Class Title:	Fiber Arts		
Teacher:	Kingzett		
Grade:	1-5	Max:	16

Description: Fiber Arts students will create art and craft projects using yarn, fabric, and textiles. We will learn basic weaving skills with a variety of materials. Students will be introduced to simple stitching projects and will also embellish fabrics with paint, tie-dye, and printmaking. Fiber artwork will be displayed at school throughout the year and included in our end-of-year art show.

Class Title:	Home Economics		
Teacher:	Ruehmann		
Grade:	4-5	Max:	16

Description: This course will focus on consumer studies, personal finance and decision making. In this course students will explore the relationship between nutrition and physical fitness and health by building skills in meal planning, kitchen safety and purchasing of food. Students will learn basic sewing techniques in hand and machine sewing in order to create and mend items. Students will make connections to personal finance and savings in the ability to repair and create clothing and personal items. Finally, students will develop skills in personal finance, learning to budget, create savings and will have the opportunity to learn the basics of investing.

Class Title:	FLL (by invitation only)		
Teacher:	Kelsey		
Grade:	4-5	Max:	8

Description: FLL- First Lego League Competition Team
This combined 4/5 class will be a fast paced Lego Mindstorm EV3 robot First Lego League Team. August through December we will have practice after school each Friday from 3:30-5:30pm, weekly students will have research and creation assignments due each Friday, there will be a Saturday workshop at DMNS, a Qualifier competition, and a State Championship (even if we're just observers). Parents will be expected to volunteer in some manner August through December. In class, students will learn how the elements of the EV3 work together and will be given a real-world problem by FLL that they will research and develop a solution for. They will design, build, and program the EV3, then compete on a table-top playing field against other teams from across the state. January through May will be spent perfecting our EV3 skills. This class will combine with Ms. Allshouse's FLL Robotics for 6th-8th grade.

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CLASS CREDIT GUIDE

.50	Class time + 2-3 hours of homework per week
1.00	Full Curriculum = Class time and 3+ hours of homework per week
1.00	Full Curriculum = Block class time and 2+ hours of homework per week

Class Title:		Pre-Algebra	
Teacher:	Stapleton	Credit:	N/A
Text:	Math-U-See	Grade:	6-8
Prerequisite:	Completion of an elementary math curriculum and/or placement test		
		Max:	16

Description: Pre-Algebra is a course that covers many mathematical concepts designed to get students ready for Algebra 1. We will study everything from operations with positive and negative numbers to equations and exponents to volume and surface area. The class is lecture based with lots of examples given. Homework is 6 workbook pages a week - 3 of these pages are on the new material and 3 cover a variety of review concepts. There will also be tests sent home many of the weeks. Students in Pre-Algebra are normally in 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

Class Title:		Algebra I	
Teacher:	Stapleton	Credit:	1.00 (HS only)
Text:	Math-U-See	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	Pre-Algebra with a grade of C or better		
		Max:	16

Description: Algebra 1 is the foundation for all future math courses. We study equations, graphing, factoring and many other mathematical concepts. The class is lecture based and taking notes is a must. Homework is 5 pages a week - 2 of these pages are on the new material and 3 cover a variety of review concepts. There will also be tests sent home many of the weeks.

Class Title:		Geometry	
Teacher:	Stapleton	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Math-U-See	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	Algebra 1 with a grade of C or better or placement test		
		Max:	16

Description: Geometry is the math course where students learn about spatial relationships (with area, volume and shapes) and also develop their logical senses with proofs. The class is lecture based and taking notes is a must. Homework is 5 pages a week - 2 of these pages are on the new material and 3 cover a variety of review concepts. There will also be tests sent home many of the weeks.

Class Title:		Algebra 2	
Teacher:	Stapleton	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Math-U-See	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	Algebra 1 and Geometry with a grade of C or better or placement test		
Credit:	1.00	Max:	16

Description: Algebra 2 is an advanced Algebra course and a pretty intense curriculum. We will study equations, conic sections, factoring, distance problems and many other concepts. The class is lecture based and taking notes is a must. Homework is 5 pages a week - 2 of these pages are on the new material and 3 cover a variety of review concepts. There will also be tests sent home many of the weeks.

Class Title:		Pre-Calculus	
Teacher:	Stapleton	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Math-U-See	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	Algebra 2 with a grade of C or better and/or placement test		
		Max:	16

Description: Pre-Calculus is where students will get their first taste of many trigonometric concepts. We will learn the basic trig functions and also incorporate advanced Algebra concepts. The class is lecture based and taking notes is a must. Homework is 4 pages a week. There will also be tests sent home many of the weeks.

