

8th Grade Elective Descriptions

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Band (Angelo) – Students will continue their study of band. Students must have taken band before and must be approved by instructor to take this class. ***This elective is a full year elective. You will not be able to select another MWF elective for the 2nd Semester.

Art (Castro)- This class is a continuation of 7th grade art, exploring a broad range of 2-D and 3-D media from drawing and painting to printmaking and sculpture. Each student will work with a Pre-K “art buddy” once a week, helping the younger art students develop basic art skills through various art projects. While 7th grade art is not required, those who have taken it will be able to build upon and refine skills learned the previous year. Students will also be required to keep a sketchbook with three sketches due each week.

Technology2 (Petree)- Students will demonstrate keyboarding skills commensurate with their grade level (30-40 wpm with a minimum accuracy of 90%). They will also briefly spend some time utilizing advanced functions of a word processing software program. The Fall Semester will include an emphasis on Fantasy Football (i.e., students will have to track statistics weekly and integrate them into an Excel spreadsheet and graphs). Students will be required to incorporate many of the functions and capabilities of the Microsoft Excel and Powerpoint programs to design and create assigned projects. The students will review and discuss the positives and negatives associated with using the internet (internet safety).

Strategy Games – (Smith) Students will use games in which the players' decision-making skills have a high significance in determining the outcome, such as chess, checkers, etc. Research shows playing these games - - improves concentration and memory- develops problem-solving skills- enhances creativity - has been shown to improve skills in reading, mathematics and other academic subjects

Year Book (Mrs. Cheek)- Student will work together to produce the yearbook for the 2015-2016 school year. In addition the students will have a short course on photography. This is a full year elective. ***This elective is a full year elective. You will not be able to select another MWF elective for the 2nd Semester.

Tuesday, Thursday Classes

Stage Make Up (Cheek) - Students will learn various techniques for doing different types of stage make-up and costuming; including animals and special effects make-up. Students will also be responsible for designing and applying make-up and costumes for both drama club productions.

Current Events (Petree) - Students are expected to be knowledgeable about news events occurring in local, state, national and or international areas. A note-taking journal may be required from each student that covers the topics discussed in a daily video of news events. International, National, State and local items are examined with the intent of interpreting the significance of these events. This course attempts to place current events within a historical perspective and suggests future implications of these events.

Choir-(Gillis) -This class will replace after school rehearsals. Join us and share your God given gift of music with all.

Ceramics (Castro)- This class will spend the semester exploring the process of creating art with clay. From getting our hands dirty with wet clay to firing and glazing, students will have the opportunity to create a broad range of sculptural and functional artwork.

Robotics (Crump)- Students will design and build Lego robots. They will then program the robots to complete a series of tasks. (engineering and programming)