

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
2023-2024 Elective Course Descriptions
6th Grade



Please review the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Elective Course Descriptions and discuss the options your child would like to select for next year.

- **Band** and **Math Enrichment** are both **full-year courses**.
 - Math Enrichment is *only available for students who are placed by their 5th Grade math teacher*.
 - **Spanish, Art, STEM, and Physical Education** are **semester classes**.
 - **However**, Art, STEM, and Physical Education **may be selected for both semesters** if students choose to take it for a full year.
 - **Spanish** *may only be selected for one semester*.
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Beginning Band

Length: Full Year

Course Description: Sixth grade band focuses on the development and mastery of music fundamentals and instrumental performance. Much of the year is directed toward 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

Length: Full Year

Course Description: 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 the understanding of math concepts. Participation in this 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 1 in high school. The grade is based primarily on participation with a report card grade of credit or no-credit. This class is **only available for students who are placed by their 5th Grade math teacher**.

Physical Education

Length: Semester

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.

STEM Exploration

Length: Semester

Course Description: Attention future engineers and designers! This fun, hands-on, project-based course teaches all students about the processes of design. Students are exposed to a number of different technologies including 3d printing, aeronautics, structural design, electronics, problem-solving projects, robotics, and much more.

Art

Length: Semester

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 *papier 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!

6th Grade Foundational Spanish

Length: Semester

Course Description: The focus is on fun in this exploratory Spanish class. Through thematic units, students will interact with the language in a variety of ways: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In just a few short months, students will be engaging in common conversation, reading a mini novel in Spanish, writing original stories, performing skits, and singing songs all in Spanish. They will also begin working with some grammatical concepts of the language that they will encounter in Spanish 1. Games and collaborative activities encourage students

Course selections are done online through the FACTS Family Portal.

Instructions to choose Elective Courses

1. Log into your **FACTS Family Portal** (www.factsmgt.com)
2. Select the **Student** tab, if you have more than one child in GTACS you will need to select the child's name for whom you are scheduling.
3. Select **Course Request**.
4. A Course Request page will appear, and you will select courses using a drop-down menu.
5. Select **Save**.

Please select Elective Courses by May 18th. The Course Selection tab will not be available after this date. If Students do not select Elective Courses, they will be placed in a class that has open spots.

Schedule changes will be made throughout the summer. Student's schedules may not be finalized until school begins. Students may change their schedule only for serious reasons. A schedule change form must be completed with signatures of the student, parents, teachers, and counselor.