

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ELECTIVE INFORMATION

### 2018-2019

#### **Physical Education** *(1 Trimester)*

**One trimester of PE is required for all students.** They will be introduced to and learn a variety of fun games, activities, and sports. Fitness is incorporated, as well as values and good sportsmanship.

#### **Beginning Band** *(2 Trimesters)*

Band is a wonderful opportunity for your student to get a hands-on musical experience. Students will have a blast learning to play a band instrument. The class will help students develop good study habits and offers a positive learning environment where they can develop self-esteem.

\* Students may rent instruments privately or from the school for \$50 per trimester.

#### **Beginning Orchestra** *(2 Trimesters)*

Sixth grade orchestra is a fun beginning class where students learn to play the violin, viola, cello or bass. This is a fantastic way to become involved in a musical group experience. Concerts are held at the end of every trimester.

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#### **Skills 6** *(1 Trimester)* **Taught as a block with Fine Arts 6.**

This class is designed to give students an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills in several subject areas: the 40 developmental assets, practicing tolerance and respecting diversity, basic hand sewing, basic finance, and introduction to technology. The knowledge and skills students acquire will help them in their everyday living and will provide a strong foundation for future learning.

#### **Fine Arts 6** *(1 Trimester)* **Taught as a block with Skills for Success.**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Fine Arts class is designed to facilitate student learning as they create, make and experience visual art, music, theater and dance as an art form.

- The **visual arts curriculum** will include creating and evaluating works of art.
- The **music curriculum** will include learning basic music notation, listening to and singing a variety of songs.
- The **theater curriculum** will include learning about voice control and emotion as students perform reader's theaters and one-act plays.
- The **dance curriculum** will include learning and demonstrating specific movements in tempo with different beats and styles of music in dance.

#### **Beginning Choir** *(1 Trimester)* **Taught as a block with Drama.**

Any student interested in singing in a group setting may join this chorus. Songs will be sung in unison, two- and three-part voicing. Various elements of music such as rhythm, melody, harmony, music history, and instruments will also be studied.

#### **Theater 6** *(1 Trimester)* **Taught as a block with Choir.**

The basics of theatre vocabulary combined with theatrical activities and mini in-class performances are introduced. There is a focus on character analysis, script analysis, performance, and theatre genres as well as theatre etiquette, safety and technological support. This course serves as a prerequisite for 7<sup>th</sup> grade intermediate theater.