

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVE CHOICES 2020-2021 (Trimester 2)

<p><b>Trimester-Long Classes</b> Meet on Alternating Blue or Gold Days</p>	<p><b>Art</b> <i>Through artistic expression, students will become secure in their own creativity and gain knowledge of art history and techniques.</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>One of the steps CELA has taken as a precautionary measure stemming from the COVID pandemic is to implement a cohort system for the 2020-2021 school year which will help limit the contact students have with others, thus decreasing the amount of exposure students have. As a result of this new cohort system, we have had to temporarily reduce the amount of electives that are offered to our middle school students. This chart shows the electives that are being taught to our middle school students during Trimester 2 of this school year. Our plan is to return to normal elective rotations at the start of Trimester 3. We are reviewing the situation regularly and will return to a normal schedule as soon as possible.</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>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>Intro to/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>Intro to Statistics and Probability</b> <i>Through explorations and problem-solving, students will gather, analyze and interpret data.</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>Music</b> <i>Students will explore and grow understanding in a variety of music mediums and approaches with the opportunity to build upon areas of interest.</i></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 A &amp; B</b> <i>Students will continue building upon their Spanish knowledge through sequential development of second-language literacy skills.</i></p>	
<p><b>Below is a sampling of elective classes that have been offered in the past but are not being offered during Trimester 2 of the 2020-2021 school year. These classes may be offered during Trimester 3 to our middle school students. There may be other classes offered that are not shown below and this list is subject to change.</b></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>Band</b> (NOTE: Band does not meet on alternating days, it has a tailored schedule.) <i>Individually and cooperatively, students will develop their leadership skills through creative and spiritual expression of musical performance.</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>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>Chapel Choir</b> <i>By creating musical performance pieces as a group, students will learn to work cooperatively to lead our community in worship.</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 to Latin</b> <i>Students will be introduced to the Latin language by focusing on root words, derivatives and pronunciation patterns.</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>Personal Finance and Competence</b> <i>Students will be introduced to mindful money management behaviors and practices. (7th or 8th grade only)</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 and Organizational skills, including Understanding and using Lesson Capture, necessary for success in middle school.</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. (7th or 8th grade only)</i></p>				