

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ACTIVITY SELECTION 2023-2024

Activity classes take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The activity period offers middle school students a variety of exploratory courses each quarter. The grade received in a student's activity class is counted in the quarterly average, but it is not included in the yearly average.

Please choose 6 activities for the 4 nine weeks. Activity class lists are computer generated. Classes may be limited by parameters, such as when they are offered and enrollment size. **A student's choices are not guaranteed.**

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**Advanced Band II** - Students accepted must be registered in the Advanced Band II after school program for the 2023-2024 school year. This class will place an emphasis on jazz, advanced theory, performance, and practice techniques. Students in the class must participate in the Jazz Invitational Concert (evening performance), Loyola Jazz Festival (Saturday performance), and the State Jazz Festival, if the ensemble is invited to attend. Taught by Mrs. Dupre

**Faithful Art** - Prayer can take many forms, including meditation, music, and artistic expression. Faithful Art will allow you to express your Catholic faith using a variety of media such as paint, sculpture, collage, crafting, and more. Taught by Mrs. Bridevaux

**Forensics** - In Forensics Activity Class, students will study various aspects of crime scene investigation including physical evidence, chromatography, impression evidence, fingerprints, hair and fiber evidence, blood spatter patterns, blood typing, DNA evidence, and forensic anthropology. Students will learn how to be careful observers, critical thinkers, and crime scene analysts! Taught by Mrs. Leger

**French** - An introduction to the French language with emphasis on high school readiness. We will focus on communication, introduce basic grammar, and learn about culture, music, and holidays based on the time of year. Taught by Mrs. LeBlanc

**Keyboarding** - Students will learn the proper finger placement on a keyboard and will be challenged to type fluently without looking at the keys by the end of the course. Students will work at their own pace through leveled activities to increase their fluency. Taught by Mrs. Whipple

**Mixed Media Art** – Students will learn techniques and art history to apply to various art mediums. Pencil, crayon, paper, pastel, watercolor, marker, and acrylic paint will be combined and collaged into mixed media projects. Taught by Mrs. Accardo

**Music** - Bells, Boys Choir, Bucket Drumming, and Girls Choir (4 different quarters of music class) Taught by Mr. Aguiard

- **Bells** - Working together with classmates to rehearse pieces of music that are then performed before Mass.
- **Boys Choir** - Students will learn proper vocal technique for singing and will rehearse with classmates toward performing choral pieces.

- **Bucket Drumming** – Bucket drumming is a music style that involves drumming on five-gallon plastic buckets and other objects. This interactive class will explore types of rhythm and percussion techniques. Playing as a group along with music genres including Caribbean, pop, jazz, and classical, students will expand team-building skills, performance finesse, and grasp historical and cultural contexts while being engaged in the innovative and inspiring experience of bucket drumming.
- **Girls Choir** – Students will learn proper vocal technique for singing and will rehearse with classmates toward performing choral pieces.

**Real World Problem Solving** - Students will be able to learn and use mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills to break down real world problems, like the ones that St. George has, to come up with possible solutions to fixing them. There are also elements of architecture when looking at how the school is built as well as the functionality of it.  
Taught by Mrs. Bayard

**Recreational Games/Sports** - Students will play some sports and recreational games. Recreational games are not your typical sports. These games are played for enjoyment and incorporate exercise and strategy. This class may also include yoga, CPR instruction, or exercises including dance moves. Taught by Mrs. Cooper

**Robotics** – Students will learn to build, customize, and program the newest model of Lego Robotics for class competitions. This allows students to explore engineering, mathematics, and creativity through teamwork and collaboration. Taught by Ms. Sticker

**Spanish** - An introduction to the Spanish language with emphasis on high school readiness. We will focus on communication, introduce basic grammar, and learn about culture, music, and holidays based on the time of year. Taught by Mrs. LeBlanc

**Video Game Design** - Students will learn the beginning mechanics of video game design through the program, *Gamestar Mechanic*. Students will design creative games of their own through various challenges presented throughout the course. Taught by Mrs. Whipple

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**\*\*Please see attached instructions on requesting your activity class for next school year.**

## 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade (2023-2024)

### Instructions for Requesting Activity Classes for 2023-2024 School Year

**(Online Scheduling will be available from Monday, April 24– Monday, May 1)**

Below are the instructions for using FACTS to access your request for next year's activity classes. Please be aware that you will choose **6** activity choices. Of those 6 choices, you will receive 4 activity classes (one for each nine weeks). **Activity class lists are computer generated. Classes may be limited by parameters such as when the class is offered and enrollment size. A student's choices are not guaranteed.**

1. Log on to the Parents Web of FACTS between **Monday, April 24–Monday, May 1**.
2. Once logged on, select **Student Information** in the left-hand column.
3. Under Student Information, click on **Course Request**.
4. Select the name of your middle school student at the top of the page.
5. You will use the drop-down boxes to select your 6 choices. **Do not duplicate choices. This will not guarantee that you receive a particular class. In fact, it will hinder receiving the choices that you want.**
6. Once you have chosen your 6 activity choices, click the save button. The screen will read **"Course Requests Updated"** at the top of the page. **Do not click the save button until you are sure that you have chosen the classes that you want. You cannot go back and change the classes once they are scheduled.**

**Once saved, your course selection will remain visible while the system is online (between April 24- May 1). If the courses have not been saved, the drop-down boxes will be blank.**

**Once the system is closed, (after May 1) you will no longer be able to view your student's choices in FACTS.**

**Any student who has not selected their activity choices by this date will be scheduled last, based on availability.**

This completes the requesting of your activity classes for the 2023-24 school year. Even though you are choosing your options now, the scheduling of the classes will not take place until the summer. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be scheduled first and then 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. You will receive your class schedule, which will include the activity classes that you have been given, at the beginning of the school year in August. Please follow the above directions carefully to avoid any unwanted scheduling issues.