

# MCANALLY ELECTIVE OPTIONS 2019/20

## Music / Theater:

### **CHOIR/MUSICAL THEATER**

If you love to sing and perform this is the class for you. Students will learn the basics of music theory and sight singing. Students will study and perform repertoire from a variety of time periods and genres. In choir we will learn to read music via curwen hand signs and solfege at a beginning middle school level. We will learn and put to practice the basics of good singing technique for an ensemble and for soloists. Choir students will participate in a formal Holiday Concert at the end of semester one and a complete Broadway Junior Musical Theater production at the end of semester two. Choir sponsors the McAnally Talent Show and performs at this event. Choir students have also traditionally performed around the AISD school district on CAROL DAY during the Holiday season. When possible, choir attends a Spring Contest.

Choir is a place to build community through creating music together. Some afternoon rehearsals will be required as we approach concert time. These are always coordinated with consideration of everyone's busy schedule. A love of singing is important for both the formal choir portion of the class and the musical theater portion. Basic skills needed are the ability to match pitch and understand what it means to blend their voice with other singers.

*Instructor: Pam Burchill*

*Course Length: All year (basics and formal concert in the fall, musical in the spring)*

### **GENERAL MUSIC**

In this class we will start by learning the basics of music theory and then we will put those basics into practice! With a 25 keyboard piano lab at our disposal, we will learn to play the piano and have quality practice time in class. Students will learn solo pieces and have the opportunity to play in groups as well. We will create music in a songwriting unit, see how American music progressed from the end of the Civil War through the 20th century and have an introduction to the instruments of the rhythm section. Visiting professional guest musicians will share with and teach the basics of guitar, bass and drum-set.

A love of music and a desire to learn piano and songwriting is important for this class to be successful.

*Instructor: Pam Burchill*

*Course Length: Semester*

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## Visual Art:

### **GENERAL ART**

Explore your creativity and practice your skills in General Art. We will be learning about what art is, how to talk about it and make masterpieces of our own. We will be working with all types of material including pencils, pastels, paint and even things you didn't know could be art supplies! A sketchbook is required. Supplies will be provided but students may bring their own material.

*Instructor: M Sapaugh*

*Course Length: Semester*

### **DRAWING**

Take your doodles and sketches to the next level and learn how to draw like a serious artist. Students will study and practice drawing skills using various materials and methods. We will learn how to draw 3-D objects, shading techniques, drawing with paint, portraits and simple figure drawing and sculpture. Parents - This class is recommended for students who have taken previous art courses or who have a general self-motivated interest in art. This class will not be treated as an introductory class.

A sketchbook is required. Supplies will be provided but students may bring their own material.

*Instructor: M Sapaugh*

*Course Length: Semester*

### **STORYTELLING**

Let your imagination soar as you create, write and illustrate stories in different genres. Students will learn how to design an interesting character, format a dynamic story and study how to bring their ideas to life through drawing. At the end of the semester, students will have written and illustrated stories of their own creation in different formats. Parents - This class is recommended for students who have taken previous art courses or who have a general self-motivated interest in art and/or creative writing.

A sketchbook or composition notebook is required.

*Instructor: M Sapaugh*

*Course Length: Semester*

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## Computers / Technology:

### **TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS**

Get ready for the expectations of middle school, high school and college with an advantage in technology applications. This class is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of touch typing and technique and work independently and collaboratively on engaging real-world projects that utilize the GSuite platform and a variety of Web 2.0 tools found on the Internet. On completion of this course, students will be prepared to handle the technology projects anticipated at the middle school level.

*Instructor: S Reed*

*Course Length: Semester*

### **ROBOTICS AND CODING**

Get your students ready for the jobs of the future as we provide an introduction to programming and build robots using the LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT kits and coding using Raspberry Pis, Scratch, and other online programs. Students will learn to construct, control and program robots and other online coding resources through many investigative group and independent activities. No prior knowledge or experience of robotics or coding needed in order to take part in this course.

*Instructor: S Reed*

*Course Length: Semester*

### **DIGITAL DESIGN LAB**

Do you like to design and create using digital tools? Digital Design Lab will introduce students to a variety of programs and applications including movie making (writing, filming, editing, producing), digital art/animation, stop-motion animation, 3D architectural design, graphic arts, 3D sculpting, website/blog design and VR/AR design. This class is designed for those individuals who are forward thinking and enjoy a challenge. Students will work both individually and as a group throughout the course to accomplish tasks and projects.

*Instructor: S Reed*

*Course Length: Semester*