

8TH GRADE

APPLICATION ONLY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Students must complete the required Application and Teacher Recommendations to be considered for these classes. Submitting the required application does not guarantee acceptance. Late applications will not be accepted.

ADVANCED ART- Two Semester Course

Do you love drawing and painting? Creativity is alive and well in the Johnson Art department! Explore your creativity while working with your peers in a positive studio environment! Students will learn of different artists, techniques and how art impacts us every day in modern life. Visual Arts Rock! There is a \$10.00 materials fee.

SCIENCE RESEARCH-Two Semester Course

Science Research is a class where students will learn how to research, design and perform an independent project for a regional Science and Engineering Fair. Projects are not limited to just science experiments but also include engineering, robotics, mathematics and computer projects. Science Research students will perfect their knowledge of experimental design, scientific laws and theories and ability to create projects that can be replicated.

AVID --- Two Semester Course --- INTERVIEW REQUIRED

AVID is an accelerated college readiness class that prepares students for admission to four-year colleges and universities. Students receive the additional academic, social, and emotional support that will help them succeed in their school's most rigorous courses.

YEARBOOK --- Two Semester Course

Yearbook is a class where students work as a team, learn a lot about journalism, and create many special memories. Students will be responsible for taking photos, conducting interviews and are expected to visit local businesses to secure advertising in order to make our book more affordable. Additionally, students are expected to put in time working outside of class to ensure that publishing deadlines are completed on time. A position on the yearbook staff is hard work, but worth the experience and memories!

* A small course fee may apply.

SPANISH 1 or SPANISH 2--- Two Semester Course

The purpose of this course is to enable students to acquire proficiency in Spanish through a linguistic, communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. Emphasis is placed on the development of the following skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar, and Literary Acquisition.

In order to be successful in Spanish classes students must:

- Pass the course with A, B or C
- Have no grade lower than a B in Language Arts
- Be Punctual, Independent, Organized
- Earn a score of 3 or higher on the Language Arts FSA
- *Students must pass Spanish 1 with a C or better to take Spanish 2

HERITAGE SPANISH 1 OR HERITAGE SPANISH 2- Two Semester Course- HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

The purpose of this course is to enable native Spanish speaking students to increase proficiency in Spanish through a linguistic, communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. Emphasis is placed on the improvement of the following skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar, and Literary Acquisition.

In order to be successful in Heritage Spanish classes. Students must:

- Pass the course with A, B or C
- Have no grade lower than a C in Language Arts
- Be Punctual, Independent, Organized
- *Students must pass Heritage Spanish 1 with a C or better to take Heritage Spanish 2

PIT Crew (Peer Inclusion Team) --- Two Semester Course --- INTERVIEW REQUIRED

This course is designed to provide academic and social opportunities with disabled students and their peers without disabilities. Students in the course will learn about and practice: academic engagement, communication, social barriers, leadership, problem solving, and other disability related topics such as historical perspectives, inclusion, person-first language, and presumed competence. This is an exciting opportunity to help people and make friends.

TV PRODUCTION --- Two Semester Course

Would you like to work in front of or behind the scenes of a camera? Does creating a daily news program sound exciting to you? Students in TVN work in a collaborative atmosphere that create real world news scenarios providing opportunities such as editors, script writers, news anchor, and so much more. If interested please fill out our online application to get started today! * A small course fee may apply.