

GRADE 8 ELECTIVE OFFERINGS – LYONS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL 24-25

BEGINNING BAND: Beginning Band is for students who have little or no experience. Students learn to play a wind or percussion instrument and to read music.

INTERMEDIATE BAND: Intermediate Band is for students who have completed beginning band at Lyons Creek or the equivalent. The band performs four times per year and are eligible for All-State and All-County Band auditions.

ROBOTICS: Robotics classes are for sixth and seventh grade students. Level 3 will be considered based on availability. Students will use block coding to create digital stories, games, and animations. Students will build Lego Mindstorm robots and VEX robots, and program them to do simple autonomous tasks. Students will use 3D design software to create 3D objects. Students will use photo editing software to create photos with a variety of different effects.

ART: Art is a new class offered to all grade levels. Students learn to create two-dimensional and three-dimensional works of art with artistic intent. Students become engaged in the arts through creating, developing, and responding to other artist's work. Class projects are concentrated around the principles and elements of art through drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

SPANISH 1: Spanish I is a HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT CLASS. The purpose of these courses is to enable students to begin to acquire proficiency in Spanish through a linguistic, communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. Emphasis is placed on the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and on the acquisition of the fundamentals of applied grammar. Cross-cultural understanding is fostered, and real-life applications are emphasized through each course.

SPANISH 2: Spanish II is an eighth-grade class and is a HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT CLASS. The purpose of these courses is to enable students to begin to acquire proficiency in Spanish through a linguistic, communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. Emphasis is placed on the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and on the acquisition of the fundamentals of applied grammar. Cross-cultural understanding is fostered, and real-life applications are emphasized through each course. The pre-requisite for Spanish II is the successful mastery of topics learned in Spanish I.

MUSIC/TV PRODUCTION : Students will learn to operate the Garage Band program on an iMac Desktop computer and on an iPad. Students will learn Music Production as is executed professionally by studying and viewing the processes. Students will also learn to combine commercially produced songs, edit them, and adjust key and tempo of songs. They will create and track their own unique songs using preloaded loops of melodies and beats using Garage Band Program on both the iMac and iPad. Students will learn how to add their voices and or other instruments to existing songs or homemade songs using USB microphones. Studio is a class only offered to seventh and eighth grade students. It is an in-depth exploration and application of Digital Video Cameras, Tripods, Microphones, and the iMovie Program. Students write 4 storyboards to film and edit them using the software. Public Service Announcements, Jingle commercials, How to Videos and a movie trailer are the 4 Video Projects. Students also

create PowerPoint presentations, edit music in the Garage Band program and create slideshows using Photos on Mac Computers.

BUSINESS CTACE: This technology course is to help students identify different types of career pathways and the technology that goes with it. Students discover how to plan for their future careers, from academics to real world employment strategies. Students will also get an opportunity to get certified in Microsoft (Orientation to Career and Technical Occupations and Career Planning).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: This class is designed for students who enjoy high energy activities and can work with others in teams of different sizes. This class will place emphasis on several different types of sports including basketball, volleyball, soccer, flag football just to name a few. Students will be presented with each sport's rules and regulations and practice the skills to be successful.

PEER COUNSELOR INTRO TO MINDFULNESS: This class is designed for 6th grade students interested in learning and benefiting from mindfulness practices. Students will learn to sharpen their ability to focus and pay attention, experience life situations with less emotional reactivity, learn effective strategies for making better choices and increase kindness and compassion for themselves and others.

SPEECH: Speech/Debate is a HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT CLASS. The purpose of this course is to develop students' beginning awareness, understanding, and application of language arts as it applies to oral communication concepts and strategies in a variety of given settings. The content should include, but not be limited to, the following: learning and practicing a variety of speech formats, learning, and demonstrating appropriate formal and informal public speaking techniques for audience, purpose, and occasion (such as, eye contact and body movements, voice register and choices of language, use of standard English), using research and writing skills to support selected topics and points of view, and collaboration amongst peers, especially during the drafting and practicing stages. Student must participate in tournament(s).

LATINOS IN ACTION & LEADERSHIP: Latinos In Action (LIA) is a leadership class offered to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Empowering Latino youth to lead and strengthen their communities through career and college readiness, service, social, and professional assistance. Latinos In Action addresses the student, tying academics, leadership, and self-development into a single program.