

7th/8th Grade Elective Selection

Please return by May 23

Dear Academy Families,

It is time to select your electives for the next school year. While I apologize for the delay in getting this out to you, my goal was to make sure we knew what choices we were offering. We also wanted to be able to offer clear expectations about these classes. We ask the student to choose a major art elective and a minor art elective. The major art elective will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week, and the minor elective will meet on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

There are criteria for selecting a major art elective. These criteria are detailed below. If a student cannot meet these criteria, selecting a different major art elective may be advisable. Please take time to consider all the choices and make the best selection for the next school year and for future selections. The criteria for a student's minor are a desire to learn the art form and a willingness to work on the art form to improve their skill. Class changes will be allowed in the first two weeks of school but many classes may already be filled.

2017-2018 Choices

- Guitar
- Orchestra
- Theatre
- Choir
- Piano
- Dance
- 2D Art
- 3D Art
- Arts Exploration (only offered as a major)

Major Art Elective Requirements

Guitar

- Purchase or rent a guitar
- Practice 120 minutes a week at home
- Have taken 1 year of guitar class or outside lessons
- Be able to locate all the notes on the staff
- Be able to demonstrate various chords from memory
- Demonstrate a proper warm up with correct posture

Dance

- Audition Only
- \$75 adjudication fee for the American Academy of Ballet Performance Awards
- Costume Fee for the Spring Recital
- Commitment to attend all after-school rehearsals for The Performance Awards and Spring Recital

Orchestra

- Purchase or rent an instrument
- Practice 120 minutes a week at home
- Be able to play slurred and tied notes
- Be able to play a steady tempo
- Have taken 1 year of Orchestra class
- Will do an audition if it is needed

Velocity (Show Choir)

- Be able to read music fluently
- Be open to performance critique
- Sight-read simple melody lines
- Participation in group choreography
- Must practice choreography outside of class time
- Highly encouraged to audition for the All Region Choir in the fall
- Must audition for the Spring Musical
 - Does not have to accept a part, but will be required to participate either as cast or crew
- \$35/semester rental fee required for costumes/costume maintenance
- Must purchase \$25 character shoes
- Be willing to purchase a choir t-shirt
- Auditions will be held April 27 and again in the fall for new students

Theatre

- \$50.00 fee to purchase scripts, royalties for scenes, classroom supplies, and field trips.
- Must bring movable and appropriate clothing for class
- Be willing to practice simple yoga stretches/positions
- Must memorize/perform multiple scenes & monologues
- Must see 2 theatre productions and complete a theatre analysis for each production (theatre class will attend multiple field trips to provide easy access).
- Must attend all after school practices and performances.

Piano

- Can read basic sheet music.
- Has recent piano experience. (had piano lab last year or recent piano lessons)
- Has a desire to improve piano skills and perform.

2D Art

- Have a keen interest in art, the motivation to be creative, and an ability to work independently
- Commit to being part of a studio community: we take excellent care of our space, our supplies, and each other
- Build a habit of artistic expression and experimentation in your own sketchbook: draw outside of class
- Be curious and willing to explore and expand beyond current artistic comfort zones
- Be able to purchase some supplies, such as a sketchbook and minimal other materials
- Interview with 2D art teacher

3D Art

- Be willing to work with various tools and media, and feel comfortable getting messy
- Must purchase a sketchbook and set of black and colored sharpie fine markers
- Have a keen interest to learn about different media (wood, wire, clay, etc.) and a strong desire to be creative
- Commit to being part of a studio community: take excellent care of our space, our supplies, and each other
- Interview with 3D art teacher
- Required to attend the annual student art exhibition

Arts Exploration

This class is a new offering which students are allowed to dive into individual interests as they search for their passion in the arts.

I have read the listed requirements for art elective majors. I am committing to the following Major for the 2017/2018 school year:

Major _____

I want to develop skills in a new area and I am committing to the following Minor for the 2017/18 school year:

Minor _____

By signing this form, I understand that a certain skill level is required for a Major. If I do not meet that level, I understand that I will be moved out of my requested Major. My Major will become my Minor and a new Major will be chosen.

_____ Student Signature

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature