

## ***7th Grade Elective Descriptions:***

***Elements of Art*** – Focus of Elements of Art (line, shape, form, value, color, space, and texture). Students will have the opportunity to explore the Elements using a broad variety of media (pencil, ink, paint, clay, etc.). Students will gain insights into the Art world through both Art History and Modern Art techniques and applications. The course will orient students to the care and use of materials and the development of their evaluative processes. This course will ensure students have the prerequisite knowledge needed to fast-track into higher level courses for their High School Art experience.

***MS Yearbook Design and Production*** – This course is for Middle School students who want to be involved in the production of their own Middle School yearbook. Students will learn basic principles of digital photography and journalistic writing. Students who participate in year book will also be involved in theme development, cover design, page design, planning, and designing and implementing ideas to be included in the yearbook. Students will be required to work collaboratively to produce, market, and distribute a true Middle School yearbook.

***Creative Technology*** – This course is designed to give students the ability to use, manage, understand, and assess technology. Units of study include Engineering Design Process, Communication, Manufacturing, Construction, Bioengineering, and Transportation. This course will involve problem solving and engineering activities.

***JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS***- Students who are interested may participate in Junior High Chorus on the 7th & 8th grade levels. No previous singing experience is necessary in order to participate in this organization. The students will be given the basic foundations for good singing along with a study of musical notation and music history as it pertains to the compositions being studied. The singers will have the opportunity of performing at the two major high school concerts, along with other selected outside activities. Students may be required to attend an evening rehearsal or two throughout the year. Each student involved in this chorus will have the opportunity to study both on a group and individual basis. The elements of basic music theory and also the advanced principles of good choral singing will be discussed in depth. Students who show success and advancement in this course will automatically be accepted in the High School Concert Choir, without having to audition.

***JUNIOR HIGH BAND***- Students involved in Junior High Band (Grades 7 and 8) are required to perform in the two major school concerts, along with other selected activities throughout the school year, such as possible concert band festivals at other schools, etc. Students will also be required to attend rotating instrumental music lessons and practice on their own. The student must have at least one year of previous experience with their instrument to participate. Beginners will only be accepted on approval by the Director. Students who play Woodwind, Brass, or Percussion instruments may join the Junior High Band.

***SPLIT JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR/BAND***- Students will take both junior high chorus and band. Chorus and band will be on alternating school days, which we call A and B days.