

## **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELECTIVES 2022 – 2023**

### **ART**

Art offers a year-long course experimenting with the elements and principles of basic design. Students will learn to use charcoal, clay, colored pencil, collage, graphite, ink, oil pastel, and paint to create their compositions. Drawing will begin with abstract concepts and will end with realistic images, including human drawing and sculpture. The class will also cover the historical significance of art and how it relates to today's society and issues, through individual and group project settings. *Purchase of art supplies will be required for this class.*

### **JR. HIGH CHORUS**

This is a performance-based course. Students will learn sight-singing skills, music notation and proper singing and performance techniques. Chorus students will have the opportunity to participate in the District Nine Solo and Small Ensemble festival, St. Tammany Parish Large Ensemble festival, Christmas performances and concerts at school and in the community. *There may be a fee for the performance uniform.*

### **BEGINNING GUITAR (Acoustic Guitar)**

This course is designed for BEGINNERS. Students will learn to play guitar by learning to read music and guitar notation from the method book. Student's guitar must be in playable condition with a case or gig bag, good strings and workable tuning keys. *Each student will furnish his/her own guitar, case, and method book (approximate cost \$10.00).*

### **ADVANCED GUITAR (Acoustic Guitar)**

This course is designed for students that have successfully completed "Beginning Guitar" or have taken private lessons for at least one year and read music. A letter of recommendation from the student's private teacher is required for students who have not had "Beginning Guitar." During the class, the student will continue to play the guitar by reading music and guitar notation from the method book (*approximate cost \$10.00*).

## **EXPLORATORY JUNIOR HIGH SPANISH**

This class is open to students who intend to take Spanish 1 for high school credit as 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will have the opportunity to explore the culture of many Hispanic countries and learn beginning Spanish vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. They will also be invited to participate in a school approved pen pal program and attend various local field trips. Requires a B or better in 6<sup>th</sup> grade English.

## **ADVANCED BAND**

This course is designed for students who have one or more years of previous experience in a school band.

**Materials:** Students must furnish their own instrument (with the exception of the tuba, baritone and French Horn) and accessories such as reeds, oils, sticks, and method book – Essential Elements 2000 Book 11 – *Cost \$10.00.*

**Uniform:** Each band member will furnish his/her own black pants, black belt, black shoes, and black socks. Each student will purchase a golf style shirt with a SJHS band logo. *The cost is approximately \$15.00.*

**Rehearsals & Performances:**

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES, AS THEY ARE A PERCENTAGE OF THE NINE WEEKS GRADE. They are: 3-4 football games, Christmas concert (day and night), Veterans' Day, Parish Band Festival and the Spring Concert (day and night), and various other performances. There may be after school rehearsals required.

## **INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (IBCA) (High School Credit)**

This course is designed to provide students with basic computer application skills. Topics include the touch method of operating a computer keyboard, core competencies in Word, Google Docs, PowerPoint, and Google Slides.

Carnegie units will only be granted to students who meet semester grade and attendance requirements.

## **GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY**

This course offers a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum for middle school students based on national standards. Students receive career readiness and real world, hands-on learning experiences through the use of CAD software, robotics, and other vital introductory engineering skills. Students must have earned a minimum grade of "B" in both math and science, and a Basic in Math on the LEAP test to qualify for GTT. *There may be a fee for this class.*

## **GENERAL MUSIC**

General Music teaches the student about both instrumental and vocal music, musical theater, music history, and how to read rhythms and note names. Students do not need any background in music to take this course. This is not a performance-based course.

## **INTERNATIONAL CULTURES**

The student will learn about the various Spanish speaking countries around the world, their holidays, customs and celebrations. They will analyze and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives of various Spanish speaking countries.