

CHARLOTTE WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL 2022-2023 ELECTIVES

The following elective classes will be offered for the 2022-23 school year. Some of the teachers may request that extra fees be donated to help defray the cost of some consumable materials or materials taken home. These materials provide benefits or experiences to the student above and beyond the regular curriculum.

Attendance Aide: NDAA*J Grades: 7 & 8

Students work in the office to assist teachers and office staff in various duties such as filing, delivering passes. (*application required*)

Media/ Library Aide: NDRA*J Grades 7 & 8

Students work in the library to assist Library staff in various duties. (*application required*)

Office Aide: NDOA*J Grades 7 & 8

Students work in the office to assist teachers and office staff in various duties such as filing, delivering passes and helping with planning of events. (*application required*)

Peer Support Aide: NDRA*J Grades 7 & 8

Students work in the classrooms to help support students that are differently abled. Student will assist students with teacher instructions in both Ms. Walker's Core class as well as elective classes. Students in peer support aide in creating friendships and supporting social skills. (*application required*)

Teacher Aide: NDTA*J Grades 7 & 8

Students work in the classroom to assist teachers in various duties. (*application required*)

Art 1: Cartooning and Illustration: FAA1*J Grades 7 & 8

Art 1 is an exploratory skills-based, visual art course that introduces students to a variety of media, skills and tools. Students will also learn about art history and the value of art in various cultures. Students will gain skills in understanding and valuing their own art and the art of others.

Art 2D: Drawing and Painting: FAA2*J Grades 7 & 8

This two-dimensional art class explores the Elements of Art and Principles of Design with a wide variety of media and tools. Artists and cultures will be incorporated as students experiment with their own creativity in different forms and styles. Assignments are based on the California Visual Arts Standards.

Art 3D: Drawing, Painting and Sculpture: FAA3*J Grades 7 & 8

This three-dimensional art class focuses on the application of the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design expressed in a wide variety of sculptural media. Students work with varied techniques to create original works of art, cultivating an appreciation for good design, craftsmanship and creative problem solving skills. This course is aligned with the California Visual Art Standards.

Advanced Art: FAA4*J Grade: 8 *Prerequisite: Successful Completion of one year of Art*

Students demonstrate a mature understanding of the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design in a rigorous series of lessons. Students increasingly incorporate their own perspectives and style as they explore creative expression. Art history and culture and aesthetic valuing form a significant part of the course and a variety of 2D and 3D media will be introduced.

AVID: NDAV*J Grades 7 & 8

AVID is a year-long, college prep program that helps students who may not be reaching their potential improve their study/organizational skills as well as work on academic skills. Students will also get a chance to tour some local colleges and converse with guest speakers from the community about their careers. Students will be invited based on specific criteria set by the AVID curriculum, please see AVID.org for more information. (*application required*)

Orchestra: FASI*J Grades 6, 7 & 8

Orchestra is a class for 6th – 8th grade students who play violin, viola, cello, bass or piano. We learn a variety of music ranging from classical to pop and perform concerts throughout the year, including field trips. Students of all experience levels come together to create memorable musical experiences.

Jazz Band: FAJB*J Grades 7 & 8

Jazz Band is a before-school class for 7th and 8th graders who want to learn the art of jazz and improvisation. We give many school and community performances, and perform a wide array of music. Students are required to be in one other band class but are able to take three electives.

Cadet Band: FABB*J Grade 6

Cadet Band is our beginning-level woodwind, brass and percussion ensemble. Most students will begin the class on basic instruments such as the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion. In an effort to expand our instrumentation students will have the opportunity to begin oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor/baritone saxophone, baritone/euphonium and tuba. This course will review the basics of musicianship including rhythm and note reading that were learned in elementary school, then progress to include the more advanced concepts of dynamics, tempo, articulation, blend, balance and intonation. Students will learn music in a variety of genres. Participation in regularly scheduled cocurricular performances is mandatory and formal performance attire is required.

