Marcus Whitman Middle School 7th Grade Encore Descriptions 2020-2021

SEMESTER CLASSES

ART071 Art 1 Semester \$15 lab fee

Students in this class will focus on color and design through assignments involving drawing, painting, lettering, and graphic arts. Projects will use tempera paint, oil pastels, graphite, and charcoal. Students will learn the elements and principles of design through various mediums, artists, art movements, and techniques. Some craft projects may be offered.

ART111 Sculpture/Ceramics 1 Semester \$15 lab fee

Students will be introduced to the elements and principles of design as they create works of 3-dimensional art utilizing the processes associated with paper, wire, paper maché, clay, etc. With clay, we will focus on hand-built construction of pottery by covering the pinch method, coil method, and slab method as well as learning about different types of glazing techniques, and how the firing process works.

ART501 Drama 7TH GRADE 1 Semester

The students will explore acting techniques, stage movement, dramatic interpretation, and production. They will be performing short scenes and improvisations and learning theater terminology.

CTH111 Wood 7TH GRADE 1 Semester

The class provides general skills instruction for hands-on operation of wood working machinery including band saw, belt sander, biscuit jointer, drill press, edge jointer, jig saw, lathe, miter saw, radial arm saw, surface planer, and various hand tools. Instruction will include both text readings and review with extensive instruction and demonstrations provided by the teacher. Projects include a variety of household items that can include lathe turnings as barbecue handles, baseball bats, bowls or candlesticks. Other projects like benches, birdhouses, clocks, chairs, chopping boards, coat racks, planters, shelves, table units, and wooden toys may be offered or chosen by students. Activities will include students designing each project, making a multi-view plan, developing a materials listing and pricing sheet, wood selection, mark-up, cutting, gluing, assembly and finishing procedures. Class focus is on safe working procedures with quality and craftsmanship encourages on all projects.

CTH321 Pre-Engineering 1 Semester

This course introduces students to a variety of technologies that apply to a broad range of careers in engineering. This course is a great introduction to many of the technology and engineering courses offered at SKHS, and students are given the opportunity to explore a variety of academic career pathways. Students will utilize the design process to design and construct Remotely Operated Vehicles to meet real world challenges. In addition, students learn how to apply green concepts to the fields of architecture and construction. They explore dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability and apply what they have learned to design affordable housing units. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of technology tools.

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ELE131 Marine Science 1 Semester

Explore the ocean floor, research marine careers, learn ocean chemistry, use today's technology to monitor marine environments and track marine organisms, engineer an ocean cleaner, enjoy field studies and field trips in this fun, hands-on STEM elective. You will not want to miss our Shark Week at the end of each semester!

ELE201 Leadership 1 Semester

This course examines the principles of citizenship, leadership, and student government within the school and community. Students in this class will be involved with planning student activities and assemblies and assume leadership roles within the school.

PED091 PE Elective 1 Semester

Activities include team sports, individual activities, conditioning, and physical fitness testing. This course is designed for those students who enjoy physical fitness activities.

ELE401/403/404 Teacher/Office/Library Assistant 1 Semester

<u>APPLICATION REQUIRED</u>. Students requesting to be an office, library, or teacher assistant (T.A.) will report directly to their assigned area. They will be given tasks according to the needs of that area: computer work, proper office procedures, categorize and organize materials and equipment, and tasks as requested by person in charge. Students are expected to be responsible self-starters in this class and must be able to voluntarily fill any downtime with schoolwork.

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YEARLONG CLASSES

ELE701/702 AVID Elective 7

2 Semesters

APPLICATION REQUIRED. The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Elective is taken during the school day. Students are selected to enroll in an AVID elective after an application process. AVID is designed for students in the academic middle who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make college attainable.

MUS211/212 Band

2 Semesters

This is a yearlong course for those students who have begun Band in 5th and/or 6th grade. This course is designed for the beginning instrumentalist who needs to review music essentials prior to entering intermediate band. Group performances outside the school day are mandatory for all participants.

MUS411/412 Choir

2 Semesters

This yearlong course is designed for students who want to begin or continue their training as singers and musicians. Students will learn singing technique, how to read music and to perform as part of a group. Group performances outside the school day are mandatory for all participants.

MUS311/312 Orchestra

2 Semesters

This year-long course is designed to provide students who play a violin, viola, cello or string bass an opportunity to refine prior playing skills and learn new skills in a performance ensemble. Students may need to purchase a music book for this class, and they will learn to perform as part of a group. Group performances outside the school day are mandatory for all participants.