

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ACTIVITY SELECTION 2021-2022

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 2021-2022 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.

**Bells (Handbell Choir)** - Wanted: 6th, 7th, and 8th graders ready to make beautiful music together. Worried about the requirements? You must be able to tell your right hand from your left, count to 4, and recognize different highlighter colors. It's that simple! Mrs. Sneed can teach you to ring whether you're a complete newbie or an experienced "veteran."

**Choir** - Calling all singers! If you love to sing, vocal choir is perfect for you. We'll learn healthy vocal techniques for warm-up and performance, explore singing in harmony, and look for as many chances to perform as possible. Why not convince a friend to sign up with you?!?

**Drama** - Bring out the actor or actress in you! This is a beginning drama class with no prior knowledge needed. Students will explore basic acting techniques through fun icebreakers and theater games as well as learn basic theatre terminology and etiquette.

**Experimental Design** - Students will investigate properties of the natural world by utilizing the scientific method and engineering design process. Students will work in groups with hands-on projects to experience what STEM careers involve.

**Finance Park** - Students will gain exposure to personal financial planning and career exploration. This class helps students build a foundation on which they can make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit.

**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.

**Life Drawing** - This class will teach students all about drawing realistically using correct proportions, perspective, shading and color. We will observe objects and draw still life pictures in black and white and color, learn to draw faces and people by observing one another and paint and draw our beautiful campus. Students will use pencil, charcoal, colored pencil, watercolor and acrylic paint.

**Lit Circles** - In this class, students can select a novel and explore that novel with others in a group setting. Students will collaborate with peers through reading together, participating in student-led discussions, and engaging in activities that will allow them to build a deeper understanding and form a partnership in reading.

**Liturgical Dance** – 7, 8 graders may request this class. Students will use lyrical, ballet, and modern dance, gesture, and movement as worship to tell God’s stories, inviting Jesus’ presence into people’s lives. There will be scripture reflections, a guest choreographer, and students will have the opportunity to create and share their own choreography. Participation in worship dances for the Grandparent’s Day Program, Thanksgiving School Liturgy, Magnificat Prayer School Liturgy is expected. Students are required to wear pink ballet shoes and provide basic undergarments for this ministry.

**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.

**Speech and Debate** - Students will develop reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills across the curriculum as students learn to research, work as a team, practice public speaking skills, use critical thinking and defend a variety of positions on interesting topics.

**Team Sports** - Students will play and work on basic skills of several different team sports such as Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Team Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Softball, etc.

**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.

**Write On** - Students will create original forms of descriptive writing, poetry, drama, and fiction. Vocabulary development, creative writing techniques, and skills will also be explored.

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

You can also access the directions on RenWeb or the School Website:

<http://st-georgeschool.com/>