2026-27 Middle School

Semester 2 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.

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.

Create and Read: Children's Book Project taught by Dave 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!

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.

LEGO STEAM taught by Lora Scott. In this class, students will explore science, engineering, art and math concepts through hands-on investigation. You will build, test, observe results, change designs, and improve your solutions!

STEM - Space Exploration & Engineering taught by Branden Lange. Students will explore space and the challenges of space exploration through a mix of independent research, small group hands-on projects, and engineering activities. They will learn about space technology, investigate real-world problems, and use creativity and problem-solving skills to design, build, and test their own projects.

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:

Cooking II: Beyond the Basics taught by Molly Bond. Ready to take your cooking skills to the next level? Culinary Arts II builds on the skills learned in Intro to Cooking and challenges students to become more confident, creative, and independent in the kitchen. Students will expand their knowledge of knife skills, cooking techniques, flavor combinations, recipe development, and food presentation. Through exciting hands-on cooking labs, students will prepare more advanced dishes, explore foods from around the world, and learn how to work efficiently as part of a kitchen team. Students will also participate in cooking challenges, experiment with ingredients, practice meal planning and budgeting, and develop their own original recipes. Emphasis will be placed on problem-solving, teamwork, and kitchen organization. **Prerequisite: Successful completion of Middle School Intro to Cooking**.

Explorers of the Mind taught by Danika Jerald. Let's delve into the inner workings of our minds! In this class we will cover the broad science, theories, experiments, and history of psychology, the study of the mind. Some key topics covered will be the theories of personality, the psychology of learning, the understanding of different psychological disorders, and experimental psychology.

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!

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

Word Play taught by Morgan Allen. In Word Play, students will engage in a variety of fun and stimulating word games designed to enhance their vocabulary, creativity, and language skills. If you enjoy word games or learning new words and like to have fun, this is the class for you! We will be playing Scrabble, Scattergories, Boggle, Tapple, and many, many more! You will also have the chance to create and make your own word games!

WWII taught by Todd Claunch. This course explores the causes, major events, and outcomes of World War II. Through lectures, discussions, research, media, and projects, students will examine the people and events that shaped this global conflict and its lasting impact on history. Some course content will address mature themes related to war and violence.