



O'Brien Electives

2025-26 School Year



Band

- Beginning Band – 1st year band members
- Intermediate Band – 2nd year band members that passed Beginning Band.
- Advanced Band – 3rd year band members that passed Intermediate. 2nd year band members may audition to get in early.
- Performs multiple events throughout the year in the evenings: concerts, NVHS football game, parade, festivals, special events.
- Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion
- Year-long class

Orchestra

- Orchestra is a musical community offering instruction on violin, viola, cello, and double bass. Students perform in concerts during and/or after school wearing the ensemble's designated attire. Rental instruments are available.
- Year-long class



CHOIR

- Choir is a music class designed to teach students the fundamentals of choral singing and music theory.
- Year-long class



Musical Theater

A musical theater class is an engaging and dynamic educational setting that focuses on developing various skills related to musical theater performance. The class typically integrates elements of singing, acting, and dancing to provide students with a well-rounded understanding of the genre.



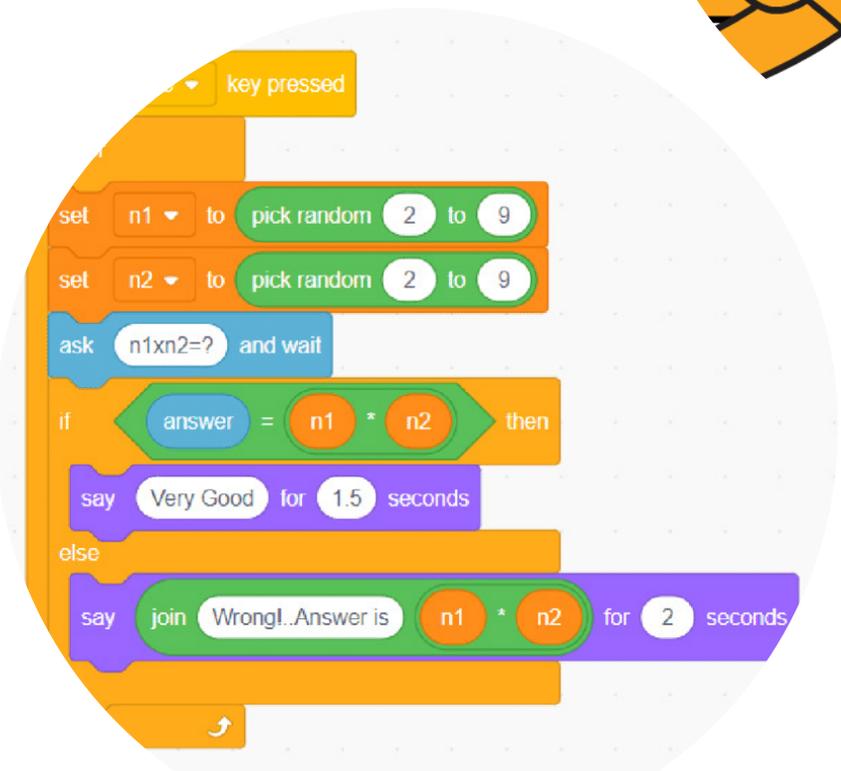
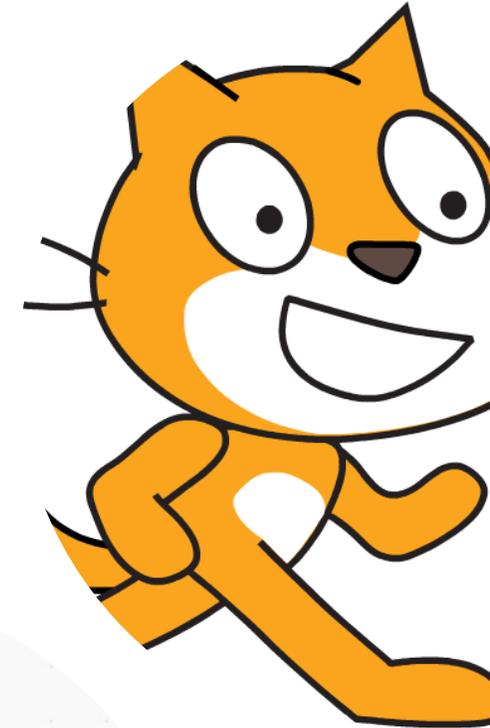
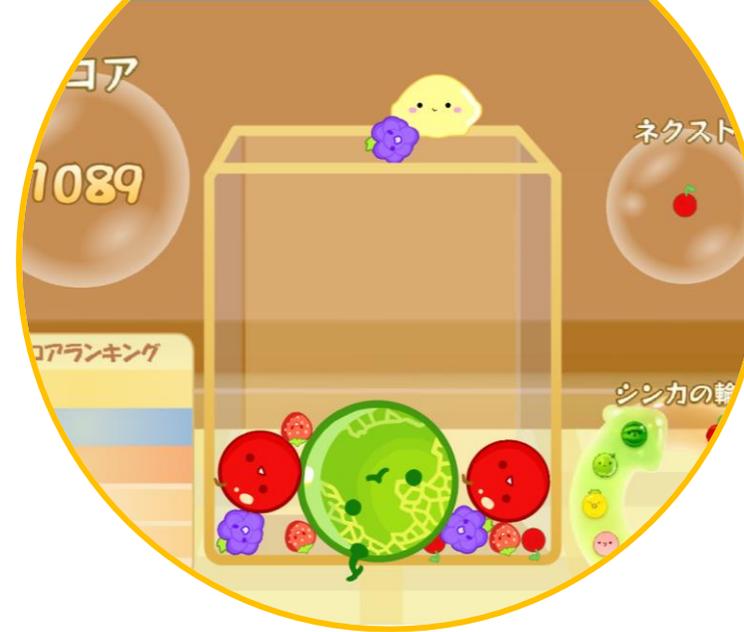


