

# Canfield Middle School

25-26 Electives (1 per semester, or 1 year long)



## Music

### Jazz Choir (7th, 8th gr/Year Long)

This is an auditioned elective open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This class studies all types of music, dives deep into music theory and sight reading, goes on an elementary tour, and competes in large group festivals in the spring.

### Advanced Orchestra (7th, 8th grade/Year Long)

This elective is for the experienced string player. Members are in 7th or 8th grade and have played an instrument for a minimum of two years. Students will explore a variety of styles with continued emphasis on string fundamentals. New players may enroll for a nine week trial period with proof of private instruction.

### Open Choir (7th, 8th gr/Year Long)

This elective is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and requires no audition. They perform at many concerts during the year.

### Band (7th gr, Year Long)

This elective is for experienced wind, brass, or percussion player. Most members took 6th gr band. Students will explore a variety of styles with continued emphasis on instrument-specific fundamentals. New players may enroll for a nine week trial period with proof of private instruction.

### Band (8th gr, Year Long)

This elective is designed for the experienced wind, brass, or percussion player. Most members took band in 6th and 7th grade. Students will explore a variety of styles with continued emphasis on instrument-specific fundamentals. New players may enroll for a nine week trial period with proof of private instruction.

## Technology

### Tech Tools (7th, 8th Gr/Semester)

This elective requires no prior computer skills. In tech tools students have an opportunity to explore and experiment with media production. No prior computer skills are necessary. Students should work well with others in groups. Students are immersed in graphic design and media production. Students learn about digital and audio media. Students use a variety of software such as Word MS® PowerPoint, Google Apps, Adobe, MovieMaker, and other software and freeware applications.

### Creative Coding (7th, 8th Gr/Semester)

Have you ever wondered how your favorite apps, websites, and games are made? Creative Coding will provide the skills to do just that. In Creative Coding you will learn about the technology you use in your day-to-day life as well as building your own applications. This course is an introduction to the basics of computer science where you will become familiar with programming languages like JavaScript and Python along with being able to create your own websites, games, and apps. Students will use a variety of applications working independently and collaboratively throughout the course and no prior computer skills are necessary.

## Young Living

### **Young Living: (7th, 8th gr/Semester)**

This semester-long elective will build basic life skills which will help students meet the challenges of their daily lives. They will learn information and practical skills related to such topics as: healthy living, foods and nutrition, life management, and child development. This is a project based class where students will be cooking, working on a sewing project, ironing, and more!

## Foreign Language

### **Introduction to Spanish (7th, 8th Gr/Semester)**

This is a semester elective that is designed to help students explore a new language. This is an ideal class for students who want to learn the basics of Spanish and is a great preview for students who may want to take Spanish in high school. Presentation and practice of functional expressions, vocabulary and grammar structures are interwoven with cultural information. Students may take Introduction to Spanish as a seventh grader or eighth grader but may not take the course both years. *This class is required to take Spanish 1.*

### **Spanish 1 (8th Gr/Year long)**

This is a year long elective that is the equivalent of Spanish 1 at the high school level. This class counts for high school credit. Students will build a foundation of the Spanish language through speaking, writing, listening and reading. It is designed for students who are motivated to learn and are willing to take on a challenge. Topics include everyday conversational items and learning more complex regular verbs in an entertaining, practical way. Students who demonstrate proficiency in this class will be allowed to take Spanish 2 as a freshman. To sign up for this class, students need to have an A or B in their current LA class. *Completion of Intro to Spanish is required to enroll in this course.*

## Arts

### **Art (7th, 8th gr/Semester)**

This introductory studio course is a one semester elective that will prepare students for further high school art experiences. The student will be introduced to skills and media that are utilized in the other art electives, including: drawing, painting, ceramics, the elements and principles of design, color theory, the critical process, and keeping a sketchbook journal. A study of historical and contemporary art and artists from a worldwide perspective, the critique process, responding to art, and connecting their art to the world around them are included.

### **3D Design (7th, 8th gr/Semester)**

In this studio course, the elements and principles of 3-D design are studied and utilized to create art that exists in three dimensions. Various artists, art styles, and genres will be explored. The sculptural processes of assemblage, reduction carving and modeling will be used to create artwork based on a theme or concept. This is a hands-on elective designed for those who would like to learn the ability to generate original solutions to design problems and develop their skills in ceramics, plaster, paper mache', wood, wire, and mixed media.

### **Drawing (7th, 8th gr/Semester)**

This elective is for students who would like to learn about the elements of art while doing hands-on projects in graphite pencil, charcoal, chalk, oil pastel, and paint. In each project, students will explore a period of art history in addition to a variety of art techniques in each media.

## Yearbook

**Yearbook (8th Gr/Year Long)** is designed for a select few highly responsible 8th grade students. A yearbook is a school's diary; therefore, applicants look forward to being involved in photography, interviews, journalism, and writing. After the yearbook is completed, this class becomes an art class. *This class requires an application and is a yearlong commitment.*

## Student Helpers

All of these electives are application based and/or by teacher invitation

### Office Aide: (7th, 8th gr/Semester)

Office Aides help out in the front office. They help with miscellaneous tasks, including running passes to classes. There are two ways to become an Office Aide:

- 1) Being invited by a secretary
- 2) Having an approved application

### Library Aide: (7th, 8th gr/Semester)

Library Aides help Mrs. Holcomb with organizing books and various other tasks around the library. There are two ways to become a Library Aide:

- 1) Being invited by Mrs. Holcomb
- 2) Having an approved application

### Peer Tutor: (7th, 8th gr/Semester)

Peer tutors work in our Life Skills classroom, assisting students with special needs. This elective requires an application. When approved by a Life Skills teacher, a student can do this both semesters if they wish to do so.

## PE/Weights

All 7th and 8th graders are required to take a semester of Weights or PE. It is not an elective.

### Weights and Fitness (7th, 8th gr/Semester)

This class is for students interested in weight training and sport-related fitness activities. Lifts designed to build strength, speed, agility, and flexibility will be the focus of this program. Units detailing weight room safety, as well as proper spotting and technique, will be included. Students with previous safety concerns may not be able to take weights due to safety concerns.

### Physical Education- PE (7th, 8th gr/Semester)

This class is for students who are not interested in weight training. Students will still engage in physical fitness activities and assessments. Students will play various sports and games over the course of the semester.