Class Title:		Middle School Writing	
Teacher:	Been	Credit:	N/A
Text:	none	Grade:	6-8
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This project-based writing class is designed to teach students basic skills necessary for effective writing at the middle school level -- research, essay writing, narrative and expository writing, fiction and figurative language-- in an upbeat and engaging manner. Students complete approximately five major writing projects per school year in a teacher-structured environment, giving students the opportunity to develop their long-term planning skills. Class material is designed on a rotation so that students have the opportunity to take this class all three middle school years and never experience the same project twice.

Class Title:		Game Creation	
Teacher:	Been	Credit:	.50
Text:	various	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This course combines engagement with academic rigor, mixing them into one wonderful package. Students will play paper-and-pencil, dice, card, and board games, along with doing scavenger hunts and escape rooms. They will also explore the theory behind these types of games and create competent and interesting versions of their own. In this class, students will conduct and report on game-related research and will learn and practice technical writing skills.

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Class Title:	Short Stories and Poetry		
Teacher:	Been	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Elements 3rd course	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description This course will provide students the opportunity to develop analytical skills and apply them to both short stories and poetry; these literary analysis skills will prove to be incredibly valuable throughout both high school and college. Units will include those focused on character, on setting, on conflict, on symbolism, and on theme. End products of these units will vary and will include presentations, projects, and analytical papers. This is an important course for any high school student!

Class Title:	Mythology		
Teacher:	Been	Credit:	.50
Text:	Norse Mythology	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This interactive course will give students the opportunity to learn about numerous world mythologies, including Greek, Egyptian, Norse, and Native American. Over the course of the year students will read Percy Jackson's Greek Gods by Rick Riordan and Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman as well as plenty of shorter works. Students will also have the opportunity to conduct their own guided research to explore personal areas of interest in relation to world mythology.

Class Title:	Public Speaking		
Teacher:	Been	Credit:	.50
Text:	none	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Students in this course will have the opportunity to develop practical speaking skills. Units will include team-building activities, making verbal requests and giving instructions, participating in individual and group presentations, delivering both prepared and impromptu speeches, and job interviewing.

Class Title:	Fantasy Literature in Middle School		
Teacher:	Douglas	Rating:	1
Text:	Various	Grade:	6-8
Prerequisite:	none		
Credit:	N/A	Max:	16

Description: This class is an introduction to middle-school literature. We will explore the fantasy genre by delving into various texts and excerpts from different writers. Students will develop literary analysis and writing skills. They will also create pieces of fantasy literature.

Class Title:	Analyzing Nonfiction in High School		
Teacher:	Douglas	Credit:	.50
Text:	Various	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This class introduces memoirs. We will explore a variety of autobiographical materials and examine the components of this nonfiction narrative writing. Students will develop literary analysis and create snapshot memoirs.

Class Title:	Introduction to French		
Teacher:	Douglas	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	None	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Gain an understanding or consolidate your basic knowledge of French. We will focus on useful phrases, vocabulary awareness and basic conversation. We will also gain an appreciation of culture in the French-speaking world. The focus is on speaking and listening, through fun games and interactive activities.

Class Title:	French 1B		
Teacher:	Douglas	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	None	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	Completion of French 1A (or equivalent class) with a grade of C or better		
		Max:	16

Description: This course is a continuation from Introduction to French 1A. Consolidate and expand your knowledge of French. We will build on useful phrases, vocabulary and conversation. We will continue to gain an appreciation of culture in the French-speaking world. The focus is on speaking and listening, through fun games and interactive activities.

Class Title:	Chemistry (Lecture & Lab)		
Teacher:	Seese	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Pearson Chemistry	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This is a two-period, year-long class where both sections are required. It is a combination of instruction and laboratory practice and application. This is a full curriculum course. Expect 5 hours of work outside of class

***Note: Chemistry is a 2-period class. Students are required to take both Lecture and Lab.**

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Class Title:	Laws of Physics		
Teacher:	Seese	Credit:	.50
Text:	various	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This physics course covers the topics of a high school physics course, but without going into the higher math one might find in an AP physics or senior physics course. The topics covered will prepare the student for more advanced courses in physics. This course looks at the physical laws of the universe such as, the laws of motion, forces, gravity; work, energy, and thermodynamics; waves, light and sound; electricity and magnetism; and, of course, the skills involved in using the scientific method, experimenting and analysis, and application of the laws we study.

