

Elective Planning Form

2015-2016

8th Grade

Student Name _____

Grade/Homeroom-Circle One – **8B, 8C**

Print First & Last Name

We welcome you to our Elective Program. Our elective classes work in conjunction with the curriculum to build well-rounded students. You will experience a variety of quality classes including the Fine and Performing Arts, Spanish, and Language Arts. These classes will prepare you for your high school and college experiences. **Please select your preferred elective classes for all three trimesters on this form. Please have form signed by parent or guardian and return tomorrow, August 26.**

How Does It Work?

All 8th grade students are placed in one of three groups. You will remain in your group for the entire school year. Groups will rotate through classes each trimester. The classes include Music, Art, Drama; Spanish; and School News, Logic, Literature, and Speech. **Spanish is a required 8th grade class.**

Sample Rotation Schedule

Trimester	Group A	Group B	Group C
1 st Trimester	Music/Art/Drama	Spanish	School News /Speech/ Literature/Logic
2 nd Trimester	School News/Speech/ Literature/Logic	Music/Art/Drama	Spanish
3 rd Trimester	Spanish	School News /Speech/ Literature/Logic	Music/Art/Drama

What Do I Do Next?

You will select one of the Fine and Performing Arts classes listed. Please indicate below your preference for your Fine and Performing Arts class by listing 1-4 in the blanks provided. 1 is your first choice and 4 is your fourth choice. You will also select one of the four Language Arts classes: School News, Speech, Logic, or Literature by listing 1-4 in the blanks provided. Finally, you may select a class from the "Other Elective Classes" list on the back page. However, space is limited. Students playing on the school golf or tennis teams may sign up for the golf/tennis elective class. The Girls' golf team and cheerleading squad compete in the fall and the Boys' golf team competes in the spring. Both boys and girls tennis teams compete in the spring.

Fine and Performing Arts		Rank your preference 1-4
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- _____ **Instrumental Music** - Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument, including the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and more. The above instruments are available. If you have another wind instrument, such as a French Horn, etc., you may also join this class. **Instructor: Mr. Sarkisian, Location: Room 22**
- _____ **Intermediate Music** - If you have taken our Instrumental Music class or have experience playing a musical instrument, this class will help you to advance your skills. **Instructor – Mr. Sarkisian, Location Room 22.**
- _____ **Drama** - If you like to sing and act, this is the elective for you. If taken during the 2nd trimester you may have a role in the K-1 Christmas show. The 3rd trimester drama class will perform in the Spring musical with our K-1 students. **Instructor: Mrs. Cornwell-Macias, Location Room 2 and 24.**
- _____ **Art: Acrylic Painting** – Imagine and create in this fun ART class. You will have several projects to choose from, and you can do as many as you have time for. These include circle patterns, half pictures, charcoal drawings, oil pastels, optidesigns, and water colors. You will need to provide your own glue, art eraser, and #2 pencils. **Art Supplies Fee \$10. Instructor: Mrs. Wesh, Location: Social Hall**

Spanish**Mandatory 8th grade class**

- _____ **Spanish** – This class serves an extension of your 7th grade Spanish instruction. Students will become proficient in simple directions, conversation and social pleasantries. Vocabulary and grammatical structures will be presented through thematic units with an emphasis on oral, listening, and writing expressions. **Instructor – TBA**

Language Arts**Rank your preference 1-4**

- _____ **SchoolNews** - This class is dedicated to the craft of writing, editing, photographing, filming, and documenting news for St. Anthony's School. Students will be responsible for the production of an online school newspaper and also the SAS News Video broadcast. **Instructor: Mrs. Cochran, Location: Room 19**
- _____ **Logic** – Do you love solving logic problems and puzzles such as: Sudoku, logic grids, anagrams, word drop, cryptograms, word problems, quotation jigsaws, word math and many more! This will prepare you for Academic Decathlon as well as math. A book will be provided as well as websites. **Instructor – Mrs. Baker, Location Room 20**
- _____ **7th and 8th Grade Literature and Writing** - This class is meant to assist students into a deeper reading of literature (novels and short stories) and instruct them in academic writing. We will learn literary terms and concepts, as well as new vocabulary words in order to prepare them for high school English classes. **Instructor: Mrs. Smith, Location: Reading Room.**
- _____ **Speech** – This class will help you to develop your communication skills. Learn how to demonstrate poise and eloquence when speaking. Become confident when working with other students and when creating presentations. The class will culminate with class debates on selected topics. **Instructor: Mrs. Riddle, Location Room 3**

Other Elective Class Choices**Rank your preference 1-5**

- _____ **Athletic Game Operations** - Assist the Athletic Director with pre-game set-up and maintenance for athletic contests. Prepare athletic fields, blacktop and gym for home game events. This will be a labor-intensive course; please be prepared to be physically active. Students will learn the day to day operations of/preparations for athletic events. **Instructor: Mrs. Roblee**
- _____ **Physical Education Cross Age Tutors** - If you like sports and games and see yourself as a leader and a good role model for younger students on campus, then this class is for you. You will help our younger students to play games during P.E. class. **Instructor: Mrs. Roblee**
- _____ **Junior Teachers** - Have you ever thought of becoming a teacher? Here's your chance to assist a teacher. Tasks might include creating bulletin boards, copying papers, working with small groups of children, running errands around campus, and completing classroom management duties such as filing, stapling, etc. **Instructor: TBA**
- _____ **Competitive Golf and Tennis Teams** - This class is reserved for students who will participate on the school golf team. This team travels to golf courses throughout Fresno and competes against the public school junior high schools in the area. **Instructor – TBA Golf Fee \$80**
- _____ **Academic Decathlon Team** - This is a competition for students in grades 6-8. There are ten events. Two collaborative team efforts – a logic quiz and a super quiz. The remaining eight events test the individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts. (2nd Trimester class) **Instructor – Mrs. Baker, Location: Room 20**
- _____ **Cheerleading Team** – This class is reserved for our SAS cheerleading squad. **Coach: Ms. Futrell, Location: Room 24.**

Parent Signature: _____ **Date** _____

