



2023-2024 All Saints Middle School Electives

All students in 6th, 7th and 8th Grade will choose one elective for the entire 2023-2024 school year. Electives are held 4 days a week.

Middle School Orchestra

Who is eligible? 7th and 8th Grade students who have completed Intermediate Orchestra

Cost: \$50

Course Description: Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade will have the opportunity to take their musical talents to the highest level! We will explore all types of music from pop to rock in a string orchestra setting! Students will also have the opportunity to compete at the TPSMEA Bishop Lynch Concert and Sightreading Competition in April. Students will have the opportunity to audition for the TMEA Region Orchestra, the TPSMEA Region Orchestra in February and participate in the TPSMEA Solo and Ensemble contest in March. All students that complete Beginner Orchestra may participate in Middle School Orchestra. In addition to the class, daily practice, weekly mass and May Crowning, written music theory is a required element of the course. We start the year with a trip to Hawaiian Falls and conclude the year with the Orchestra Awards Banquet at Blue Mesa in May.

Middle School Band

Who is eligible? Any 6th, 7th, 8th grade student

Cost: \$50.00

Course Description: The All Saints Intermediate Band program is for students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades who have completed beginning band. (Students who have not completed the beginning band but want to join will be considered on an individual basis.) The Eagle Band was established in 2001 and is an award winning program. Band meets as a class 4 days a week with a minimum of 100 minutes a week to ensure progress. In Intermediate Band, students will continue to develop and improve the skills and concepts learned in Beginning Band, as well as learn more advanced performance techniques and music theory. Band activities include Christmas and spring concerts, a band kick-off picnic, a trip to play with the John Paul II High School Band at a football game, and participation in a band contest. We conclude the year with a fun field trip to reward our hard work. In addition, individual members will have the opportunity to audition for the TPSMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival (private lessons are strongly encouraged for students considering these opportunities)

Middle School Art

Who is eligible? Any 6th, 7th, 8th Grade students with teacher or administrative recommendation

Cost: \$50.00

Course Description: Middle School Art elective students will explore visual art in relation to history and cultures around the world using the elements of art and the principles of design. Students will also use a variety of media and techniques to complete 2D and 3D projects. There will be a concentration on modern art next year and artists such as O'Keefe, Matisse, Picasso, Warhol, Lichtenstein, and Bean. We will also explore our Catholic identity in art and its history which include saint feast days, Christian iconography, and the liturgical year. A spring field trip is planned to visit the ARTS District and various museums. Students are encouraged to make masterpieces from their mistakes and let their creativity explode!

Study Hall

Who is eligible? 6th, 7th, 8th Grade students with teacher or administrative recommendation

Course Description: Students will have the study hall time to prepare for tests, complete school work or meet with subject teachers. Students are expected to use their time wisely, working diligently throughout the class period.