Culinary Arts and Celebrate Foods

- **Culinary 1**: learn basic kitchen skills and how to cook simple meals
 - A class perfect for 7th graders
- **Celebrate Foods (prerequisite- culinary 1)**: learn how to cook food from other cultures and practice more intermediate kitchen skills
 - A class perfect for 8th graders who already took culinary 1
- Other topics taught in both classes:
 - cooking terms
 - using kitchen equipment
 - food safety and sanitation
- You must pass a safety exam before you can cook in class
- Semester Class

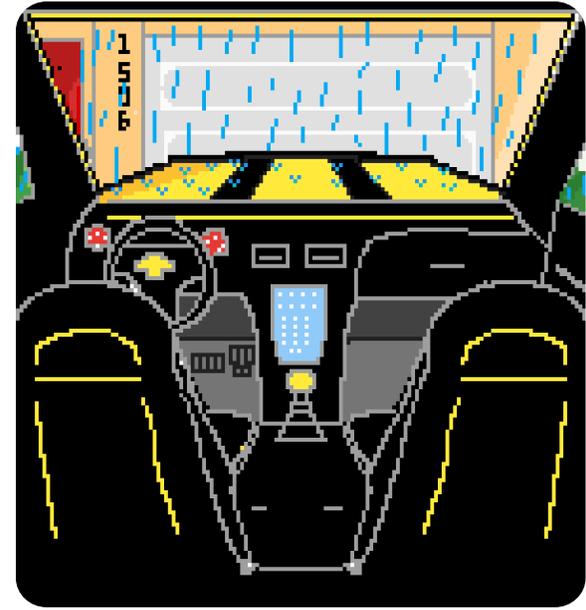
Computer Science

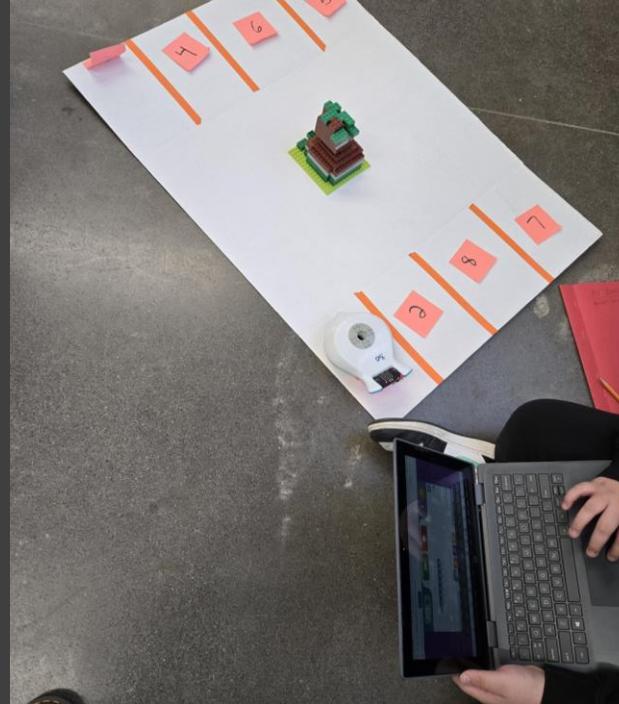
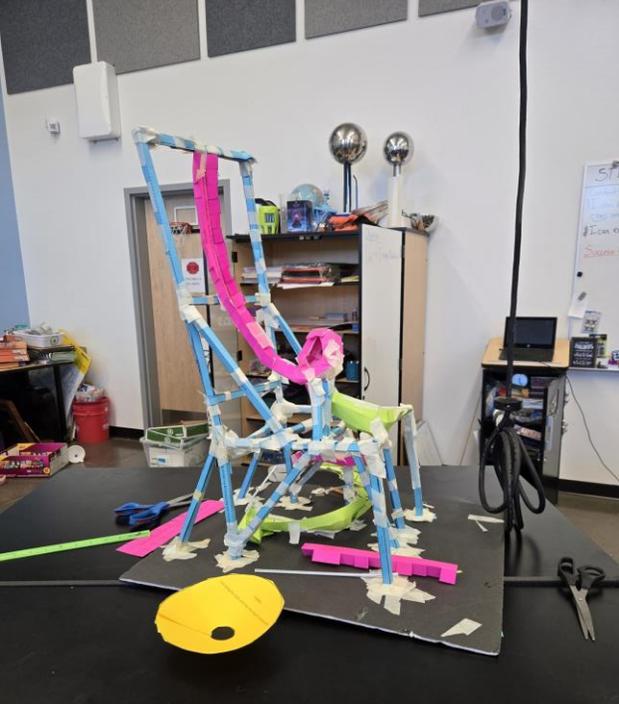
- Learn block coding in Scratch and see how surprisingly powerful these tools can be while you share code, comments, and art with other coders around the world.
- You'll create 3 games in different styles over the course of the class.
 - Top-down action game (Snake, Brawl Stars, YoHoHo.io)
 - Clicker (Cookie Clicker, Universal Paperclips, AdVenture Capitalist)
 - Side scrolling (Flappy Bird, Mario).
- Available to 7th & 8th grade.
- Semester Class



Graphic Design

- Develop your own art and expression using pixel art and digital collage. Pixel art challenges students to create in a retro style using limited colors and space. Students craft characters, scenes, and even animations.
- Digital collage takes the traditional art of cutting and pasting to the next level. Students use photo editing software to blend images, textures, and colors from many sources to create new original works.
- Available to 7th & 8th grade.
- Semester Class



