

Holy Cross Academy
Proposed Spring Electives 2022 - 8th Grade

BREAKOUT (Ms. Tavernaro):

Students will work together to solve clues to unlock the box (similar to a breakout room).

CERAMICS 2 (Mr. Sullentrup):

We will get our hands a little dirty with a focus on fall and holiday projects. Students will learn to build ceramics pieces with pinching, slab, and coil methods, then paint them. Ceramics 1 is not a prerequisite.

CODING (Ms. Tavernaro):

This elective will explore two different coding languages: Python and Tinkercad. Students will use the 3-D Printer. Students need to have achieved Mastery or Achieving status in all their core classes the previous semester to participate in this elective.

CHOIR (Mr. R):

Do you like to sing? Do you like teamwork? Do you like to inspire others? This class is for you! In this elective, students will have the opportunity to work on choir repertoire, learn warm up techniques, and vocal general technique.

CSI: GENEALOGY (Ms. Tavernaro):

Discover the inside scoop on crime scene investigation. We will explore how DNA and genealogy can be used together to identify suspects. Students will read *Murder On The Orient Express* and we will also watch the movie. Students will also complete a family tree project.)

DEBATE (Mr. Ewing):

In Debate elective, we will learn the rules of formal debate and best practices. Students will be split into teams, prepare together and face off against their competitors

DRAWING 2 (Mr. Sullentrup)::

Drawing is the art of really seeing our subject matter. We will learn and practice the art of “seeing” to interpret our subjects through drawing in pencil, ink, and other mediums. We will also explore various approaches like perspective, portraits and imagination drawing. Drawing 1 is not a prerequisite but would be helpful.

EQUATIONS (Ms. Tavernaro):

Equations is a math game that challenges students to develop and use math skills by brainstorming multiple math equations. Students in this elective will compete at the UMSL Equation competition in February. Students who participate in the Equations Electives first semester, but not second semester will still be eligible to participate. (Cost \$15)

LETTERING & CALLIGRAPHY (Mr. Sullentrup):

We will explore and practice letter forms in serif, san-serif, script and hand-drawn fonts. We will work on custom initials, words and quotes on different surfaces. Students may bring their own calligraphy pens if they wish.

HEart STUDIO (Mr. Sullentrup):

Students will work independently or in small groups to create works of art to give back to our school and community. Projects will include creating an 8th Grade Flag auction item for the HCA Gala, designing and building a Christmas window display for a local business and various projects for the school campus. Students must have good standing in the Art Room.

HELPING HANDS (Mr. Ewing)

Helping Hands is an elective in which we practice stewardship of our school building. Duties include taking out the trash, sweeping, cleaning, raking leaves and other tasks to beautify our school. All 8th graders are required to take Helping Hands one time over the course of the school year.

HISTORY BOOK CLUB (Mr. Ewing):

In this elective we read historic (non-fiction) books, discuss them and make one presentation during the semester.

KNITTING (Mrs. Tavernaro):

In this elective students will learn the basics of knitting - how to cast on, the knit stitch and how to bind off. Students will start with a basic hat or scarf. Advanced students will work on the purl stitch or a pattern of their choice. Students will buy their own needles and yarn. There is also a limited supply of yarn to choose from at school.

MUSIC APPRECIATION (Mr. R):

Do you like music? Do you like history (if not, there is no problem, we can make it fun)? Do you want to rock your music classes in highschool? This elective is for you! In this class, students will have the opportunity of being in contact with music from the Renaissance up to nowadays understanding how changes in music happened and why, but in an exciting and engaging atmosphere!

NEWSPAPER (Ms. Sasser):

We are bringing back the school newsletter! Each month, the students will write, edit, and publish the newsletter. You will be expected to interview, take photos, and work together.

PERFORMANCE STUDIO (Mr. R):

Do you play an instrument or sing for more than one year? Do you love doing it? Do you want to polish your musical skills? This elective is for you! In this class, students will have the opportunity to perform music to their peers, exercise their aural skills while giving feedback to performances, as well as explore advanced expressive techniques that can potentially make their performances even more inspiring!

PIANO (Mr. R):

Do you play the piano? This class is for you! You do not play the piano but want to learn it? This class is also for you! In this class, students will have the opportunity of working on repertoire, technique, and musicianship with this wonderful instrument.