



# Elective Course Offerings

The students in grades 5-8 have an opportunity to experience seven different elective courses during the second and third trimesters. There are six sessions offered during each trimester. The homeroom teacher has divided their students into groups. Each week, the students will participate in a new elective course. These courses are non-graded. Electives will be held on Mondays at 1:55 p.m. The following is a list of the seven courses being offered:

## THE ART OF BEAUTIFUL WRITING - [in the 6th grade room]:

The art of penmanship will always be alive as long as there is at least one artist willing to carry on the tradition. Help carry on the tradition, come join the fun in room 6 and become a penmanship artist for a day. You will find out about the history of Calligraphy as well as how to produce elegant and artistic letters. Come with your felt-tip, medium chisel point calligraphy pen or one will be provided for class-use only.

## DRAWING — [in the 7th grade room]:

After an introduction to the elements of contour drawing and shading, you will be given opportunities to apply what you've learned to several drawing activities. Bring a pencil an eraser, and crayons. Also, bring colored pencils and markers, if you have them.

## FITNESS 101 — [St. Rose neighborhood]:

Get started on an easy-to-use fitness program, we will s-t-r-e-c-h, f-l-e-x, and w-a-l-k for health!!! Come dressed in your PE clothes, we will supply a heart-smart snack, and get ready for action. We will stretch and go!!! *(Signed permission form required. See attached)*

## IT'S NOT MAGIC, IT'S PHYSICS! - [in the science lab]

In this elective, students will see a variety of demonstrations that are so amazing, they may seem like magic. But each demonstration will be clearly explained by the laws of physics. In addition, students will participate in a "team challenge" to design and construct a device with only the materials provided in class.

## INTRO TO GOLF—[in the gully]:

Student's will learn how to effectively chip a golf ball. This is a shot used around the greens and can come in different forms using an assortment of clubs. We will focus on just using a lofted club for most chips with an introduction to the chip and run. Real golf clubs and golf balls will be used.

## WHAT'S MANCALA? —[ in the 5th grade room]:

Mancala is an strategy game for developing mathematical skills and concentration. During this elective class students will get the opportunity to create and play the ancient African stone game Mancala. Each student is responsible to bring an empty egg carton to class to store their creation and take it home for family enjoyment.

## \* SCHOOL NEWSPAPER — [in the 8th grade room]:

Ten students from student council/class representatives will be chosen to publish a school newspaper during the elective periods. Students will be conducting interviews, writing articles, and publishing the newspaper for the entire school.

\* Exception: This elective class will not rotate—the same 10 students will be taking this class throughout the elective sessions