

Tri-City Christian
Academy



ELECTIVE COURSES

7th – 8th GRADE

2011-2012

ELECTIVES

Students may take up to two electives during 7th period depending on the days those electives are offered. Please indicate on the course request form your first and second choices for each elective. Rotation is per semester.

***NEW* Early Career planning- 8th GRADE CLASS**

This is a series of lessons designed to introduce early college planning, career choices, job interviews, and a plan for the next four years in high school. This early career development plan can help identify your child's specialized areas allowing for more effective preparation. The teachers and counselors will guide your child accordingly.

Text: Teacher, PowerPoint and worksheets.

COMPUTER

COMPUTER Basic Word, PowerPoint, Excel. (7th graders ONLY)

Introduction to Word - Students will learn about creating, editing, and formatting text.

Introduction to PowerPoint - students will create and customize a presentation.

Customizing was designed both for users who are new to Excel or have very little experience using the functionality of Excel.

Text: Teacher, PowerPoint and worksheets.

COMPUTER

*******Monday and Wednesday*******

711-01 Art M-W

This class will meet first semester and concentrate primarily on drawing, both in the classroom and on location around surrounding communities. Some painting *may be* included. This will help students to become reasonably proficient in the most basic art form. We will cover areas such as proportion, shading, perspective, contour, drawing from life and planning a basic and balanced composition. Some of the areas that *may be* visited include the Fox Run Mall (drawing one or two point perspective mall scape), a farm scene (landscape and sketching animals/weather in motion/transition), etc. ***There**

is an additional supply fee for this elective course that will be included on the book list.

711-02 Art M-W

This class will meet second semester and will be devoted to covering the elements and principles of design, basic art history, and consider both well-known and lesser-known artists. Art history will be presented from the Christian perspective. This will be a traditional art semester that concentrates on projects. Projects are designed to highlight areas of history or well-known artists, and as always, to encourage the creation of uniquely Christian art in our day. ***There is an additional supply fee for this elective course that will be included on the book list.**

712 Drama M-W

Students will learn the mechanics and techniques that go into performing a play. Emphasis will be on body language and non-verbal communication, speech and tonal qualities, enunciation, and projection. The instruction will combine this with character study, makeup, and blocking to complete a character. Some attention will be given to props, set design, and lighting. The culmination of the class will be an actual performance in a play. Students are required to show up for rehearsals outside of class time as well. ***There is an additional course fee for this elective course that will be included on the book list.**

713 Concert Band M-W

The TCCA Concert Band meets for sectional rehearsals and one full band rehearsal each week during the school day. At band class, students learn a variety of music, while preparing for performances in the Christmas and Spring Concerts as well as the graduation ceremony in June. ***There is an additional fee for this elective course that will be included on the book list. Private half-hour instrumental lessons are offered as well as instrument rental. Costs for these are available upon request.**

PE 3 Physical Education (President's Challenge) M-W

This course runs all year. In addition to participation in a number of athletic activities, students taking this course practice to attain an award from the President's Challenge Physical Activities and Fitness Awards Program. This program helps to assess the current fitness level of the students, and offers awards to encourage them to stay active. This program includes five events that measure muscular strength/endurance, cardio respiratory endurance, speed, agility, and flexibility.

*****Course fee for this elective will be included on the book list.**

716 Family and Home Economics – M-W

Teach your future homemakers the art of managing and maintaining the Christian household!

This program helps students develop the life skills necessary to achieve personal satisfaction through practical tasks that encourage self-respect, responsibility, and attention to the details of living well. Students explore a variety of food groups. After each food group is explored, students prepare a dish that represents that particular food group. They plan and prepare a meal that accompanies the dish. Baking skills are an important aspect of this unit. Laboratory work includes group planning and preparation of meals around each food selected and the shared responsibilities of cooking and cleaning. ***There is an additional supply fee for this elective course that will be included on the book list. Limit 22 students.**

*******Tuesday and Thursday*******

713 Foreign Studies - Mandarin T-TH
Mrs. Lynn Brokus, Instructor

Open to both junior and senior high school students.

This course will principally be a cultural study of China. Students will learn how to speak standard Mandarin, which is the official language of Mainland China. Students will also learn to read Pinyin, which is a Romanization system used to learn Mandarin. It transcribes the sounds of Mandarin using the western (Roman) alphabet along with some Chinese characters. The course fee will be \$15.00 per semester.

703 Choral Music Tuesday

Enrollment in music class will provide an opportunity to perform in two concerts (one each semester). A variety of music will be sung providing exposure to different forms of vocal music. Basic music theory and other elements of music will be taught. Conducting opportunities may be available to those students who are interested. ***The fee for this elective course will be included on the book list.**

881 CSI – T TH

Students explore how forensic scientists collect, analyze, and process evidence to solve a crime. They participate in a classroom "simulated" crime. Through deductive reasoning and scientific inquiry, students analyze evidence to solve the crime. ***The fee for this elective course will be included on the book list.**

100 STUDY HALL – T TH

Students are expected to **work quietly** on homework, projects, or read, and a teacher will stand by to monitor the study hall and assist students as needed.

*******Friday*******

E20 Chess Club- F

855 Speech: Essentials of Communication

Transform your shy teenager into a confident public speaker! Made for grades 8-12, this elective teaches your child how to interact effectively in today's world. Topics cover the fundamentals of communication, interpersonal relationships, group dynamics, and public speaking. Your child also will learn how to plan, prepare, deliver, and evaluate presentations

856 The Civil War

Spark your child's interest in American history! Get the in-depth elective that examines one of the most crucial points in American history - the Civil War. This exciting course for grades 8-12 covers the division of the Confederate States of America and the Union, major war figures like Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee, pivotal battles, and the Reconstruction.

858 Foundations for Living

Prepare your soon-to-be graduate for practical Christian living with the engaging Switched-On Schoolhouse Foundations for Living, Studies in the Christian Worldview! This multimedia-rich, ten-unit elective for grades 8-12 deepens your child's understanding of Bible doctrine and shows how biblical truths relate to everyday life, including areas like family, engagement, marriage, education, art, parenting, politics, and more. Quizzes and tests also are included for easy assessment.

859 Business Computer Information Systems

This 12-unit on-line elective for grades 8-12 covers communication skills in the workplace, business technology, spreadsheets, database applications, desktop publishing, computer networks, and more. Keyboarding is a recommended prerequisite.

887 Essentials of Math

Polish your basic math skills with Switched-On Schoolhouse Essentials of Math for grades 8-12! A great refresher, this computer-based, seven-unit elective includes fun learning games and multimedia, as well as tests and quizzes that are perfect for reinforcing fundamental mathematic concepts. Suitable for remedial work or advanced learners, the course reviews topics like algebra, geometry, statistics, measurements, and more.