

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVE CHOICES 2023-2024

<p><b>Year-Long Classes</b> Meet on Alternating Blue or Gold Days</p>		<p><b>Physical Education</b> <i>Students will strengthen their bodies and minds to help them focus on their academics.</i></p>	<p><b>Spanish 1</b> <i>Students will prepare to take Spanish 2 at the high school level through this comprehensive year-long study of Spanish. (8th grade only)</i></p>	
<p><b>Trimester-Long Classes</b> Meet on Alternating Blue or Gold Days</p>	<p><b>ACT Preparation 1 &amp; 2</b> <i>Students will learn exactly what is involved and necessary for the successful completion of the Reading, Writing, Math, and Science portions of the ACT test. (8th grade only)</i></p>	<p><b>Art (Textiles/Drawing &amp; Painting)</b> <i>Through artistic expression, students will become secure in their own creativity, develop an appreciation of and gain knowledge of art history and techniques.</i></p>	<p><b>Best of CS Lewis Literature</b> <i>Exploring the various works of well-known Christian author C.S. Lewis will allow students to discuss and share their Christian values.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Bible: A Crash Course</b> <i>Students will achieve Bible literacy by acquiring a deeper knowledge of how the Bible came to be, the stories in it, the structure and makeup of it and its importance for our lives.</i></p>	<p><b>Chapel Choir</b> <i>Students who become members of the chapel leadership team will plan and participate in weekly chapel vocal and musical performances and gain an understanding of various musical elements.</i></p>	<p><b>Civics</b> <i>Students will learn key concepts about our nation's government while also preparing for the required high school Civics assessment. (8th grade only)</i></p>	<p><b>Competitive Forensics</b> <i>Students will learn to construct and deliver effective oral presentations in preparation for forensics' meets during the competitive season.</i></p>
	<p><b>Creative Writing</b> <i>Students will learn the various techniques that published fiction and nonfiction writers employ when developing their stories.</i></p>	<p><b>Engineering</b> <i>Students will develop engineering design skills and habits of the mind. They will discover how engineering shapes their world.</i></p>	<p><b>Intro/Advanced Robotics</b> <i>Students become familiar with basic programming, participate in complex problem solving and use higher-order thinking skills.</i></p>	<p><b>Leadership 1 &amp; 2</b> <i>Students will explore the traits necessary for a leader in today's society through a Christian lens at an introductory level in 6th or 7th grade and at an advanced level in 8th grade.</i></p>
	<p><b>Literacy Leaders</b> <i>Students will closely read and analyze classic and modern literature samples, approaching each novel with a Christian worldview.</i></p>	<p><b>Mind, Body, Spirit</b> <i>Students will become more mindful of how fitness science, nutrition and faith nurture a self-awareness in one's unique potential.</i></p>	<p><b>Musical Performance</b> <i>This course is designed for students cast as main roles in our theatrical stage performance. (Auditions held for roles before course begins.)</i></p>	<p><b>Musical Tech/Art</b> <i>This course is designed for students cast in chorus roles or who would like to be artistic, technological and stage help for our annual musical.</i></p>
	<p><b>Personal Finance</b> <i>Students will cover six crucial topics to introduce them to the fundamentals of mindful money management behaviors.</i></p>	<p><b>Public Speaking 1 &amp; 2</b> <i>Students will learn to construct and deliver effective oral presentations, analyzing and adapting messages to affect the audience at the introductory and advanced levels.</i></p>	<p><b>SOUL</b> <i>Students will develop Study skills and Organization techniques, including Understanding and using Lesson Capture, necessary for success in middle school.</i></p>	<p><b>Spanish A</b> <i>Students will learn to read, write and speak using simple Spanish words and phrases.</i></p>
	<p><b>Spanish B</b> <i>Students will continue building upon their Spanish knowledge through sequential development of second-language literacy skills.</i></p>			