

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

*\*Fees may be associated with elective courses*

**21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY MEDIA I** *\*Semester course.* This course is designed to educate students about digital media, as well as provide hands-on experience with industry standard media software and equipment. The curriculum covers a wide range of media pathways and introduces students to photography, animation, audio production, and video production. You will develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills through project-based learning.

**ART EXPLORATION** *\*Semester course.* This class is designed to help improve students' basic art skills: drawing, painting, and designing using a variety of media and techniques. The main goal of the class is to develop students' creativity and self-expression and allow for the exploration of varied media. *\$15 supply fee and sketch book required.*

**BEGINNING BAND** *\*Semester course-every other day.* Students will have a year of beginning group instruction on a primary instrument of their choice from flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, or baritone and develop individual skills for instrumental performance, instrument care and maintenance, proper posture, and experience concert performances. *\*Instrument Required if not eligible to rent from the school.*

**BEGINNING ORCHESTRA** *\*Semester course-every other day.* Students will have a year of beginning group instruction on a primary instrument of their choice from violin, viola, cello, or bass and develop individual skills for instrumental performance, instrument care and maintenance, proper posture, and experience concert performances. *\*Instrument Required if not eligible to rent from the school.*

**CHORUS** *\*Semester course-every other day.* Chorus involves training in the basics of proper vocal technique, and beginning of musicianship skills such as sight-reading, ear training, musical interpretation, and expressions. Students are required to participate in extra-curricular performances in order to receive class credit. *No audition is required.*

**CODING** *\*Semester course.* Explore group instruction to explore coding! From smartphone apps to video games and everything in between—the world runs on code. Software jobs are predicted to grow 34% in the next few years, making coding the world's most in-demand skill. Whether you dream of becoming a website developer or want to launch your own mobile game startup, your coding path starts here.

**CREATIVE WRITING:** Explore ways to make your stories more exciting, and maybe even have one of your stories published! In this class we will discover techniques authors use to write the stories you love. We will challenge your creativity, writing both with and without prompts. We will also look at the process of becoming a published author, but most of all, we will get to do something we enjoy, writing!

**GLOBAL CITIZEN** *\*Semester course. Required for all 6<sup>th</sup>.* Explore group instruction to learn 21st century competencies, digital citizenship, social emotional learning skills, and create innovative projects that make a difference by participating in collaborative education projects to support the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)** *\*Semester course.* Explore group instruction to focus on fitness and cooperative games. Students will dress out and participate in a variety of activities to prepare them for an active lifestyle.

**STEM LAB I (Approach)** *\*Semester course.* Try Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through project-based data collection, hands-on activities, asking questions, and experimenting with lab equipment.