

Semester 2 Elective Classes Descriptions

Elective Choices

A DAYS:

Choir taught by Rachel Askew. This class offers an opportunity for singers of all levels to showcase and improve their talents by developing vocal technique, musicianship and ensemble singing. Any singer may join regardless of past experience. Opportunities for solo and small ensemble performance are also available in this class throughout the year! There are a few outside of school commitments that will occur.

Create and Read: Children's Book Project taught by David Lien. Do you love storytelling, art, or working with kids? In this hands-on class, you'll design, write, and illustrate your very own children's book! You'll have the freedom to choose your story's theme, characters, and style. Each week, you'll also spend time reading to children at a local daycare, helping you connect with your audience and grow as a storyteller. By the end of the semester, you'll publish your book and share it with the kids you've been reading to. No experience needed—just creativity and a willingness to try something new!

Journeys Around the World taught by Branden Lange. Students will travel virtually to unique, exotic, and lesser-known destinations around the world. Each week, we will “visit” a new location to learn about its geography, wildlife, culture, and history. Students will also complete hands-on projects like travel journals, postcards, and a digital slideshow.

Nature Tech: The Science of Biomimicry taught by Derek May.

Focus: Innovation inspired by nature and ecological systems.

Concept: Students explore how plants and animals solve problems and how humans can design technology inspired by nature's solutions.

Activities: Examine natural adaptations, design bio-inspired prototypes, and create a mini “Bio-Inspired Innovation Fair.”

Yearbook taught by Morgan Allen is devoted to creating and capturing fun memories throughout the school year. In this class, you will learn how to work together and independently, and you will also get to make FBCS a better place. There are three different committees within the yearbook class to choose from. We have Yearbook, Events Planning, and the School Newspaper committees.

B DAYS:

Botany PBL taught by Sarah Evans. This botany course invites students to explore the beauty and science of plants through creative study, art and research. Students will uncover the hidden patterns of nature, connect art and science, and present or display projects.

How the West was Won (according to films) taught by Todd Claunch. In this class we will examine Westward migration and look at how films made in the 50's 60's and 70's romantized and distorted the history. This class will include writing, lectures and discussions.

Read What You Want taught by Mikell Zimmerman. Yep! You get to read what you enjoy reading and then get to do a fun mini project you choose!

Scat, Tracks, and Habitats of North Idaho taught by Derek May.

Focus: Wildlife identification, animal behavior, and local ecosystems.

Concept: Students become wildlife detectives, studying tracks, scat, nests, and other signs to understand how animals survive and interact in North Idaho habitats.

Activities: Identify and cast animal tracks, analyze scat replicas, map habitats, and keep a wildlife field journal.

Study Buddies taught by Danika Moore. Do you struggle to get all of your work done for your classes? Do you wish you had some extra time and/or support in the week to get everything done? Do you really need to pass but just don't know how? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Study Buddies is for you! This is a class where you spend your time working and getting help on whatever you need to get done for any class you have. You'll have 3 extra hours of work and support time each week to get those grades up! Whether it's an essay, a project, math assignments, help getting organized, or anything else, Mrs. Danika is here to help!

Theater taught by Rachel Askew. In this class, students will study scene work, character study, improvisation techniques, and acting skills through fun, collaborative exercises, theater games, and small group performances! Students in this class may also gain experience with writing dialogue, performing existing and original theater pieces, choreography, and participating in other projects related to theater arts performance. There are a few outside of school commitments that will occur.