

8th Grade Encore Choices 2019-20

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

All 8th 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. They will perform together. Band includes wind and percussion instruments. Our band does not include strings, keyboard or guitar. Students must have at least two years' experience OR must contact Mrs. Campbell. 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 those choices.

Band Students: Instrument: _____ # of Years: _____

_____ Band – Woodwind

_____ Band - Brass or Percussion

_____ Chorale

_____ Art (two semesters)

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

_____ Sing _____ Instrument

Spanish:

This is a two year course with the first half taught in 7th grade. Successful completion of 7th grade Spanish is the prerequisite to taking 8th grade Spanish.

_____ Spanish

Students must rank ALL of the following one semester classes: 1-8 (1 being your top choice)

_____ Art

_____ Inquiring Minds

_____ Apologetics and Debate

_____ Around the World in 80 Days!

_____ Sign Language

_____ Drama

_____ 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.

8th Grade Elective Descriptions 2019-20

Inquiring Minds: A Project-Based Science Elective

Inquiring Minds is a science elective that will provide the opportunity for students to become involved with a variety of science and technology related projects. The program is divided into different topics that lead students to design and discover more about the world God has created.

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.

Around the World in 80 Days!

Travel the 7 continents to learn more about the world's landforms, cultures, music, foods, and much more. Whether by plane, train, automobile or boat you will discover God's world through the eyes of those who live in it. The semester will end with a World Fair.

Computer- Creative Coding

Students will learn how to think like a programmer through basic computer science and coding. They will use interactive online programs to help better understand computational thinking. Students will be introduced to various programming languages to be used to solve problems. Students will collaborate in teams to complete an end of semester computer programming project.

Introduction to Sign Language

Come learn how to speak without making a sound, converse while eating without getting reprimanded for talking with your mouth full, applaud without clapping, and sign instead of sing. During the Introduction to Sign Language course you will learn how to fingerspell as well as learn some basic ASL (American Sign Language). We will use games, music, and videos along with regular classroom stuff. Students will have lots of opportunities to practice using and understanding ASL.

Drama (Skywalker Shakespeare)

What if Luke Skywalker met William Shakespeare? The result would be drama on an epic, intergalactic scale, and that's what this course offers! We will explore both the language and plays of William Shakespeare and the plot and themes of the Star Wars saga. Students will learn basic acting and stage combat techniques and will stage scenes from both Shakespeare and Star Wars to present to an audience. No experience is necessary, and there is a place in our acting troupe for all! Hark! There is news from R2D2:

*"Pursu'd by agents sinister and cold,
Now Princess Leia to her home doth flee,
Deliv'ring plans and a new hope they hold:
Of bringing freedom to the galaxy.
In time so long ago begins our play,
In a star-crossed galaxy far, far away."*

Apologetics and Debate

Want to sharpen up your public speaking skills and learn how to defend your Christian faith? We'll explore the fundamentals of rhetoric and debate.

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.