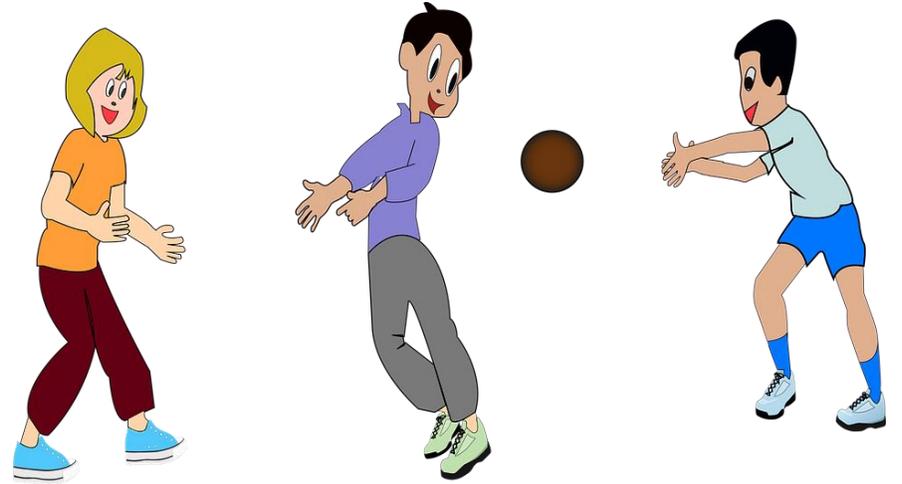


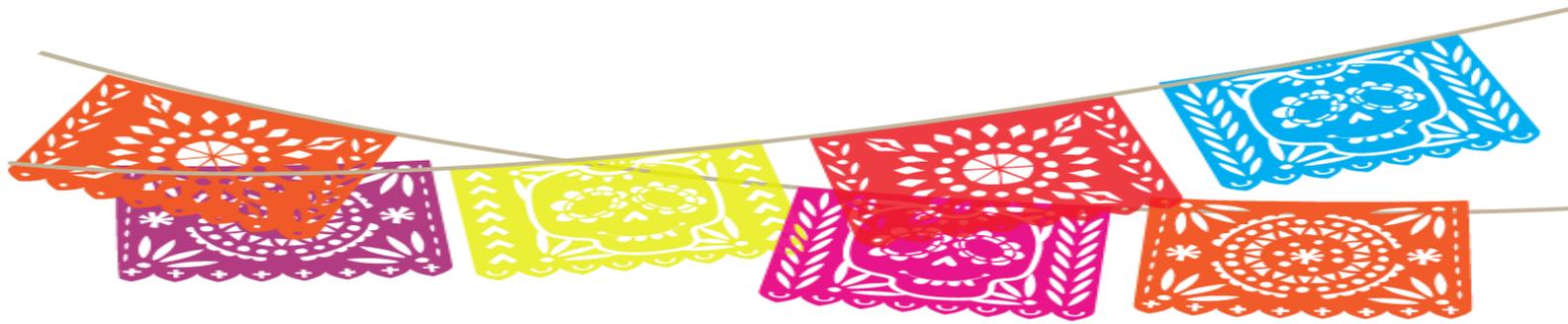
STEAM: Ms. Rosberg 102

- Engineering and Design
- Project Based/Hands on Learning
- Build, Make, Create
- Middle School Shop Class
- Robotics Engineering/Coding

7th and 8th Grade PE

- Open to all 7th and 8th grade students
- Play games, sports, and improve your fitness
- Some of the Units include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Spike Ball, Pickle Ball,**
 - Fitness, Tennis, Scooter Games, Lacrosse, Kickball, Tumbling,**
 - Dodgeball Games, Ultimate Football, Recreational Games,**
 - Soccer, Track and Field, and Lifting Weights**
- Changing Out and Participation are a requirement of the class
- Semester class





Spanish 1

- **Students will be able to start the foundation of learning a new language and applying it to their world.**

- **Prerequisites**

- * you must be in 7th or 8th grade
- * this is for first year learners of learning a NEW language(Spanish)

- **Goal for all classes**

- * to prepare students to take the Credit by Exam (CBE) at the end of their 8th grade year to earn a high school elective or world language credit
- Year-long class

Spanish 2

- Students will be able to continue to build on their foundation of the Spanish language through different modes of communication.

