

Middle School Electives 2011-2012

Each middle school student will have the opportunity to take two electives, one per semester. These elective classes will enrich and enhance our middle school curriculum by expanding content and building community among the students. Our elective classes will be taught last period on Friday afternoons. Please review the list below and fill out the form with your choices (preference of class choice will be given to 8th graders).

In addition to the list below, a silent study hall will be held each week during the elective period. Students will attend the silent study hall if they have incomplete homework assignments from the week, or if they choose to behave inappropriately in their elective classes. If a student attends study hall twice, they will receive a Needs Improvement on his/her report card. If a student must attend the silent study hall three times in a semester, a parent/teacher conference will be scheduled and the student will attend a before or after school detention. Three parent/teacher conferences will result in an in-school suspension.

Second Semester (January - June)

Public Speaking and Speech Writing - Students will learn the art of public speaking and speech writing with Mrs. Slifko. Are you aware of how your speech and body language may be perceived by your audience? Are your words clearly telling your audience what you mean? Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in morning and afternoon prayers and announcements.

Strategy Card Games – Ready, set, count! Use your brain to play strategic card games and learn to count cards with Miss Rodriguez.

Handbell Choir - Create celestial music with Mrs. Doyle's Handbell Choir. The Handbell Choir may perform at school functions.

Basketball/Break Dancing– Drills, skills, and basketball games led by Mr. O'Brien. We will practice our break dancing moves inside when the weather is bad.

Service – End your week by helping others! Join Mrs. Sinclair in meaningful service projects during this elective.

Shakespeare Play – Join Miss Huftalen in putting on the Nativity School Shakespeare play. This elective is only open to 7th and 8th graders. Up to 20 actors/stage crew are needed. Once a week after-school rehearsals will be required.

Digital Storytelling - Join Mrs. Fernandez in sharing your creative ideas in digital storytelling by combining digital photographs, music, and narration. Learn the basics of creating fun, interesting and memorable digital stories to share with friends and family.

Art from the Heart - Do you like beads? How about miniature sculptures? What about wearable art? If so, join Mrs. O'Donnell for a semester of exploring different techniques using the exciting medium of polymer clay.

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**Middle School Electives
Registration Form
2011-2012**

Dear Parents and Students,

Please consider the attached choices of middle school electives and review. Please indicate your first, second, and third choices below. *This form is only for the second semester elective.*

Thank you,
The Middle School Faculty

Student's Name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

Third choice: _____