



### 2022-23 MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVE COURSES

*The following courses are not necessarily offered every quarter/semester. Elective choices each year are based on teacher availability and student interest.*

<b>MS American Sign Language</b>	The ASL Elective is designed to introduce Middle School students to American Sign Language and the culture integrated in the deaf community. Units include development of conversation using this language. <b>Offered Quarter 1 &amp; 2 only</b>
<b>MS/HS Band/Strings</b>	This class(band) is oriented to student public performances and competitions. Students develop music skills on the band instrument of the student's choice (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, tuba, percussion, etc.). Most students provide their own instruments, with the exception of specifically assigned instruments (large low brass, percussion). Students are expected to meet minimum assigned practice requirements and participate in all band performances. Students who play the piano, bass guitar or guitar may be considered by audition/interview. This class(strings ensemble) is oriented to student public performances. Students develop music skills on the string instrument of the student's choice (violin, viola, cello, bass). Most students provide their own instruments, with the exception of specifically assigned instruments (upright bass). Students are expected to meet minimum assigned practice requirements and participate in all string ensemble and orchestra performances. <b>Offered Fall and spring semesters (Typically taken for the year)</b>
<b>MS/HS Color Guard</b>	This class is oriented to student public performances and competitions utilizing dance and equipment. The Color Guard works closely with the band program as part of all marching performances and events. We strive to provide a Biblically based opportunity for student growth, development, and understanding of dance, music, color, and movement through individual devotion and group participation. Color Guard instruction includes dance, choreography and equipment training related to "Sport of the Arts" (example: flags, ruffles, dance, and sabers) with equipment supplied by the CVCS Instrumental Music Department. Performances are required and occur at selected sporting events, marching competitions, parades, festivals, and Winter Guard/showcases. <b>Offered Fall semester only</b>
<b>MS CSI Forensics</b>	The Forensics Elective is designed to introduce Middle School students to general Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation through fun investigations and class activities! Units may include fingerprinting, hair and fiber analysis, blood spatter analysis, tire and footprint analysis, criminal profiling, and an autopsy of a pickle. Whodunit?!?! <b>Offered Quarter 2 &amp; 3 only</b>
<b>MS Dance</b>	Whether you love dance or have not tried it this class is for you! For this class we will be looking at many different styles of dance such as ballet, jazz, contemporary, ballroom, hip-hop, and more. We will be working on the foundations of dance and the technique as well as learning fun combos! <b>Offered Quarters 1,2,3,4</b>
<b>MS Digital Photography</b>	Learn to use different photography techniques to enhance your digital photos! We will learn several photography techniques that will make your digital photos look gallery worthy. Students must have a cell phone or a tablet that takes pictures. <b>1 Offered Quarter 1 &amp; 4 only</b>



