

7th Grade Encore Choices 2019-20

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

All 7th grade students will be placed in PE.

This year band will be divided into two sections. We will have Woodwind Band and Brass/Percussion Band. Band includes wind and percussion instruments. Our band does not include strings, keyboard or guitar. If you have any questions about band, please contact our band teacher, Mrs. Campbell (tcampbell@aacsonline.org)

Choose at least one of the following fine arts courses. If you choose more, please rank.

Band Students: Instrument: _____ # of Years: _____

_____ Band – Woodwind

_____ Band - Brass or Percussion

_____ Chorale

_____ Art

_____ Chapel Music (Please indicate if you would like to sing or the instrument that you play)

_____ Sing _____ Instrument

Spanish:

Please select Spanish if you are interested in the 2 year course– Please review the information on the back:

_____ Spanish 1A Parent Signature: _____

Students must rank ALL of the following one semester classes: 1-5 (1 being your top choice)

_____ Art

_____ Media

_____ Living Well

_____ Computer

_____ Fitness

We will try to place you in your top choices, however that may not be possible. Classes are subject to change.

Parent signature _____ Parent Phone Number _____

Return to the Middle School Office, Fax to 410-573-6866 or email to Lynn Litschewski at llitschewski@aacsonline.org.

Media

Students will gain experience in various Web 2.0 tools such as how to present using Prezi.com as well as add animations to presentations using Powtoon.com & Goanimate.com. Furthermore, they will learn the basics of how best to film as well as gain a foundation in Video Editing through using iMovie to create several fun Multimedia projects. The goal of the class is to expose the students to tools they can use for projects in future classes and chapel presentations.

Living Well

This course teaches some of the basic and foundational principles and skills needed to live a healthy life. Topics include nutrition, meal preparation, exercise and wellness, and budgeting.

Supply Fee: \$12.00

Chapel Music

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Students will select and prepare music for chapel and help lead the worship time by singing, playing instruments, and/or speaking. If you sign up and play guitar, keyboard or percussion, please indicate your instrument on the form.

Computer - Web Design

Students will learn how to create a website. Students will explore topics such as DNS, network hosting, and the overall purpose and appropriateness of the website they will create by the end of the semester. The online programs used will also allow the student to explore web programming using basic HTML and CSS styles.

Fitness

This course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn fitness concepts and conditioning techniques used for obtaining optimal physical fitness. Students will benefit from comprehensive agility and cardiorespiratory endurance activities.

Dear Parents of Students Considering Spanish 1A for the 7th grade,

Your child has the opportunity to take a high school level Spanish 1 Language class beginning in the 7th grade. Students choosing to take Spanish will take the first half of the Spanish course in 7th grade and second half of the course in 8th grade. The first half of the Spanish I course is not available to 8th grade students. Students who wish to take Spanish 1 will need to meet the criteria listed below.

Together, 7th and 8th grade Spanish is equivalent to the first year of a high school course. Students who successfully complete two years in the middle school with a grade C or above will receive one high school credit for the foreign language requirement from our Upper School. They will qualify to be placed in the Spanish 2 course in ninth grade. Successful completion of Spanish 1 is contingent on grade/exam performance and speaking and listening skills.

The middle school Spanish course is ideal for the highly motivated student who can meet the academic challenge that foreign language study brings. Please be aware that taking Spanish in middle school will add to your child's academic load. The class meets three times a week and students will have to keep up with homework, quizzes, tests, and occasional projects. The students will also take semester and final exams in both of 7th and 8th grades. Students that struggle with the normal academic load may find adding a foreign language to be too challenging. However, if a child is highly motivated they will usually adapt to the extra academic workload.

Completing Spanish 1 in middle school will potentially allow students to complete the Advanced Placement (AP) level of Spanish in high school. AP classes are college-level classes taught in high school. Many colleges accept a good score on the AP exam for college credit and allow students to begin at a higher level of the language their freshman year of college.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Teletoe. I can be reached at the school's main number, or by email at ateltote@aacsonline.org

Criteria for Entry into 7th grade Spanish.

1. Minimum GPA of 3.0 no Language Arts grade lower than a B.
2. Acceptance by Language teacher.
3. Permission of parents.
4. If participating in the Directed Studies or Resource program, acceptance from their DS or Resource teacher.