

Semester 1 Elective Classes Descriptions

## Elective Choices

### A DAYS:

**Beginning Woodworking** taught by Todd Claunch. Students in this class will learn the fundamentals of carpentry and use those skills to create a finished project they can take home. They will take an idea from the planning stage all the way to completion, working only with hand tools. If you enjoy making sawdust and using hammers, this class is for you.

**Bike Riding and Mechanics Class** taught by Dave Lein. Biking is Life!! This class is an engaging, interactive bike riding class for middle schoolers, focusing on safety, basic skills, and fun. We will be exploring some of Sandpoint's finest trails and bike paths. We prefer you to bring your own bike and helmet. We will also be looking into the introduction to bicycle maintenance. Students will learn the basics of maintaining their bicycle.

**Choir** taught by Rachel Askew. This class offers an opportunity for singers of all levels to showcase and improve their talents by developing vocal techniques, musicianship, and ensemble singing. Any singer may join regardless of experience. Opportunities for solo and small ensemble performances are also available in this class throughout the year!

\*Please note, this class requires outside of school rehearsal and performance days.\*

**Engineering for Middle School Students** taught by Branden Lange. This elective introduces students to several major engineering fields through hands-on design challenges and collaborative projects. Students explore civil, mechanical, construction engineering, and project management while learning how engineers design structures, machines, and solutions to real-world problems. This course will involve hands on projects, math, and science.

**Global Art and its Cultural Impact** taught by Lora Scott. This course is designed to learn about different cultures through crafting and art! This hands-on PBL course will take you around the world as you construct your own masterpieces.

**Intro to Culinary Arts: Pathways (8th Grade only)** taught by Molly Bond. This course is designed for 8th grade students who demonstrate strong maturity, responsibility, and a genuine interest in pursuing Culinary Arts as a future career or hobby. Students will be expected to meet high expectations in professionalism, teamwork, safety, and kitchen conduct. Throughout the course, students will build foundational culinary skills including knife techniques, food safety and sanitation, basic cooking methods, flavor development, and kitchen organization. This course is ideal for students who are serious about exploring Culinary Arts as a career pathway and are ready to challenge themselves in a hands-on, skill-based learning environment.

**Yearbook** taught by Morgan Allen. Yearbook is a year-long class devoted to creating and capturing fun memories throughout the school year. In this class, you will learn how to work together as well as 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:

**American History Through Film** taught by Todd Claunch. This class offers a survey of American history through the lens of film. Students will explore different time periods and watch movies to discuss how they reflect—and sometimes exaggerate—historical events. Each film will include class discussions, brief lectures, and a written assignment. Some of the movies used in this course may be rated PG-13.

**Future Physical Educator** taught by Janenne Russell. Have you ever wanted to be in charge of the games we play in PE? Do you have a creative side that is interested in designing new activities for PE? Do you have a desire to research games that already exist on websites and YouTube and teach them to classmates? Then future Physical Educator is the elective class for you! (And, yes, you will get to play all the games listed above.)

**Read What You Want PBL** taught by Morgan Allen. Do you love reading stories, adventures, mysteries, and/or graphic novels? In this class, you will select novels that interest you and create meaningful connections to literature. Instead of a traditional test, you'll create a project of your choice to show what you learned. This could be something creative like a book trailer, artwork, a podcast, a game, or another original idea. If you enjoy reading your own way and expressing your ideas creatively, this class is for you!

**Study Buddies** taught by Danika Moore. Do you struggle to get all 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.

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