

# Medea Creek Middle School

## Electives (Incoming 7th and 8th Graders)

2022-23

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**-Please review all information on this document before completing your Google Form.**

**-Students may NOT repeat an elective class and must follow the prerequisite requirements. Placement in electives is dependent upon staffing, student interest, and availability of classes. Students are NOT guaranteed to receive their top choice(s).**

**-Rank your top six choices (1=1st choice, 2=2nd choice, etc., 6=last choice) on the Google form.**

**-Student ranking of preferable electives may include a combination of year-long and/or semester-long electives.**

**-If you have questions about elective choices, please contact your counselor.**

**-Requests will be accepted through March 11, 2022.**

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**Year-long Classes: If a student selects a year long elective, they will only be enrolled in one elective for the year.**

**-Beginning Band (6-8):** No previous experience is necessary to enroll; limited number of school instruments may be available; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

**-Intermediate Band (7-8):** Prerequisite: Band Director's Approval; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

**-Advanced Band (7-8):** Prerequisite: Band Director's Approval; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

**-String Orchestra:** This is a musical ensemble open to all playing levels of students on violin, viola, cello or string bass; limited number of school instruments may be available. Emphasize teaching basic string instrumental skills and music reading; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester. Please indicate if you have any experience.

**Advanced String Orchestra:** This is a musical ensemble open to advanced level students on violin, viola, cello or string bass; limited number of school instruments may be available. Placement by teacher recommendation; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester. Please indicate your years of experience.

**-Choir:** A year-long performance class that helps students strengthen their singing skills in an ensemble setting. No experience necessary, just bring your desire to sing Pop, Broadway and Choral pieces. Students will NOT be required to sing by themselves. Mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

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**-Spanish 1:** A high school level academic class; equivalent to taking (paced the same) as first year of Spanish at OPHS. Prerequisite: "B" or better in English 7 and Pre-Algebra/Algebra 7, OR "B" or better in Intro. to Spanish AND students must possess a strong work ethic. Successful completion will put students in Spanish 2 as OPHS freshman.

**-ASB 7/8:** Students interested in this leadership class need to complete an application. Students will be programmed upon acceptance.

**Semester Classes: Students will be enrolled in TWO classes if they select semester classes (remember to rank classes 1-6).**

**-Heroes and Villains 7/8:** What makes a hero? Come examine our favorite heroes from books, TV, movies, comic books & graphic novels! King Arthur & his Knights, the very first superhero comics, Luke Skywalker, James T. Kirk, Wolverine and more. And of course, what is a hero without a villain? Bring a love of reading, creative projects and adventure!

**-Intro to Art 7/8:** This class is for students who have NOT taken art at MCMS; beginning painting and drawing. Students are introduced to a variety of materials and art styles. Students develop a visual portfolio of artwork.

**-Art 2 7/8:** Prerequisite: Intro to Art. More advanced techniques of painting, drawing and other media including 3-D projects with clay.

**-New Media Art 7/8:** With a focus on Photography, students will learn to use digital cameras to capture images. Students will learn how photography is

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used for storytelling, documentation, high art, and graphic design. In addition, creative expression will be explored through photo composites and digital drawing applied to photographs.

**-Art Showcase 7/8:** Prerequisite: Art 2 and recommendation from the teacher; MCMS's most advanced art class. This class is focused on painting and developing a concentrated drawing portfolio.

**-Beginning Robotics 7/8:** This is an introduction to LEGO Mindstorms EV3 Robotics System; students build and program them!

**-Beginning Computer Programming 7/8:** with Scratch, students learn to create games, animation and stories by programming.

**-Video Production 7/8:** Students have hands-on experience in this project based class as they learn both photography and cinematography. A variety of different productions will be explored and produced ... lights, camera, action!

**-3D Design Products and Architecture 7/8:** Explore building design using hands-on building and 3D design software, including Sketchup and Tinkercad; use computer programs to design objects to be printed on 3D printers.

**-Animation 7/8:** Students investigate the principles of animation by using their own creative imaginations to create flip books, thaumatropes, stop-motion, computer-generated animation, and more. Disney and Anime enthusiasts are highly encouraged!

**-Intro to Spanish 7/8:** An introductory course of the Spanish language.

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**-Intro to Audio and Music Production 7/8:** Have you gotten bored with GarageBand? Want to write a song but don't know where to start? Have dreams of becoming a music producer? If so, this class is for you! Students will learn how to use DAW (digital audio workstation) programs to mix, record, and edit their own music. No music experience required, just a willingness to learn and be creative!

**-Rockets! Rockets! 7/8:** A history of rockets and how they work through hand-on activities, learning, building and launching rockets. Cannot repeat if taken in 6th grade.