

Semester 2 Electives

Tuesday Electives

Math Buddies (Mrs. DeVane): In Math Buddies, students will work with first graders playing math games. We will take time to learn the games and how to help the students learn from them. The goals of the class are to give middle schoolers the opportunity to be leaders and stewards to our first graders, to reinforce number sense, and to make math fun!

Drawing (Mrs. Devlin): Do you love to draw? Mrs. Devlin will offer sessions of independent drawing with prompts and challenges to get our pencils warmed up. The room will be kept quiet to encourage an environment of focus.

Music Improv (Ms. Wisbey): Students learn how to use the Orff instruments, as well as bring in instruments that they can play to create arrangements of their favorite songs. The style of the pieces learned will be based on the student's interest and can range from songs for mass, pop, rock, classical, etc. Depending on our students, these songs can be used just for fun, but there will be one piece performed at our spring concert. Students choose the style of music they want to create and based on their interests, we may do outreach and performance opportunities in the community.

Library Help (Mrs. Furin): Students who love organizing, join this elective to learn about how the library functions. Help shelve and organize books with Mrs. Furin to keep our library in tip top shape.

Spanish Exploratory (Mrs. Osteen): Students will learn basic vocabulary and verb conjugations. We will also discuss cultural similarities and differences of Spanish speaking countries. The goal of this elective is to retain what you learned in elementary Spanish and prepare for 7th grade Spanish I.

Social Entrepreneurship (Mr. Bruscia): Love Shark Tank? Have an idea to lead positive change in the world, then this elective is for you. This elective will help you with the innovative process to take an idea and create a prototype and business plan. Whether you have an idea for a space colony or an environmentally friendly product this elective will help you innovate solutions to real-world problems. This elective will culminate in a shark-tank product pitch experience.

Yearbook (Mrs. Kowalski): Students in the yearbook elective will spend time learning how to design, edit, and create our yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year.

Literary Magazine (Ms. Lowdon): Do you like to write creatively? Draw? Illustrate what others write? Sign up for the Literary Magazine Elective! Your work will be published in the next edition of the CCS Literary Magazine.

Culinary Arts (Mrs. Jordan): Want to learn to cook? Intro to Culinary Arts allows you the opportunity to learn, engage and be inspired by nutritional cookery while gaining both essential life skills, confidence-building experiences and creativity!

This class is specially designed to develop an understanding of food hygiene, knife skills and safety, nutrition and basic skills in the kitchen in a fun and creative way. You will also be discovering the flavors of the world. You will learn how to create delicious essential recipes that will prepare you for independent life.

This class takes a hands on approach utilizing kitchen tools and equipment, tasting and experimenting. There is a maximum of 10 students to ensure everyone has immediate access to equipment and ingredients.

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Reading Buddies (Mrs. Fallica): Come be a part of something very special! Book Buddies is an opportunity to build leadership skills while working with a younger student. In this elective, Middle School students work with kindergarten or first grade students on reading and writing skills. A lasting relationship is formed and critical language arts skills are supported.

Debate (Mrs. DeVane/UVa students): Charlottesville Debate League - Students from UVA will come to the school to teach students how to debate. Students will be encouraged to attend debates against other local middle school students. They will learn how to frame their arguments for either side, write and practice the speeches.

Stitch Club (Mrs. Devlin): This elective is going to explore crochet, weaving, embroidery, cross stitch, latch hook, sewing, and knitting. Try them all or focus on a favorite. No prior experience necessary.

Exploring Health Science: Learn about various health science fields in this hands on lecture series. Nursing, surgery, dentistry, speech therapy are examples of presentations.

Chorus (Ms. Wisbey): Based on the student's interest, students will learn how to warm-up, sight sing and sing both individually as well as in a group. With input from students, students will learn how to sing in the style of their choice(classical, jazz, pop, rock, etc) Students will be performing in the spring concert one song in the style of their choice. There is also opportunity for more outreach events and singing opportunities as well.

Faith in Action (Mrs. Bryan): Wanted: Students who want to DO something to help change the world. Learn how to research, plan and take action to support a cause that you believe needs your support. This is student led and there is no limit to what you can do! Students have raised money for the UVA Hospital, the SPCA, spread awareness of Kindness Cafe, made wreaths for residents at Our Lady of Peace, and created care bags for patients in the hospital. 1 field trip per semester!

Chess (Mr. Drury):

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