- **Prerequisites**

- * **you must be in 7th or 8th grade**
- * **this class is for students that have taken Spanish 1**
- **or**
- * **this class is for students that are proficient in some way in the Spanish language through one form of communication like speaking, listening, writing, reading, or understanding and are in the 7th grade.**

- * to prepare students to take the Credit by Exam (CBE) at the end of their 8th grade year to

Literacy 1-2

- What is it? : course designed for students who are native Spanish speakers or have a strong background in the language, focusing on developing their reading and writing skills in Spanish, often including advanced grammar, vocabulary, and analysis of Spanish literature, while also building upon their existing conversational abilities

- **This class is only for 8th grade students that communicate in Spanish at home and understand the Spanish language.**

- **Prerequisites**

- * **you must be in 8th grade**
- * **you must understand and communicate**

in Spanish

Leadership!

- Application required
- Grades 6-8
- Only 30 students admitted
- Grades/Behavior must be good to be eligible



- Schoolwide Activity Planning
 - Assemblies/dances
 - Spirit Weeks
- Community Service Projects
- Good for resume building!
- Student Store
- Application required for admission!
 - Application will be sent to teachers to be completed in advisory before Spring Break!
- Leadership Conferences/Field Trips

Art

(1, 2, & Advanced)

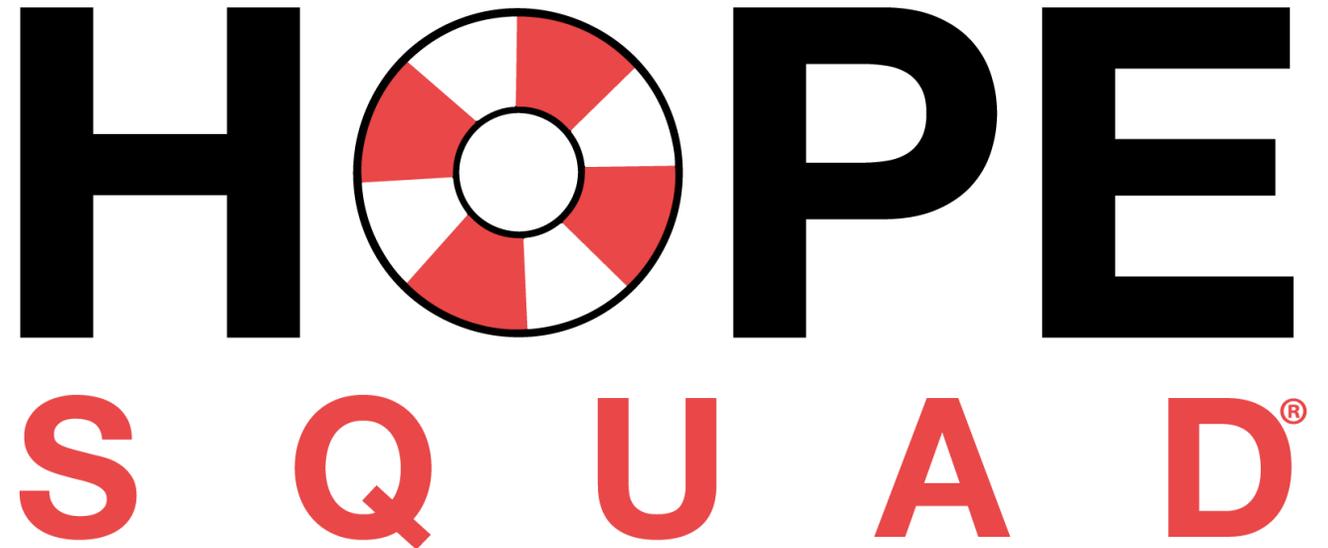
- **Art 1:** Introductory class where students will learn about the elements and principals of art by utilizing various techniques and mediums.
- **Art 2:** A continuation of what was learned in Art 1 where we will implement the learned techniques and apply them to different cultures and artists throughout history.
- **Advanced Art:** This course is for students that love art and want to continue their studies and learn advanced techniques. (only available for students who have completed Art 2 with at least a B or higher)



Are you a good friend
and easy to talk to?

- Hope Squad is a group of students who help peers get connected to resources, community and support.
- They build community, practice hope and foster kindness in our school.
- Parent permission is required for the class.
- You must have good attendance, no bullying issues and practice confidentiality.

