

6th Grade Fall Electives

CARD MAKING (Mr. Sullentrup):

We will discover the art of handmade card making for various occasions. Each student will create their own unique series of cards. For this elective, students will need to purchase and bring in a set of 10-12, 5"x7" blank cards and envelopes. (Available in white and off-white at Michael's.)

CHOIR (Mr. R):

Do you like to sing? Do you like teamwork? Do you like to inspire others? This class is for you! In this elective, students will have the opportunity to work on choir repertoire, learn warm up techniques, and vocal general technique.

CREATIVE WRITING (Ms. Ferrara):

We will explore the fundamentals of creative writing! These will include how to choose a topic, how to plan your story, and how to progress through each part of the writing process to complete your story. We will also explore a variety of genres and styles of writing.

EQUATIONS (Ms. Tavernaro):

Equations is a math game that challenges students to develop and use math skills by brainstorming multiple math equations. Students in this elective will compete at the UMSL Equation competition in February. Students who participate in the Equations Electives first semester, but not second semester will still be eligible to participate. (Cost \$15)

FIBER (Mr. Sullentrup):

Our project journey will explore both 2D and 3D creative works using fabric, yarn, string and other soft materials. This class will explore creative disciplines in fiber like weaving, macramé, stitching and other related art forms.

GEOGRAPHY BEE (Mr. Ewing):

Students will study and prepare to compete in the National Geographic Bee in January/February.

HISTORY BOOK CLUB (Mr. Ewing):

In this elective we read historic (non-fiction) books, discuss them and make one presentation during the semester.

HISTORY OF ROCK N ROLL (Mr. R):

Do you like Rock'n Roll? Do you want to learn more about it? This elective is for you! In this class, students will learn the history of Rock'n Roll, how the style has changed over the years, as well as the particular style of its main artists.

KNITTING (Ms. Tavernaro):

Students will learn the basics of knitting - casting on, knit stitch and how to bind off. Students will start with a basic scarf or hat. Advanced students will learn the purl stitch and can start a project of their choice. Students will purchase their own needles and yarn.

LEADERSHIP (Ms. Sasser):

In this elective, we will look at what it means to be a leader and how we can rise to leadership roles. We will read and work with the book *Habitudes* by Tim Elmore as well as work with other Social/Emotional Learning resources.

ORNAMENTS (Mr. Sullentrup):

In this class, students will create a series of individual Christmas ornaments for the coming holiday season. We will explore different mediums, forms and techniques. Our goal is 10 original ornaments per student.

PERFORMANCE STUDIO (Mr. R):

Do you play an instrument or sing for more than one year? Do you love doing it? Do you want to polish your musical skills? This elective is for you! In this class, students will have the opportunity to perform music to their peers, exercise their aural skills while giving feedback to performances, as well as explore advanced expressive techniques that can potentially make their performances even more inspiring!

PIANO (Mr. R):

Do you play the piano? This class is for you! You do not play the piano but want to learn it? This class is also for you! In this class, students will have the opportunity of working on repertoire, technique, and musicianship with this wonderful instrument!

ROBOTICS (Ms. Tavernaro):

In this elective students will be introduced to basic robotics skills using the EV3 Lego robots. Students will learn to program their robots to do different tasks and functions. **Students participating in the Robotics Club may not take the Robotic Elective.**

SCULPTURE 1 (Mr. Sullentrup): We will explore the world of 3-dimensional art and create a series of individual works, from mobiles to towers, possibly including an installation on our campus.

SEWING (Mr. Ewing): In this elective, students will learn basic hand sewing techniques and sew their own creations.

STEWARDSHIP (Ms. Kelly):

Join Mrs. Kelly in embracing one of our HCA Core Values and deepening your understanding of what Stewardship means as a Disciple of Christ. Students will learn more about our Catholic identity, share their own ideas through discussion, and participate in random acts of kindness and works of mercy. God calls us to be good stewards in this world so let's have fun doing it!

STUDY SKILLS (Mrs. Chehval and Mrs. Nolan)

This elective is designed to help students develop and use various study skills and techniques that will help them become successful learners. The following topics will be covered:

- organization, time management, and setting goals
- standardized testing preparation
- learning styles
- following directions
- math strategies
- reading a textbook and taking notes
- memorization and vocabulary strategies
- map skills
- taking essay tests

All 6th grade students are **required** to take this as one of their elective courses.