

8th GRADE ELECTIVES 2022 - 2023

***ART 1(High School Credit)**

This course is for students in 8th grade who have successfully (“B” average or higher) completed Junior High Art in 7th grade.

***ART 1/YEARBOOK (High School Credit)**

This course is for students in 8th grade who have successfully (“B” average or higher) completed Junior High Art in 7th grade. In addition to the classroom Art projects, students will be responsible for 2 complete layouts in the yearbook for the 22-23 school year. Students will gain knowledge of design principles, color theory, and experience using various computer software (MS Powerpoint, Photo Editing software). Work on the yearbook will take place weekly in the computer lab and may be accessed at home online. Students will also be required to check out cameras from school to take photographs at school events.

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.*

***HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS 1 (High School Credit)**

This is a performance-based course for students who have successfully completed Junior High Chorus, or who have had extensive choral participation. It follows the 1st year high school chorus curriculum. 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).*

***GUITAR 1 (High School Credit)**

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*).

***WORLD GEOGRAPHY (Honors, High School Credit)**

This is a study of world physical and cultural geography. A review of basic geographical skills, as well as the similarities and differences among the world's people and customs will be analyzed. Selected topics will be covered in depth, with an emphasis on critical thinking and writing skills. Prerequisite: A grade of "A" in 7th grade Social Studies, or Mastery/Advanced on 7th grade Social Studies ILEAP.

***HIGH SCHOOL BAND 1 (High School Credit)**

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.

***QUEST FOR SUCCESS (High School Credit)**

Students learn skills to make informed choices in school and develop career plans. Course work includes effective study/work habits (study skills), development of a self-profile, and career exploration with applications to future career planning and decision making. This elective can be applied to TOPS Tech requirements and Jumpstart career and technical diploma pathways.

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.

***SPANISH 1H (Honors, High School Credit)**

This course covers the 1st year high school curriculum: basic conversation, vocabulary, and verb conjugations. Listening, speaking, reading, writing, and translating skills are emphasized.

Prerequisite: A grade of "B" or better in 7th grade English.