SWMS
Elective Course Offerings
2020-2021
Orchestra - Beginning and Advanced

Orchestra is for students playing one of the stringed instruments:
- violin, viola, cello bass

Students will learn:
- proper instrument position and posture,
- note- and rhythm-reading skills,
- proper right- and left-hand technique,
- proper rehearsal and concert etiquette.
Men's Ensemble Open enrollment. Students should be prepared to sing on a daily basis (group setting) and attend performances/festivals throughout the year.

Chorale Open enrollment. For females only. Students should be prepared to sing everyday. They will attend performances throughout the year.
BEGINNING BAND

7TH AND 8TH GRADE

- No previous musical training necessary.
- Open to all students interested in learning to play an instrument.
- Students are taught *fundamentals of music theory*, appreciation, and instrumental technique.
- The Beginning Band will perform in the Winter and Spring Concerts.
Intermediate Band

- 7th and 8th grade students with 1 or more years of experience.

- The focus of this course is on performance of music literature, utilizing and developing good technique.

- The Intermediate Band performs at least three concerts a year, at Florida Bandmaster’s Association Concert Band Music Performance Assessment and the Solo and Ensemble.

- Participation in this ensemble is by Director Recommendation.
Advanced Band

- 8th grade students with 1 or more years of experience in one of the beginning band instruments.

- The focus is on performing advanced level music, utilizing advanced technical and musical skills.

- Advanced band performs at least three concerts a year at Florida Bandmaster’s Association, Concert Band Music Performance Assessment and the Solo and Ensemble, in addition to other community and school events.

- Participation in this ensemble is by audition only.
JAZZ BAND

- students with advanced musical experience.
- Includes study of jazz articulation, jazz styles, performance, and improvisation.
- The jazz ensemble will perform many times throughout the year in school and out of school, including all band concerts.
- The jazz band includes trumpets, saxophones, trombones, piano, guitar, and drum set.
- Students must also participate in Advanced Band to maintain their membership in Jazz Band.
- Participation in this ensemble is by Director Recommendation and/or by audition.
Beginning Guitar Class

This class is for students who are interested in learning the guitar!!

No prior music experience is needed. You will learn the fundamentals of music and the basic skills necessary to play a wide variety of music styles.
Computer Business Applications

- This hands-on course examines four Microsoft software applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access), as well as a review of your keyboarding skills.

- In addition to independent projects, students will participate in daily class work assignments to demonstrate application skill.

- Class participation is an important element of this course and part of each student’s grade.
Digital Information Technology
1 High School Credit

• Provides a basic overview of current business and information systems and trends

• Introduce the basics and foundations required for today's business environments.

• Develop proficiency with fundamental computer applications, such as databases, spreadsheets, presentation applications,

• You can earn Microsoft office specialist certification in Word and Excel (Industry Certification)
Exploratory Technology

• Provides active learning situations that allow students to explore technology and related careers.

• Often working in groups, students explore different technologies, learn problem solving and become technologically literate.

• This class is designed to integrate math, science and technology.
An extension of Exploratory Tech is the Technology Student Association, incorporating science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), whereby students apply these concepts through a variety of activities, projects, research and competitions.

This pre-engineering program is ideal for students pursuing engineering interests, or a hands-on exploratory career course.
Yearlong Culinary 8th Grade

- Learn about nutrition as it applies to your personal health & well-being.

- Excellent preparation for high school culinary arts programs

- leadership
- communication
- storage, safety & sanitation
- equipment & tools
- read & interpret a recipe
- principles of nutrition
- menu development
- technology
- creative food
- food prep skills

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Advanced Reading

- This elective is for students who are passionate about reading and are ready to embark on an entire year of novel study and novel-related projects.

- Students will read high-interest novels by today’s most sought after authors and apply their skills and knowledge to real world applications.
Advanced Art 8th Grade

• Advance art is designed for talented students who have a desire to explore art in depth and welcome the challenge to test their creativity.
  – Pencil, charcoal, pastel, Pain, clay, plaster, wood, printmaking, and innovative mixed media.

• Required:
  - At least 1 semester of SWMS Art
Construction (Production Technology)

• The content includes but is not limited to:
  - investigating careers
  - reading and drawing plans
  - constructing models

• Instruction and learning activities are provided in a laboratory setting using **hands-on experiences** with the **equipment, materials and technology.**
Science Research

- Is a class in which you'll find standards and guidelines that will help you pursue high-quality independent scientific research, whether you're advanced science student or first-time researcher.

- The class focus is on exploring engineering solutions in various areas, and even introduce students to careers in science and promote environmental stewardship.
Spanish 1
High School Credit

- Enables students to begin to acquire proficiency in a modern language.

- Emphasis is placed on conversing, understanding, exchanging and presenting information about areas of immediate need and interest.

- Cross-cultural understanding, connections with other subject area disciplines, and the ability to perform in an interdependent society are also stressed.
Are you a Heritage Speaker of Spanish?

A heritage speaker is an individual who has grown up in an environment in which Spanish is spoken regularly.

This class seeks to provide Spanish-speaking students with opportunities to study Spanish literature and grammar.

The goal of the program is to increase the reading, communication, written and oral skills of Spanish-speaking students.
Spanish 2
High School Credit

- Enables students to continue to acquire proficiency in a modern language.

- Conversing, understanding, exchanging and presenting information while increasing language proficiency in more areas of content continue to be emphasized and enhanced.

- Cross-cultural understanding and connections with other subject areas are reinforced. Real-life applications are emphasized.