



Southwest Florida Christian Academy

## Middle School Elective Course Descriptions

### **6th Grade P.E.**

This program heavily incorporates cooperation in team activities and utilizes dynamic movements to improve coordination, agility, balance, and reaction time. The 6th grade curriculum is meant to prepare the students to properly adapt to the challenges of 7th and 8th grade PE classes.

### **6th Grade Technology**

Students will demonstrate understanding of basic technology concepts and will master basic operations in applications such as Word®, PowerPoint®, and Excel®. Students will also further their typing skills.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Expressive Communications:** Expressive Communications is a class designed to allow students to explore different ways to express themselves. Students will be instructed on and then asked to participate in a variety of speeches, debates, and skits as well as have the opportunity explore at least one novel and complete and present a creative project about the novel during this semester class. Other activities (i.e., study skills) will also be discussed and evaluated.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir**

Students learn vocalization, music theory and composition, self-evaluation and analysis, performance, and music history. The students will participate in performances as well as choral festivals and competitions.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Drama**

Students will engage in learning experiences that will enhance their ability to perform on stage. They will learn costuming, make-up, staging, reader's theatre, lighting, and various components of theatre production. Students will also be involved in one performance each semester.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**

Students learn techniques, form and analysis, music history and composers, with continued emphasis on performance. Students will participate in performances as well as band festivals and competitions.

### **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art**

Students in art are given opportunities to develop their creativity through several mediums. Students will learn a variety of two and three-dimensional techniques including painting, drawing, collage, printmaking, and sculpting.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir**

Students learn vocalization, music theory and composition, self-evaluation and analysis, performance, and music history. The students will participate in performances as well as choral festivals and competitions.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Drama**

Students will engage in learning experiences that will enhance their ability to perform on stage. They will learn costuming, make-up, staging, reader's theatre, lighting, and various components of theatre production. Students will also be involved in one performance each semester.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**

Students learn techniques, form and analysis, music history and composers, with continued emphasis on performance. Students will participate in performances as well as band festivals and competitions.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade PE/Weight Training**

The upper middle school PE curriculum focuses on a holistic approach to wellness. Dynamic movement is incorporated every day to improve coordination, balance and agility. An individualized weightlifting program is designed for each student to improve strength, decrease stress, and prevent injuries. Students are taught lifetime wellness skills to be taken well past their middle and high school years.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Next Gen Technology**

This tech class encompasses a wide array of topics for students to discover. Coding, programming, and gamification will be explored as well as determining how media software is used in video and web mediums. Students should have a comfortable working knowledge of basic computer operations and flexibility in developing his/her technological abilities.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Journalism**

Students will learn various components of editorial and publishing skills while engaging in formal and informal writing. They will compose various types of fiction and nonfiction stories and create works that depict facts, options, and ideas. Activities will also include public speaking, interviewing, broadcasting announcements, and publishing quarterly newsletters.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sign Language**

Students will be introduced to the ASL alphabet, numbers, hand position, signing technique, inflection and expression, deaf culture manners, fingerspelling, directional signs, introductory phrases and words, and helpful questions and statements. Multiple sign language projects will be completed each semester.

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Assist/Study Hall**

This class is designed to assist students that need extra support in math. The math teacher will be available to review past concepts as well as assist with current material. Students will also have time each day to work on homework each day. *\*Note: Students who receive a 69 or below for the school year or receive below the threshold on the IOWA will automatically be placed in this class for at least one semester.*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Forensic Science**

Students will be introduced to the science of solving crimes. They will learn about cutting-edge forensic science practices and procedures such as DNA profiling, digital imaging, discovering clues, analyzing evidence, and crime scene reconstruction. Students will participate in lab explorations, engage in hands-on activities, and participate in discussions with professionals who are in the field of Forensics.