

2020-2021 Grade 8 Elective Course of Study

Bucyrus Middle School

Band

7th & 8th Grade Band is for third and fourth-year band students. Emphasis on fundamental musicianship is combined with additional performance opportunities, which include concerts, parades, and civic events. Performance literature includes grade-level selections as well as music that is appropriate for particular performance venues.

Note: Students may enter the band program at any grade level. Directors must be first provided with parental permission for a student to participate in the program. Arrangements will be made with parents for a time to assess which instrument most suitable for the student as well as the resources needed to acquire an instrument. There will also be initial individual instruction prior to the student's placement in band class.

Basic Art

The regular art course for 8th grade students, this class will use a wide range of art materials. Students have the opportunity to try their hand at several different types of art.

Basic Physical Education

This class is similar to our current PE classes and includes Fitness Wednesday, PACER Test, 12 minute run, and other fitness activities. This will include an introduction to team and individual sports, introduction of the weight room, safety and lifts with a beginning weight training unit that is 4-5 weeks long.

7/8 Career Explorations

This course will be a mix of online and teacher led lessons with additional activities in this one-semester course. Covering such essentials as developing and practicing a strong work ethic, time management, communication, teamwork, and the fundamentals of workplace organizations, Career Explorations develops not just essential skills, but the confidence in themselves and their abilities to present themselves that your child needs as they prepare to embark on their chosen careers.

Choir

Students will work on vocal production and music reading skills, including but not limited to sight-singing, music theory, beginning vocal technique, etc. Mandatory performances outside the school day will include concerts and community appearances.

History Through Film

In this class we will study important ideas, issues, and events that have been captured on film. We will study the history, sociology, and accompanying themes for the time period of each film. Some themes will include (but are not limited to) Medical Miracles, Space Exploration, Courage through Sports, The Holocaust, The Civil Rights Movement, and War. We will write analytical essays, biographies, poetry, draw artwork in many forms (comic books, posters), give presentations and speeches, and learn how to express ourselves in proper written and oral form.

Marketing

You will learn how products are brought from the idea stage to becoming available on store shelves. Everything from distribution to sales will be explored. Create new products and learn how to market them efficiently. This hands-on course will provide the basis for a career in marketing.

Pre-Engineering 2

This course will be hands on, using Vex robotics to teach students how to use mechanical advantage, teamwork, problem solving skills, robotic coding and automation. Students will build their own Vex IQ robot and have the opportunity to compete in multiple activities/challenges.

Team Sports

Students will be introduced to a combination of fundamental skills that lead into more complex movement forms. The course is also designed to elicit opportunities to advance individual skill levels in different team sports. Students will begin to experience recreational activities that will improve their personal fitness level.