

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
2020-2021 Elective Course Descriptions  
6th Grade

### Beginning Band:

**Length: Full Year**

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Sixth grade band focuses on the development and mastery of music fundamentals and instrumental performance. Much of the year is directed towards note identification, proper fingering/sticking, rhythm identification, posture/hand position, knowledge of musical terms, articulations, phrasing, musical interpretation, and proper application of time and key signatures. Students are expected to practice on a regular basis and participate in all performances.

### Math Enrichment

**Middle School Math Enrichment**

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This class is designed to give students an opportunity to work on their assignments with the guidance of a math teacher. Concepts are reviewed and reinforced. The extra time may also allow for enrichment activities to deepen understanding. Participation in the class has led to less time and frustration with homework, better test scores and overall grades. The overall goal is to give students a solid foundation of math concepts before entering Algebra I in high school. The grade is based primarily on participation with a report card grade of credit or no-credit.

### Physical Education

**Length: Full Year**

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**Course Description:** Pickleball! Curling! Spikeball! Basketball! Mission Impossible! Ultimate! Lax! Soccer! Flickerball! Bowling! Tennis! What are some of these games? Find out and experience a variety of activities that focus on new ways to be active and have a blast while doing them. Physical education provides unique learning opportunities for students to acquire knowledge, skills, fitness, and the confidence needed to enjoy a lifetime of healthy physical activity. This course is geared to all students, including those with little or no athletic experience. Health-related fitness testing will be completed twice a year. Developing an understanding and appreciation for the human body, as well as how to stay healthy and fit for a lifetime, are the overall goals of the physical education curriculum.

### Enrichment Rotation:

**Computer Applications:**

Length: Trimester

**Course Description:** In computer class you will be using: Paint and Power-Point to create cartoon animation; Publisher to make calendars, stationary, bookmarks and address labels; Power-Point to create an introduction presentation. You will also explore the workings of Microsoft Office. In this class, the rule is to leave your worries outside the door and to just sit back, learn and have fun!

**Art**

Length: Trimester

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**Course Description:** Art allows students to explore their creativity and build craftsmanship with a variety of art media. Students will improve their drawing skills, sculpt with paper Mache, create pottery, and try new painting techniques. We will learn about artists, art history and increase our ability to solve problems creatively. You do not have to be a "natural" to succeed in art!

**Spanish**

Length: Trimester

**Course Description:** The focus is on fun in this exploratory Spanish class. Students will review and expand their vocabulary base, and will learn everyday conversational questions and responses to accompany vocabulary themes. The class emphasizes listening comprehension and beginning speaking skills; however students will begin reading and writing in Spanish as well. Games and interpersonal activities encourage students to take risks while building excitement about speaking a second language.