

2011-2012 Course Description- Electives

Art

Art is a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 course designed to give students a fundamental understanding and admiration for visual art and the artist. Students will have the opportunity to study and observe several famous works of art and will be given a sense of art history, through discussion and viewing of visuals that relate to the projects they are working on. Some of the techniques, ideas, and materials that may be included are color theory, painting, perspective drawing, design, and clay. We believe that art is not just for some, or those we call "talented", but God has given all of us abilities in art that should be nurtured. This course will be enjoyable, educational, and challenging.

Computer Animation

Computer Animation is a High School course which introduces students to theory and application of computer animation as well as techniques and software used for computer graphics. This class will concentrate primarily on Macromedia/ Adobe Flash including creating Computer Animation, Object Oriented Programming, Web Design, and basic Game Development.

Computer Technology

Computer Technology is a Kindergarten through Middle School course focusing on increasing student's functional knowledge of specific computer software. Photography, Photo Editing, and Project Presentation will be introduced through the use of Picasa and Prezi software. Students will continue to learn about Word, Excel, Publisher, and Power Point programs and how to translate this knowledge into creating a class website.

Creative Arts

Creative Arts is a High School course focusing on enhancing and exploring the student's ingenuity, as well as providing an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity to others. This class will include basic elements of Drama, Culinary Arts, Nutrition, Christian Living, Jewelry Making, Scrapbooking, Photography, Knitting, Crocheting, and Community Service. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate the skills gained from this class at N.E.C.A.'s *Fine Arts Fair* and *Christmas Program*, and in out-of-school Community Service opportunities.

Creative Writing

Creative Writing is a Middle School course which exposes students to the process of writing with imagination as its purpose. Students will be skilled in using their emotions, imagination, and thoughts to convey desired information. Poetry, Posters, Short Stories, Comic Strips, and Journaling will be the primary mediums used in this course.

Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneur is a High School course which exposes students to the fundamental elements of starting and operating a business. The students will learn the process of writing a business plan, Research and Development, Manufacturing Products, Marketing, and Project Planning. Students will use the learned skills to create a product for their Entrepreneurial “Business”.

Health & Wellness

Health & Wellness is a Middle School course designed to increase student’s knowledge about health and encourage their active participation in developing life skills for optimal physical, mental, spiritual, and social development. Students in this class will learn several aspects of spiritual health, physical health, teamwork, nutrition, exercise, and fitness.

Music

Music is an exciting Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 course where students will gain a greater appreciation for music by listening to and interacting with its various styles. They will learn the basic concepts of music theory, rhythm, types of instrument families, and have a better ear for music and music dynamics. They will be introduced to, and perform, different venues of musical drama, interpretive sign language, and puppetry. High School students will have the opportunity to perfect vocal quality and instrument playing, and learn how to effectively lead the student body in worship. Most importantly students will be taught that above all, music should be used to glorify God.

Physical Education

Physical Education is a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 10 course designed to provide a well-rounded exercise instruction program that includes physical conditioning and participation in a variety of sports. The purpose of this course is to provide students with the knowledge, ability, and values they need to become healthy and physically active for a lifetime. Students will demonstrate understanding of team sports, safety rules, healthy competition, improve fitness performance, and choose physical activities which promote personal health and wellness.

Problem Solving in the Wilderness

Problem Solving in the Wilderness is a Middle School through High School course which enables students to acknowledge problem solving as an essential element of every day life. By looking at problem solving at its most primary level, providing food, shelter, first aid, navigation, and other wilderness skills, we will discover investigative skills and leadership abilities, within the student, that can be applied to all areas of life and learning. This class will be comprised of lectures, as well as hands on learning.

Spanish A & B

Spanish A & B are beginner level Spanish classes designed for our Middle School students. These courses focus on building the foundation for understanding the Spanish language. Students will learn the basic grammar and vocabulary needed in order to navigate the Spanish language while focusing on the four main components of language: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Spanish I

Spanish I is a college preparatory Spanish course that balances grammar and communication and is designed for our High School students. Students learn significant vocabulary, phrases, and grammar, including sentence formation, direct and indirect objects, regular, irregular, and stem-changing verbs. This class integrates the learning of the Spanish language with an appreciation for Spanish-speaking cultures around the world.

Spanish II

Spanish II is a Spanish Language course, designed for High School students, that builds on the material taught in Spanish 1. Students continue to study new vocabulary and grammar topics in order to further communicate in Spanish. This course focuses on the use of past, present, and future verb tenses, adjectives, pronouns, prepositions, and expressions. Also, students continue their study of the many and diverse cultures of Spanish-speakers around the world.

Spanish III

Spanish III is an intermediate level High School Spanish language course that builds on material learned in Spanish 1 and 2. This class focuses on strengthening and enhancing the student's overall skills in the Spanish language, specifically, students' ability to understand, speak and write in both formal and informal contexts. Students taking this course become skilled at how to appropriately use past, present, and future verb tenses in Spanish, as well as the present and present perfect tenses of the subjunctive mood. Students learn to use interpretive and presentational communication to express and understand basic needs in Spanish.

Yearbook

Yearbook is a High School course designed to create N.E.C.A.'s annual Yearbook publication. This course provides study and practice in gathering and analyzing information, interviewing, writing, editing, photography, promoting, page design, and publishing the school's yearbook. Students will be responsible for all aspects of yearbook publication. Students will work under the leadership of the yearbook instructor. Time management, organization, and teamwork are skills that are essential for participation in this course.