

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

**SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE
2011–2012 ELECTIVE WORKSHEET**

In addition to their six core subjects, students have an opportunity to take two elective classes per trimester. We have made every effort to provide a wide variety of high interest courses in our junior high elective program.

Please read through the form below and fill it out carefully with your child; then submit it electronically by hitting the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the page. Be sure that you have included the student’s name and grade at the top of the form. Every effort will be made to ensure that they have an opportunity to take classes of high interest to them.

REQUIRED ELECTIVE(S)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Students are required to take 2 PE classes over the course of the school year. Please check your preference.

- ___ Regular PE (girls and boys classes are taught separately)
- ___ Dance (girls only)
- ___ Requesting sports exemption*

* Participation in a school sport or a team outside of school can take the place of one of the PE requirements (sports verification form will be required)

MISSIONS: Students who are part of the mission team to the Dominican Republic are required to take this class in preparation for their trip.

TEST PREP: Although this class is not required, it is highly recommended for any 8th graders who will be testing for entrance into private high schools or advance placement classes.

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

Please mark your top five choices in order of interest from the list below. (number 1-5)

NOTE: For course content refer to: Elective Course Descriptions for 7th and 8th grade.

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| ___ Writers’ Workshop | ___ Art |
| ___ Book Club | ___ Drama |
| ___ PowerPoint Presentations | ___ Band |
| ___ Digital Photography | ___ Strings |
| ___ Garageband | ___ Girls’ Life Skills |
| ___ iMovie | ___ Boys’ Life Skills |
| ___ Geography | ___ Faith in Action |
| ___ Logic & Rhetoric | ___ Missions |
| ___ Leadership | ___ Sisterhood |
| ___ Directed Studies | ___ Study Hall |
| ___ Test Prep. | ___ Student Services |

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ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

Regular PE: This is a general physical education class that is tailored to meet the needs of growing young men and women. (PE uniform required)

Dance: The dance elective is designed to teach jazz, musical theater, hip hop and an introduction to ballet. It is appropriate for all levels of dancers –beginners to advanced. (counts as PE class)

Writers' Workshop: Being an effective writer is a key to success. This elective emphasizes language mechanics and self-editing, giving students the opportunity to refine their writing skills.

Book Club: Do you love to read but never seem to have enough time? Members of this class will read and discuss a pre-selected book together.

PowerPoint Presentations: We feel that this technology class is essential. Knowing how to effectively create an electronic presentation is an important skill for students to master.

Digital Photography: Students will learn to shoot great pictures and then learn how to use Adobe Photoshop to edit them into their own amazing creations. (digital camera required)

Garageband: Students learn to edit and create their own music using this popular computer software program.

iMovie: Learn tips on how to work in front of and behind the video camera. Then put your creative energy to work producing a finished product using iMovie technology.

Geography: Get a jump on high school geography. You will gain a visual understanding of our world including position of continents, countries and capitals.

Logic and Rhetoric: Don't confuse a silly argument with an intelligent debate. Learn the difference between the two while developing critical thinking skills.

Leadership: God calls each of us to lead. Come explore who God made you to be, what He has called you to do and the impact you can have on the world around you.

Directed Studies: This class is recommended for any student who would benefit from instruction on time management, organization, effective note-taking or study skills.

Test Prep: This class is designed to help students prepare for high school entrance exams. It will be divided into two parts. During the first half of the class the emphasis will be on math. The second half of the trimester will concentrate on English. (eighth grade only – 7th period/1st trimester)

Art: This class is designed to encourage students to appreciate and express themselves through art. They will learn basic techniques using a variety of mediums.

Drama: This class will teach basic drama and acting skills along with improv exercises to develop acting abilities and characterizations in a creative, fun environment.

Band or Strings: If you are interested in learning to play an instrument or you want to continue your musical journey, take advantage of this free opportunity to learn. Come be a part of the FCS band or orchestra! (instrument rental required – may involve additional practices after school as well as performance venues)

Girls' Life Skills: Students will discuss issues of faith and friendship while learning practical life skills. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs and interests of our junior high girls.

Boys' Life Skills: Like its counterpart, this class will help young men understand what it means to be a man of God. They will discuss real issues and learn practical life skills.

Faith in Action: Learn what it means to live a life of faith by serving others. Students will identify needs within the school and community and then explore ways to meet those needs.

Missions: The missions class is designed to equip students for ministry in the Dominican Republic and Mexico. Students on the D.R. team are required to take this class. (mission team participants only – 8th period/1st trimester)

Sisterhood: God teaches us to show kindness and compassion. Come learn how you can strengthen your personal relationships and reach out to others with the love of the Lord. (girls only)

Study Hall: If you find it difficult to complete your nightly homework, you might benefit from a study hall. Class grades are based on behavior, preparedness and work ethic.

Student Services: Opportunities for involvement include teacher assistants for elementary and junior high classes as well as office support.