<b>MS Domestic Skills</b>	The Domestic Skills Elective is designed to introduce Middle School students to general Life Skills. Units may include kitchen management, house cleaning, budgeting, basic cooking, and sewing. <b>Offered Quarter 1 &amp; 4 only</b>
<b>MS Exploring Minecraft</b>	If you love the game Minecraft and always wanted to design your own world, this class is for you! During our 9 weeks together, you will learn how to create a custom map, design structures to share between worlds, and much more. <b>Offered Quarter 2 &amp; 4 only</b>
<b>MS Exploring Robotics</b>	Utilizing the LEGO® EV3 robots, students will work together to design, build, and program robots to complete tasks. This will give students a great introduction to robotics and set them up well to take more advanced programming, engineering, or robotics classes in high school! <b>Offered Fall and spring semesters</b>
<b>MS Exploring Spanish</b>	Heading to Mexico over spring break next year will be a breeze as you learn to navigate the Spanish language and culture. In this class you will perform skits, have fiestas and much more. This class is great launch pad for high school Spanish. <b>Offered Quarter 2 &amp; 3 only</b>
<b>MS Filmmaking</b>	During our 9 weeks together, we will learn how to create a documentary from your choice of topics. We will cover digital citizenship including topics like protecting privacy, information literacy, creative credit, and copyright laws. We will also look at video and picture editing software. We will learn how to critique documentaries films with a critical eye. All while learning different tools and techniques to really make your video stand out. <b>Offered Quarter 1 &amp; 3 only</b>
<b>MS Fitness</b>	What does being fit mean to you? It should be more than just a number on the scale or what is seen in the mirror. MS Fitness is designed to introduce students to the basics behind what it means to be physically fit and how to live out 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. The focus will be to utilize the different types of fitness exercises to teach students how their body functions, to utilize proper exercise techniques, explore a variety of physical activities they can enjoy long-term, and to strengthen them both physically and mentally. <b>Offered Quarters 1,2,3,4</b>
<b>MS Medieval Times</b>	This is an interactive simulation of life in the Middle Ages. You will take on the role of a medieval character and discover what it was like to live at that time. You will develop your character, create your coat of arms, participate in a medieval tournament, go on crusade, and much more. The adventure will culminate in a medieval banquet at the end of the course. <b>Quarter 1,3 only</b>
<b>MS Music and Vocal Performance</b>	Have you ever looked at a piece of sheet music and all you see is a bunch of random lines and dots? The goal of the Middle School Music and Vocal Performance class is to solve the riddle of music theory, teach students how to read the language of music, and use it to vocally perform beautiful, dynamic music! <b>Offered Fall semester only</b>
<b>MS Outside Sport</b>	This is an option for students who participate in a sport outside of CVCS (i.e. baseball, dance, gymnastics, etc.) Parents will be expected to pick their son/daughter up at the end of class prior to 7 <sup>th</sup> period electives (2:30 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and 1:45 PM Wednesdays) <b>Offered Quarters 1,2,3,4</b>
<b>MS Puppetry Ministry</b>	In this course students will learn how to develop a puppet ministry using puppets and characters they create themselves. Students will learn how to make three



	different types of puppets, develop characters, write scripts, and perform with their puppets <b>Offered Quarter 2 &amp; 4 only</b>
<b>MS Servant Leadership</b>	Students are constantly being told to “be a leader” and not to follow the crowd. Yet most students are not equipped to lead anyone and are actually gravitating towards being led by the media, celebrities, athletes, etc. This course is intended to give students tools to be successful leaders in their schools, churches, teams, youth groups, etc. <b>Offered Quarter 3 &amp; 4 only</b>
<b>MS Strength and Conditioning</b>	The Strength and Conditioning Elective is designed to introduce Middle School students to proper strength and conditioning fitness workouts. The focus will be to teach them proper movement patterns, strengthen the individual physically and mentally and show them how to safely use the weight room. <b>Offered Quarters 1, 2, 3, 4</b>
<b>MS Theater</b>	What is theater? People memorizing lines and acting on stage, right? Well, guess what, there is whole lot more that goes into a theater production and the Middle School Theater class will explore many of these different elements! You will be introduced to common theatre terminology, history of theater, the stage, pantomime, silent film, puppetry, script writing, costuming, stage makeup, characterization, and so much more! <b>Offered Spring semester only</b>
<b>MS Visual Art</b>	Middle School Art Elective is designed to introduce Middle School students to the basic elements and fundamentals of art. In this class, students will learn to see and interpret. Students will be creating art with a variety of mediums including paper, pencil, marker, pastel, yarn, and paint with focus on creating visually balanced, expressive and communicative artwork. <b>Offered Fall and spring semester</b>
<b>MS Yearbook</b>	The job of the yearbook class is to create a book that captures the spirit of the school year. We are looking for students who are excited and will be committed to working together as a team to produce a quality product. Students undertake the responsibilities of developing a yearbook theme, designing the layout, ensuring photo content and composition, and meeting strict deadlines. Involvement in MS Yearbook will offer students the opportunity to gain computer and camera skills and to have fun working as a team at the same time. <b>Offered Quarter 2 &amp; 3 only*</b> <b>*(Must sign up for both)</b>