

# 8TH GRADE ELECTIVES 1/2

## **Band**

*Band 1 (ART 1033), Band 2 (ART 1034)*

*Band 1* - This class is for students interested in playing wind and percussion instruments only or who have some experience playing in elementary school. Instruments include flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, and trombone.

*Band 2* - This class is for students who have completed Band 1 or have a year or more experience playing a wind or percussion instrument and can read beginner level grade 1 music. Instruments include flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto, tenor & baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, and tuba.

## **Ceramics**

*MS Ceramics / Sculptures 3 (ART 1039)*

Students will explore a variety of three-dimensional artmaking processes and techniques. In addition to ceramics, students will have the opportunity to create works of art using conventional and contemporary sculpture media.

## **Chorus**

*Chorus MS 3 (ART 1042)*

This is open to all students who enjoy singing regardless of music background or experience. Students will sing, create, perform, and critique music in a variety of styles and genres and participate in at least two performances per year.

## **Digital Art and Photography**

*MS Digital Art & Photo (ART 1018)*

Students use computers as a tool to create raster and vector-based artworks. Students discuss ethical and safety issues in the use of digital media as a tool for visual communication. In addition, students will utilize raster-based digital media and/or digital photography to create artworks.

## **Introduction to Engineering Design**

*Introduction to Engineering Design A/B (TEC2017 A/B)*

This is a broad-based survey course to help students understand engineering and engineering technology and identify career possibilities. Students develop problem solving skills by tackling real-world engineering problems. Through theory and practical hands-on experiences, students address the emerging social and political consequences of technological change.

## **Dance**

*MS Dance 3 (ART 1066)*

Students will develop techniques in a variety of dance styles and skilled application of dance elements. This course may be taken for more than one year.

## **Orchestra**

*Orchestra 1 (ART 1045), Orchestra 2 (ART 1046)*

*Orchestra 1*: Open to all sixth graders who have participated in Orchestra during Elementary school. This is a performing ensemble that rehearses daily for multiple concerts per year, as well as a judged competition every spring at Einstein High School. Students learn leadership, independence, and discipline, as well as new skills on their instrument, including scales, bowing techniques, and string crossings.

*Orchestra 2*: Open to all seventh-eighth graders who have taken Orchestra 1, and/or took Orchestra during Elementary School. This is a performing ensemble that rehearses daily for multiple concerts per year, as well as a judged competition every spring at Einstein High School. Students learn leadership, independence, and discipline, as well as new skills on their instrument, including all scales preparing them for high school, bowing techniques, an introduction to vibrato, and musical expression.

# 8TH GRADE ELECTIVES 2/2

## **Rock Band**

*Band 1 (ART 1033-10)*

Open to all grades who have not taken multiple years of Orchestra or Band. Students learn the basics of electric and acoustic guitar, piano, electric bass, and drumset. This is a performing ensemble with multiple concerts per year, as well as many school assemblies. Individuality and leadership is encouraged, and students usually select all music, make team decisions, and run their own performances.

## **Studio Art**

*MS Studio Art 1 (ART 1024), MS Studio Art 2 (ART 1025)*

Students will explore a variety of traditional art media and techniques, including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, and functional craft to create artworks.

## **Team Sport/ Box Score**

*Related Activity (NAC 2013)*

The emphasis of this course is on traditional team sports. Focus will be on physical movement and student engagement. This course will explore the historical and mathematical origin of a variety of sports statistics and analyze what is being measured.

## **TV Studio**

*TV Studio (AMC 1004)*

Students learn how to operate TV switchers, TV cameras, sound, and graphic equipment. The course covers the fundamentals of producing, scripting, directing, and editing for television.

## **World Languages**

*French 1,2,3 or Spanish 1, 2, 3 or Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1,2*

\*French/ Spanish - Students begin to learn to communicate orally and in writing in a culturally appropriate manner about topics related to daily life. They interpret basic information when listening and reading. Vocabulary and basic grammatical structures are taught within the context of these familiar topics. Culture is embedded throughout the course.

\*SSS - This course integrates authentic texts with opportunities to listen, speak, read, and write in Spanish. This class is generally for Native Spanish Speakers or those seeking a more immersive and analytical experience toward the parts of language in Spanish. Each unit of study will focus on Histórica y Cultura, Conocimientos para superar, Gramática y Ortografía, Literatura, and Composición.