

## **Eighth Grade Electives**

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**\*\* ALL courses are high school credit electives and are NOT allowed to change once a class begins; the grades will be on the students' high school transcripts. Grades are based on a semester grading system. Please pick 2 in case there is a scheduling conflict.**

### **JOURNEY TO CAREERS (High School Credit) \$10 nonrefundable lab fee required**

This course investigates the 16 career clusters through classroom discussion, activities and internet research to help students make meaningful decisions about their career choices. Course content will include self-assessment, goal setting to succeed in high school, and employment skills needed for real life opportunities.

### **ADVANCED BAND (High School Credit)**

**(Band Fee required)** Students electing to take advanced band must have at least one year of band experience, and an instrument in good playing condition, as determined by the band director. Membership in the band includes attendance at all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances (football games, parades, concerts, etc.) Members in the advanced band are also eligible to audition for a position in the Symphonic Band and/or Jazz Band.

### **CHORUS- (High School Credit)**

Students will participate in District Honor Competition, as well as perform for special occasions such as Christmas, Veterans Day, and Awards Night. Students who enroll in Chorus will be required to attend rehearsals before and after school. The Chorus teacher has the final decision as to the student's selection for this class.

### **PIANO- (High School Credit) limited enrollment**

This is a small numbers class; students must have access to a piano or keyboard at home.

### **SPANISH- 8<sup>th</sup> grade (High School Credit)**

**One Year:** This introductory course covers basic conversation, vocabulary, grammar, and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Listening, speaking, reading, writing, and translating skills are emphasized. In order to take the test for credit, the student must have a B average in the class. **\*Having taken 7<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish is not required but strongly recommended.**

### **ART I (High School Credit)**

The art course is designed to introduce the fundamentals of art and design, and to develop an appreciation of visual art. Students will explore a variety of materials in two-dimensional and three-dimensional activities. They will develop skills with media, processes, and craftsmanship. Students will identify problems, and use imagination in finding unique solutions.