Concert Band: FACB*J Grade 7

Concert Band is for all 7th graders who currently play an instrument. We play a variety of music that is fun, while still challenging us to become better musicians. We develop a stronger foundation of music theory and history, which allows us to understand our music on a deeper level. ***Pending class numbers this course may be combined with Symphonic band to create a mixed 7/8 band class. This decision is at the discretion of the school.*

Symphonic Band: FASB*J Grade 8

Symphonic Band is our top-performing ensemble and is a training ground for the rigors of high school music. We purposely perform music considered difficult for a middle school musician, which makes our rehearsals challenging, but our performances very impressive! *** Pending class numbers this course may be combined with Concert band to create a mixed 7/8 band class. This decision is at the discretion of the school*

Guitar: FAGT*J Grades 6-8

This class is open to all students who would like to learn the basics of guitar -- note reading, chords, and fundamentals of music. Students will be responsible for individual practice and performance during class, in addition to group instruction. Students must provide their own acoustic guitar. We will perform evening recitals in December and May.

Chorus: FACJ** Grades 6, 7 & 8

Choir students will learn to use their voice to create beautiful music. Music of a wide variety of styles, cultures and time periods will be studied and performed including a cappella, classical, jazz, spirituals, and “pop”! Get ready for an awesome, fun-filled year of singing!

Computer Projects: VACP1J Grades 7 & 8

This is a hands-on, project-based class in which students will be introduced to beginning programming that includes web design as well as application and game design. Students to learn how to design and build video games, create web pages, digital literacy, online safety and etiquette, computer hardware, keyboarding and graphic design.

Living Skills 1 (Foods): VAFJ** Grades 7 & 8

This is an introductory course to food preparation and nutrition. Students will study the basic food groups, terminology, nutritional choices, sanitation, kitchen safety, etiquette, budgeting, care and use of kitchen equipment, and laundry. This program encourages teamwork and self-evaluation as kitchen teams are involved in practical cooking lab experiences.

Drama: NDDRMJ Grades 7 & 8

In Drama students collaborate to create complex characters, develop well-structured storylines, and improve acting techniques. The class focuses on character development, improvisation, script writing based on original ideas, and performance.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

These two middle school courses (1A and 1B) together are equivalent to the first year of high school world language. *****It is strongly recommended that students who wish to take World Language 1A are achieving at least a B- in their 6th grade core class and/or teacher recommendation.***

World Language 1A (Spanish: FLSAHJ or French: FLFAHJ) Grade: 7

In this course Students will learn a World Language through reading, writing, speaking, listening, singing, playing games, performing skits, watching videos, doing projects, and experiencing cultural activities. **Please be advised that this is an academic elective and students will have quizzes, exams, and daily homework.** ****There is limited space available for Spanish 1A. While we do our best to give all students their top elective choices we do not guarantee placement into Spanish 1A.***

World Language 1B (Spanish: FLSBHJ or French: FLFBHJ) Grade: 8

This course is the second of a two-year middle school program. World Language 1B is open to students with a B- or above in World Language 1A and/or teacher recommendation. In this course, students will build upon prior knowledge of the World Language and World Language culture using a communicative approach.

Leadership: NDLJ** Grades 7 & 8

Students engage in school and community activities related to spirit and service. Students will enhance skills of leadership, teamwork, responsibility, public speaking, and accountability. Leadership is responsible for student body funds, dances, spirit days, and community service. ***(application required)***

Media Graphic Design: NDMP*J Grades 7 & 8

Students will use a variety of software to make graphics, animated images, sound, and video to create a digital gallery. This includes digital photography, videography, animation, digital drawing, web design and

music creation. This is a hands-on, project-based class where students will learn create digital and print media such as songs, ringtones, t-shirt printables, greeting cards and printed photos.

Publications: NDPUBJ (Yearbook) Grades 7 & 8

The focus of this course is the production of the school yearbook. The students are responsible for all aspects of the yearbook, including writing, photography, layouts, production, and distribution. Producing the yearbook involves careful planning, teamwork, writing and photography. **English grade of B or higher recommended.**

Video Production: VAVP*J Grades 7 & 8

Students will learn the basics of storytelling, camera work, & editing to produce a variety of original videos. This is a fun & fast paced class for students who are willing to work in a professional manner to produce various videos. Students need to be responsible, use initiative, teamwork, and creativity.

Unscheduled 1st or 7th period: 01511J Grades 6, 7 & 8

Students have the election of requesting a six period day at Charlotte Wood; however, we recommend students take advantage of our elective courses. **We do not guarantee students selecting a six period day will receive that in the case of other schedule conflicts**, but we will do our best to honor all student requests. Students requesting this option should still enter their elective choices in the case that a six period day cannot be accommodated.