



Concordia Junior High Elective Course Descriptions 2020-2021

Band - Mr. Peter Klemp

This course is the introductory course for full time ensemble playing. While continued emphasis is placed on the development of the individual player, a new focus is toward the growing ability toward ensemble playing. Balance, blend, intonation, and part independence are developed through performance of select pedagogical pieces. Instruction is also given in music theory and music literacy. Performances may include church services, luncheons and for other events in addition to at least two concerts per school year.

Choir - Ms. Elizabeth Frakes

For anyone who likes to sing and have fun! We learn how to understand the universal code of written music, sing, and learn lots of life skills that go beyond the choir room. There will be performances throughout the year. We also explore the different types of choir classes that are offered in HS to get an idea of what you'd like to sign up for if you choose to join choir in HS. Choir takes lots of different shapes and forms and we explore that throughout the class.

Orchestra - Mrs. Sarah Jay

This ensemble will allow students to use their musical talents to perform a wide variety of music for church services, concerts, and other events throughout the year. This course transitions students from mostly individual playing to more complex ensemble pieces. Focuses include tone, tuning, independent playing and sight reading.

App Creators - Mrs. Laura Vance

In App Creators we explore the world of mobile apps, learning to code by updating existing apps and eventually creating our own solutions. Starting with the design process and basic coding functions we build new skills with each activity until we are programming our own solutions to real-world problems like tracking your fitness activities.

Computer Science for Innobvators and Makers - Mrs. Laura Vance

In this course, we use physical computing devices like pressure sensors, light sensors, buzzer and LED lights to create and program devices to solve real problems. You might design and create a system that alerts you when someone has opened a secret notebook or build and program a device that dispenses pet food when your pet steps on the sensor. You start with coding and physical computing basics and build your skills with each activity.

Maker Space - Mr. Keaton Sturm

Mouse Trap Cars and Rube Goldberg Contraptions, CAD and 3D Printing and Green Energy! This is the class for challenging your 'making' ability. We will explore engineering strategies and the engineering process. Different tasks will require working in small groups, working independently, and challenging each other with some friendly competitions.

Creative Art - Mrs. Jennifer Handke

Explore creativity and what your imagination can do. Art is unique in that it challenges students to creatively express themselves. Students will be introduced to the elements of art (i.e. line, color, shape, space, texture, and value) and instructed in techniques which combine their God given creativity with various mediums, enabling them to complete art projects. We will also spend time in an art journal where students can combine art and words to express themselves.

Graphic Design - Mrs. Jennifer Handke

Begin your journey into the world of graphic design. We will be exploring a few free graphic design apps on their Ipads (i.e. Adobe, Canva & Typorama) Students will be instructed in the usage of these apps, basic graphic design terminology and begin to combine their God given talents with their new knowledge to create various graphic design projects such as: slide presentations, logo design, iMovie, pop art, and much more.

School of Spool: DIY Sewing Creations - Mrs. Laurel Revers

Students will learn introductory skills such as threading a needle, sewing a button, measuring, cutting and sewing machine safety. Projects will include making scrunchies, researching and completing an upcycle project, a lined drawstring bag, elements of basic color scheme design, a fabric coaster and lanyard project. This course will include a \$25 lab fee for material and supplies.

Yearbook - Mrs. Jen Abbott (2nd Semester Only)

Put your creativity to work for your school and create this year's yearbook. In this class you will learn how to format and create the yearbook everyone looks forward to each year. We'll work on laptops in the classroom to design, format and upload pictures to the Josten yearbook template

Genius Hour - Mr. Jacob Fink

Have you ever thought to yourself: "I wish I could learn about that in school?" Now is your chance! Genius Hour is a program catching on in schools around the country, giving students the tools to research, learn, create, and explore ideas of their own choosing. Want to produce a song? Want to learn how to fish? Want to design a house? This is the place for you! You will be guided by Mr. Fink as you explore. The class will culminate in a TED-talk style conference where you can share your discoveries with family and friends.

Growing Leaders in the Real World (Junior High Style) - Mr. Andrew Jipp

Is everyone a leader? Are you a leader? Using Tim Elmore's *Habitudes- The Art of Leading Yourself* image driven leadership curriculum, we will explore those questions and more. His *Growing Leaders* model has been adopted by NFL teams, universities such as Nebraska and Alabama, businesses such as Chick-fil-A, as well as high schools throughout the United States. This faith based class is based off four key principles:

Every student has the potential to be a leader.

Leadership cannot be separated from values.

Leadership skills must be taught.

In today's world, every student will need leadership skills.

Taking this introductory class will help you combine your God-given strengths with your passion, and start you on the road to becoming the leader that God wants you to be for His kingdom! In addition, this class will plan and lead a service project.

History vs. Hollywood - Mrs. Heather Kulus

If you like history and you like watching movies, this class is for you! In this course, we will watch movies related to topics and time periods of American History and discover how a movie can truly take you back in time! In addition, we will analyze the content of each film to discover how accurately (or not) Hollywood portrays historical events.

*Not all titles have been selected yet. Movies will not exceed PG-13 and will be edited as deemed necessary. Parental approval required.

¡Hola! Intro to Spanish - Mrs. Jen Abbott

Bienvenidos (welcome) to introductory Spanish! In this class, students will learn the basics including seasons, colors, and numbers, to prepare them for high school Spanish. We'll learn and practice vocabulary, beginning conversational phrases as well as study the cultures of Spanish speaking countries.

Life 101 - Miss Lexi Burrow

Could you sew a button back onto your favorite jacket? Do you know how to change a tire and check the oil? Can you properly sign your name or maybe read a recipe card? Can you type using all of your fingers? No? Then take Life 101! This elective will give students the opportunity to grow their skill set and learn a wide variety of basic skills that can be transferred to life outside of school.