Class Title:	Science Topics in the News		
Teacher:	Seese	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	Various	Grade:	8-12
Prerequisite:	none		

Description: This course takes a look at science topics that end up in the media. We will explore the topics to an extent that will enable the student to make informed decisions based on the facts, not just opinion. Class discussions of how science, the media, money and politics play a role in decisions made by people, corporations and the government will also be a part of the course. Some of the topics that may be covered include climate change, pollution, medical advances in technology and genetics, energy – renewable and non-renewable, SARS CoV-2 and its variants, and many others. Some of the skills that will be practiced in this course include researching, analysis of statistics, and logical thinking. Some basic knowledge of physical science, chemistry, and biology is helpful, but not required. Grades will be based on summative assessments (unit tests) and project completion.

Class Title:	Introduction to Chemistry		
Teacher:	Seese	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	Friendly Chemistry	Grade:	8-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This one-period class is a year-long course that will establish a solid understanding of the elements and how chemicals form and interact. There will be occasional laboratory practice as part of the class. While not a prerequisite, taking this course first would help ease students into Chemistry Lecture and Lab.

Class Title:	Science In Action		
Teacher:	Leister	Credit:	N/A
Text:	Various	Grade:	6-8
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This middle school science course is designed to introduce students to fundamental science concepts through engaging hands-on experiments. Through a combination of laboratory investigations, demonstrations, and discussions, students will explore various branches of science including physics, chemistry, biology, and environmental science. The course aims to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of the natural world.

Class Title:	Life Science		
Teacher:	Leister	Credit:	N/A
Text:	TCI	Grade:	6-8
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Middle School Life Science is a full-curriculum course in which students study topics that include the scientific method, life structure and function, study of bacteria and plants, animals, and body systems.

Class Title:	Physical Science		
Teacher:	Leister	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Pearson Concepts in Action	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: High School Physical Science is a full-curriculum course that focuses on the fundamentals of the following topics: chemistry, scientific math, earth science, astronomy, and physics, with an emphasis placed on experimental design and scientific process skills. A significant portion of the course is spent in laboratory work. Daily preparation outside of class is required.

Class Title:	Introduction to Spanish		
Teacher:	Rodriguez	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	Exploring Spanish	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:		Max:	16

Description: This course is an introductory course to Spanish. The goal is to introduce students to the Spanish language and provide them with vocabulary covering a wide range of topics and also an introduction to basic conversations. The course will also cover some cultural topics that will encourage the student's interest in the language. It will also include projects, games, songs, videos, and vocabulary building. Students will have access to the companion textbook and other activities online. There will be written and/or online homework weekly.

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Class Title:	Spanish 1		
Teacher:	Rodriguez	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Realidades	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This class is a more accelerated introduction to the Spanish language than lower levels. Students will be learning vocabulary, grammar and structure through reading, writing, listening, repetition, communication, videos, and culture. Classroom instruction will be used to supplement students' study of textbook at home and written homework will be assigned weekly to reinforce instruction. Students are asked to bring a 70-page, college-ruled notebook to use specifically for Spanish and will be taking notes and also gluing handouts in the notebook.

Class Title:	Spanish 2		
Teacher:	Rodriguez	Credit:	1.00
Text:	Realidades	Grade:	9-12
Prerequisite:	Spanish 1 with B or higher		
		Max:	16

Description: This class is an accelerated continuation of Spanish 1 from the Realidades series. Focus will continue on vocabulary acquisition, grammar and structures, including verb conjugations in different tenses. Students will be learning material through reading, writing, listening, repetition, communication, videos, and culture. Classroom instruction will be used to supplement students' study of textbook at home and written homework will be assigned weekly to reinforce instruction. Students are asked to bring a 70-page, college-ruled notebook to use specifically for Spanish and will be taking notes and also gluing handouts in the notebook.

Class Title:	Robotics		
Teacher:	Allshouse	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	Lego Mindstorms EV3	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:		Max:	16

Description: This course will explore the electronic and computing aspects of scientific technology by building and programming robots using Snap Circuits, Lego Mindstorms and EV3 kits. Topics covered include electronics of robots, understanding electricity and circuits, robotic programming, and computers and basic computing skills. Students will learn to work together to complete challenges with the robots they create and program, design simple machines and understand how they work, learn the basics of programming robots using a unique programming language created by Lego, and just plain have fun! A wonderful experience for boys and girls alike!

