

6TH GRADE ELECTIVE REQUEST FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

FRIDAY ELECTIVE OPTIONS

All 6th graders will be placed in a semester based enrichment wheel that will include Study Skills, Educational Technology, Art, and Spanish. Enrichment courses will take place Monday through Thursday. *In addition to the enrichment courses*, 6th grade students are provided the opportunity to choose **1** Friday elective per semester.

Important Notes for All Students:

1. Based on 5th grade teacher recommendation, students may be required to participate in math support which would take the place of a Friday elective.
2. All requests will be taken into consideration but we do not guarantee requests will be fulfilled. This selection form will be used to place the student in his/her elective(s) for the entire school year (semester electives).
3. All electives are subject to change.
4. **This form is to be completed by the student and parent and submitted to Mrs. Wolford no later than Friday, May 20th.** Students will then complete their elective selections with Mrs. Wolford during the normally scheduled computer time the week of May 23rd. Requests will not be accepted after the deadline and students who do not submit this form will be placed in the elective(s).

Student Name: _____

Elective Offerings for 2016-2017

Directions: Complete this form by ranking each elective in order of your preference beginning with your top choice (#1) and ending with your last choice. Each elective **must** receive a valid, individual, ranking for the form to be accepted and processed. For example, you may only list one #1 choice, one #2 choice and so on. If you **do not** wish to participate in Advanced Instrumental Ensemble, do not include a rank number but mark 'X' on the "Do not enroll in music" line. However, a ranking must be indicated on the lines provided for all remaining elective choices (#1-#5). Improperly ranking will invalidate the response so it is important to complete the form correctly. Please note, your rankings will determine your elective choices for both 1st and 2nd semester.

- _____ Advanced Instrumental Ensemble (select the class by marking 'X' below):
 _____ Advanced Jazz Band _____ Orchestra _____ Do not enroll in music
- _____ Technical Arts
- _____ Communications
- _____ Drama/Theater Arts
- _____ Game Programming
- _____ Peer Assistance Leadership
- _____ Worship

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Note: This form must be completed and submitted to Mrs. Wolford no later than May 20th. This form must be submitted in order for the student to complete elective selection during the regularly scheduled computer class the week of May 23rd. Late requests will not be accepted.

MCS MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE ELECTIVE OPTIONS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE: A.I.E. is designed to further explore musical styles including worship, symphonic, and popular music. This is open to all instrumentalists! Experience of at least one-year band/orchestra or private lessons is preferred but not required. Choose AIE...develop your skills, have fun, make friends, perform, and prepare for your future! When students join A.I.E. they will have the opportunity to participate in the following music group(s):

STRING ORCHESTRA: Join this talented group of string players (violin, viola, cello, bass) who make great music together! Students will participate in on and off-campus performances and progress through one of six tracks for theory and technique designed to challenge each student at his or her own level. Orchestra students will serve MCS and the community through musical outreach and service projects.

ADVANCED BAND: The MCS Advanced Band rehearses and performs patriotic, Christmas, jazz, and other popular music throughout the year. The Advanced Band performs for events both on campus and in our surrounding community.

Important Note Regarding AIE—this is **not a Friday elective.** AIE takes place on Tuesday and Thursday during 2nd period when 6th grade students are enrolled in a Study Skills class. Students who choose to take AIE as their elective will be enrolled in Study Skills on Friday in lieu of a Friday elective. In addition, students in AIE will not be enrolled in the second semester Art enrichment course.

COMMUNICATIONS: Are you interested in exploring different forms of media and communications? Do you like to gab? Do you like the challenge of defending your opinions when others don't agree? If so, then Communications 101 is for you! This elective will equip you with skills for public speaking (speech), debate, and journalism. We will also learn how to create a solid argument and develop presentation skills through opportunities focused on real audiences and meaningful issues.

GAME PROGRAMMING WITH GAMESMAKER SOFTWARE: This elective will provide an introduction to the basics of developing games using a visual programming environment. After learning the basics of coding, students will apply their new skills to developing their own game to enjoy and share with others by the end of the course.

PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP: In 2014, MCS Middle School became an official **PAL®** school as we launched this great program with our 7th and 8th grade students. In 2015, we were excited to expand the program to provide 6th graders the opportunity to participate through the Peer Assistance Leadership elective. The mission of this elective is to enable young people to use their potential and God given gifts in leadership to make a difference in the school and the community. Through **PAL®**, students will develop leadership skills, be trained with specific peer-conflict resolution strategies, and learn how to participate in productive pursuits with peers using positive decision making, higher order thinking skills, and team building. And two of the greatest bonuses to being in PAL—middle school students become reading buddies with our lower elementary students and all students participating in PAL support ASB in planning events throughout the semester. If you want to develop your leadership skills and make a difference in our school, join PAL!

TECHNICAL ARTS I: This elective course is designed to train middle school students about the growing world of technology through audio-visual engineering from a Christian perspective. Students will obtain a general understanding of audio-visual engineering, learn how to work with an audio-visual team in a biblically based environment and develop a working knowledge of the latest cutting edge technology used in the industry including operating a soundboard, lighting board, camera and computer graphics.

THEATER ARTS: This course is designed for students with all levels and experience in theater. It will focus on elements of acting including stage movement, character development, and acting techniques. Students will also work in depth on improvisation and audition skills. In addition, students will be provided opportunities to become comfortable on stage and in front of an audience through improv games and skits.

WORSHIP: New next year! Develop a heart for leading others in worship while growing in your own musical abilities. This includes so much more than just performing on stage. This elective will explore many aspects of worship and provide opportunities to lead worship in chapel. The main goal will be to prepare and equip students as worshipers first and foremost. Secondly; equip students to lead in worship whether as a musician, worshiper, sound/tech person, or out in our communities as followers of Jesus. Students do not need to be on the middle school worship team to participate in this elective. A heart and passion for learning more and developing skills in leading worship is the only requirement!