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Beginning Drama AKA "Theater"

This is a one semester class where 6th and 7th grade students will have fun by learning the skills needed to perform in skits and plays on stage.

Why you should consider taking Drama:

- Explore the art of storytelling.
- Learn to be an actor.
- Become more comfortable speaking in front of a crowd.
- Improve your overall confidence level.
- **HAVE FUN!**



Advanced Drama

- This is a class for 7th and 8th graders who loved beginning drama class and want to go more in depth to further explore theater arts.
- Students must pass Beginning Drama and have permission from the teacher.

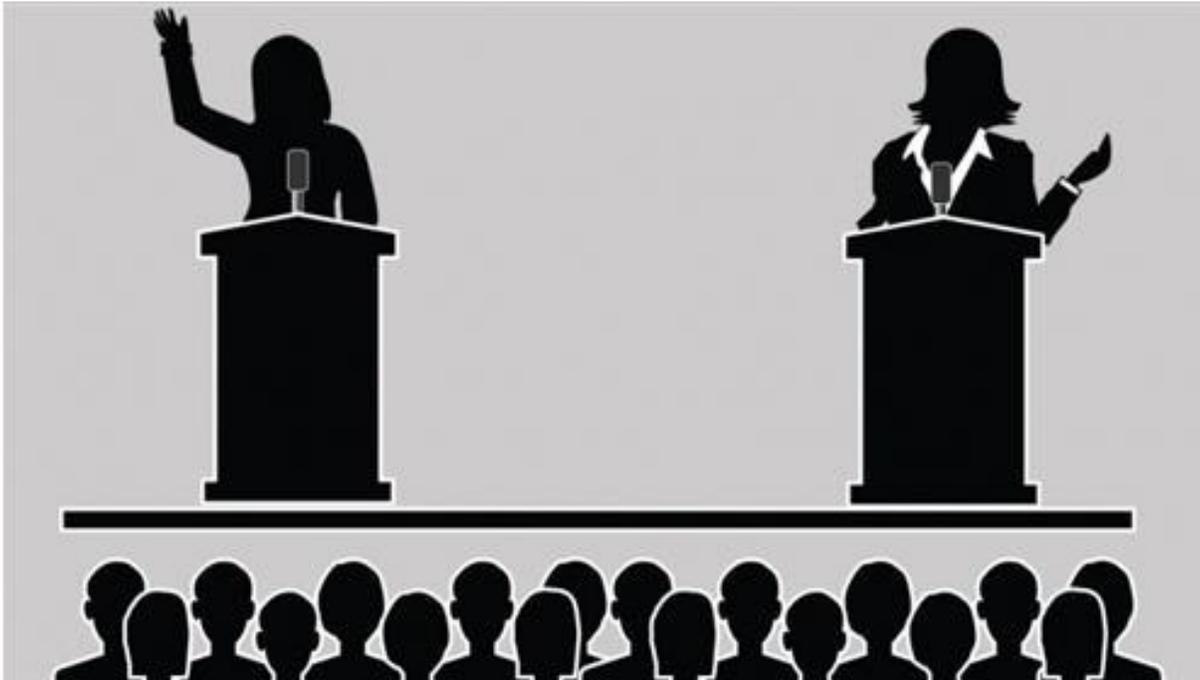


Media Production

- In introduction to film and video students will use I-pads to learn the basics of Film and video production. This includes lessons in Film History, Script and Story basics, shot composition, acting for the camera, production, and basic editing techniques. The students will write and produce various projects including commercials and public service announcements for the school.



Speech and Debate



- **In this semester-long class for 7th and 8th graders.**
- **You will get practice:**
 - Talking to people.
 - Forming arguments.
 - Convincing other people that you are right.
 - Speaking in front of an audience.
- **This would be a great class for anybody who would like to be a:**
 - Lawyer or judge
 - Teacher
 - Comedian
 - Business owner
 - Successful student in all your classes