Class Title:	Game Design		
Teacher:	Allshouse	Credits:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Will teach problem solving and game design using block programming and JavaScript. This class is intended for students with limited to no coding experience, but will also help students with some programming experience develop the needed problem solving skills necessary to create games and interactive art. Student will use example programs and activities on code.org to increase their understanding of animation and change. "Along the way, they practice design, testing, and iteration, as they come to see that failure and debugging are an expected and valuable part of the programming process."(code.org).

Class Title:	First Tech Challenge Competition Team		
Teacher:	Allshouse	Credit:	1.00 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	8-12
Prerequisite:	see description		
Credit:	1.00	Max:	8

Description: First Tech Challenge (FTC) is a whole year robotics class and competition team offered for students in 8th-12th grade. As a competition team they are expected to stay for practice from 3:30-6:30pm each Friday during first semester. There are additional Saturday workshops and the competition is mandatory. Each year, teams engage in a new game where they design, build, test, and program autonomous and driver operated robots that must perform a series of tasks.

Class Title:	STEAM Explorations		
Teacher:	Allshouse	Credits:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Learn new skills and make amazing projects! In this technology-based makerspace, you will learn how to set up circuits, program an Arduino Uno, and use Sketchup to design 3D printed parts. To succeed in this class, all you need is a desire to try something new and to apply the engineering design process to turn a challenge into success. Some programming skills may be helpful but are not necessary. We will start from the beginning and learn as you build each of the small individual projects, which will include LEDs, buzzers, joysticks, and thermometers. These new skills can be applied to design a smart house, robots, wearable art, or electronic toys and games. Arduino Uno is a microcontroller, controlled by a computer program, used to control lights, sensors, motors, and many other electronic components. Sketchup is a computer aided design (CAD) program for creating models, modifying ideas, and printing on a 3D printer. Prototypes will be created and modified. Larger projects are available for those who want to do more. Sketchup homework will be required.

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Class Title:	Acting		
Teacher:	Merback	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: In this class we will cover the fundamentals acting. Students will memorize and perform monologues and scenes, learn how to support each other by learning how to give constructive feedback, how to notate stage direction, and other skills throughout the semester/year. Any student that wants to learn and continue the fundamentals of acting (emoting, timing, scene study, memorization), or break out of their shell should take this class.

Class Title:	Stage Craft		
Teacher:	Merback	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Stagecraft will be exploring the hands-on, behind-the-scenes parts of how a theater production works. This class focuses on Makeup, Costumes/accessories, and SOME props.

Costumes: Students will explore the time period of the year's performance, discuss what would have been used in the time period for clothing, design the costumes for the production, and then take articles of clothing and make them into period-appropriate costumes. Unfortunately, we will not and cannot be creating costumes from scratch.

Make-up: Discover how to apply the various makeup required for theater. We will study the basic application and special effects applications. Students will design and apply designs for both characters for this year's production and one special design.

Props: Learning how to create props for performances. Some props will need to be finished outside of school.

Class Title:	Technical Theater		
Teacher:	Merback	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This class focuses on a different aspect of the hands-on, behind-the-scenes aspect of a theater production. Students in this class will learn how to build sets, paint backdrops, build props, work lighting and sound, mark a script for cues, run the backstage of a live production, and much more. Use of power tools and tool safety will be taught, as they will be used in class.

THIS CLASS WILL BE USING POWER TOOLS UNDER SUPERVISION. STUDENTS THAT CHOOSE THIS CLASS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK SAFELY AND WITH RESPECT FOR THE DANGER OF POWER TOOLS.

Class Title:	Musical Theater		
Teacher:	Merback	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: In addition to learning how to audition for stage productions, students will put on a stage production with costumes, props, make up and choreography. Students will need to learn their lines outside of school, and will be tested on their memorization. They will also be required to be in the performance at the end of the year. Some after-school rehearsals will be required in the spring.

***Note: Theater is a 2-period class. Students are required to take it for both 5th and 6th period.**

Class Title:	Drawing I & II		
Teacher:	Robertson	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This class will cover foundational drawing skills and work toward more challenging content and techniques throughout the year. Utilizing the Elements and Principle of Art, students will learn through a variety of themes, mediums, and genres to develop creative expression and imagination in a subject. We will cover still life, perspective, self-portrait, mixed media/collage, fractured images/abstract, and fantasy/optical illusions. Various mediums will be used for artistic expression and completion of projects.

Class Title:	Painting & Mixed Media		
Teacher:	Robertson	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Focus for this class will follow 20th Century ART forms in painting to current modern mixed media expressions. We will use a variety of mediums, themes & styles to create paintings. Artists of the past and present will help provide broader understanding in genre, techniques and application. Creativity and imagination with concentration on good composition in a work will be emphasized. Students will continue to deepen their skills and entertain new ideas & concepts for optimum creative expression. The end of 2nd Semester provides opportunity for independent choice and mastery of mediums for students to showcase their painting! .

Class Title:	Cultural Art		
Teacher:	Robertson	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This year we will discover different art expressions within varied cultural groups here and around the world. We will discover new, exciting methods in techniques, themes, mediums while connecting to the traditions of people groups new to us. This will be a class of celebrating the art styles and stories of peoples past and present, near and far! Varied materials, with both 2D and 3D will be incorporated to create expressive artworks!

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Class Title:	Ceramics		
Teacher:	Robertson	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This class will cover various methods of hand building using coil and slab in pottery. Decorative elements will be explored through stamping, relief, & glazing techniques in clay projects. Students will learn good design and craftsmanship in construction while producing their pottery. A variety of themes, skills, and techniques will strengthen the student's ability to create unique art. Lots of room for exploration, experimentation and creative expression!

Class Title:	Physical Education		
Teacher:	Ruehmann	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	18

Description: This class will focus on team activities, life time activities, and sportsmanship. Activities will include basketball, football, volleyball, soccer, fitness cards, etc.

Class Title:	Strength and Conditioning		
Teacher:	Ruehmann	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	18

Description: This class will focus on developing health related fitness including muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance, balance and flexibility. This course will give students the tools to be physically fit throughout their lifetime. Students will perform a variety of exercises and techniques, allowing them to discover exercises they enjoy and those that work best for them. Students will design an individual fitness plan with goals that best fit their needs.

Class Title:	Choir		
Teacher:	Mc Irvin	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: From choral literature to original songwriting; from a cappella singing to accompanied; this is the class for those who love to sing! Students will learn to read and interact with vocal music. Expect part-singing, solo opportunities, rounds, music reading and writing, and improvising in a safe and fun environment.

Required Winter and Spring performances.
Homework is assigned to support skills in musicianship.

Class Title:	Guitar		
Teacher:	Mc Irvin	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: This class will introduce the student to reading notes, rhythms, dynamics, tempos, reading tabs while playing the instrument. Opportunities to play duets and trios. We will explore finger picking.

Required Winter and Spring performances.
Homework is assigned to support skills in musicianship.

Class Title:	Handbells		
Teacher:	Mc Irvin	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Being immersed in the ringing sonorities of a handbell choir is unlike anything else. It is power, subtly, achievement, music, coordination, and exhilaration all in one! Add in the fact the school owns and set of *professional handbells* and this is one class you don't want to miss!

Students will learn or improve in: music-reading, rhythm awareness, hand-eye coordination, and teamwork. As a performance class, students are required to perform in both the Fall and Spring concerts. Homework will be assigned throughout the year to support skills in musicianship.

Required Winter and Spring performances.
Homework is assigned to support skills in musicianship.

Class Title:	Digital Music		
Teacher:	Mc Irvin	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	16

Description: Video game music, one-man bands, vlogs, techno music, loops, hooks, and grooves. This class is an entry into the limitless modern world of digital music-making!

In this project-oriented class, students will explore with free DAWs (digital audio workstations) to both manipulate and build from existing loops and to create music and audio with digital instruments.

Programs utilized include OnlineSequencer, SoundTrap, Audacity, Pro Tools Intro trial, FL Studios trial, etc. Projects will be mostly individual with some collaborative work and classwork will require ability in file-saving, -sharing, and -retrieval. Homework will require students to learn and use various DAWs at home to complete projects.

Required Winter and Spring performances.
Homework is assigned to support skills in musicianship.

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Middle and High School Classes

Class Title:	Taiko Drumming		
Teacher:	Mc Irvin	Credit:	.50 (HS only)
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	12

Description: Drums are the most pervasive instruments in the world, found in every culture from ancient times to today. This class focuses on the drumming tradition, history, and modern application of the *Japanese Taiko Ensembles*.

Taiko drumming is all about the melding of drumming with martial arts-style choreography. Music aside, it is a great physical outlet and stress reliever!

Required Winter and Spring performances.

Homework is assigned to support skills in musicianship.

Class Title:	Physical Education		
Teacher:	Ruehmann	Credit:	.50
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
Prerequisite:	none	Max:	18

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Class Title:	Strength and Conditioning		
Teacher:	Ruehmann	Credit:	.50
Text:	none	Grade:	6-12
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