



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2011-2012 MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVE SELECTIONS

- Morning elective classes meet during second period.
- Zion Lutheran School will attempt to accommodate the first choices of all students. However, due to admission limits on class sizes, not all students will be enrolled in their first choice of classes.
- All selections are subject to approval by the instructors.
- Applications are required for Yearbook Class. Preference is given to students who spend time and effort on their applications.
- This sheet is due on Friday, September 9th at 3:00pm to your homeroom teacher. If you have not turned in your sheet, including parent signature, by that time, you will be assigned classes by Zion staff.

Course Descriptions for Morning Electives (Grades 5 through 8):

Choir (Mrs. Andrus): Sing in a combined 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade choir. Learn to expand your vocal range, and enjoy using your voice to praise God. Expectations include required attendance at three trimester concerts. LEST participation is required except by permission from instructor.

Handbells (Mrs. Heike): Learn about the history and care of the handbell instruments as a ministry at Zion, and practice toward performances. Expectations include required attendance at three trimester concerts. LEST participation is required except by permission from instructor.

Knowledge Bowl & Science Club (Mr. Martin): Gain a deeper understanding of the Scientific Method through experimentation and practice. Refine your academic facts and figures in a variety of subjects. Also learn fact-finding skills, memorization techniques, and Christian teamwork. Students must have the ability to behave appropriately in a large group. LEST participation is optional--both Knowledge Bowl and Science Club will field 5-member teams at LEST.

Band (Mr. Pearson): Play a woodwind, a brass, or a percussion instrument in our combined band class. Learn the proper technique and history of your chosen instrument. Expectations include required attendance at three trimester concerts. There is a cost of approximately \$35 per student per trimester for this Elective.

Leadership (Mrs. Heike): Identify your role in the school. Find ways to support the mission of the school. Choose an advisor to help you contribute toward the goals of the school. Students must be able to work independently in small groups, and take directions appropriately.

Library (Mrs. Heike): Learn about library resources, copyright laws, and about the importance of our library to the mission of the school. Assignments will be given, and study time will be provided.

Dance (Mrs. Burke): 5th and 6th grade girls gain an understanding of the fundamentals of dance, and practice in preparation for their mandatory LEST performance. Team members are expected to participate in some practices and performances outside of regular school hours, particularly in January as the team prepares for LEST. There is a cost of approximately \$100 per student for dance uniforms.

Computers & Keyboarding (Mr. Martin): Learn a variety of basic computing skills, including some keyboarding, basics of file management, Microsoft Office, Google Docs, and web browsing for educational purposes.

Chess Club (Mr. Repp): Improve your skill and knowledge of the world's greatest board game. Beginners will learn the basics, and advanced players will improve their techniques. One club member from each grade will play in the LEST Chess Tournament.

Communications (Mrs. Geiger): Learn how to communicate effectively, including in front of an audience. Work on your posture, word choice, clarity, and eye contact. Learn the basics of Debate. This class will help with the Oral Presentation piece of your Science Fair project.

Advanced Speech & Drama (Ms. Stahl): Learn some advanced principles of Speech and Drama. This class will prepare students for roles in the Spring Musical, and is useful for anyone interested in the Performing Arts.

5th Grade Keyboarding (Mr. Martin): Learn to type by touch in the computer lab. Work will include breaking "hunt & peck" habits, typing games, and real-world application of typing skills. This class will help to prepare you for typing reports, including January's Science Fair report.

Research & Development (Mr. Martin): Learn how to develop and write a research paper, how to form a thesis and write a persuasive essay. Emphasis is placed on appropriate research techniques, use of citations, and advanced use of Microsoft Office, Google Docs, and search engines. This class will help to prepare you for the Written Report portion of your Science Fair project.

Yearbook (Mr. Martin): Create an all-digital yearbook, using Jostens' Yearbook Avenue. Learn the basics of layout, design, and point-and-shoot photography. Learn to work collaboratively, and contribute their creativity. Expectations include taking photos at various school events, and a small amount of at-home computing.

Tuesday Afternoon:

Chapel Club (Mr. Novak) 7th & 8th Grade Only. Chapel Club members learn to play various instruments and perform in skits as they lead the school's weekly chapel services. If you choose to join Chapel Club, you must also choose not to take either Art or Speech/Drama.

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Please choose one morning elective class for each day of the week. If you select Leadership, Choir, Band, or Handbells, be sure to choose all of the sessions for the class.

5th Graders must choose at least one music class, and must choose Keyboarding on Friday. 5th Graders who choose Band are excused from Friday's Band Class, and will take Keyboarding instead. Therefore, Band Class on Tuesday and Thursday will be grades 5-8, and Friday will be grades 6-8 only.

7th and 8th Graders must also decide whether or not to take Chapel Club.

Here is Zion's elective schedule for 2011-2012. Please indicate the classes you would like to take by circling them. Please circle one class per day.

Morning Electives:

Mondays: Choir Handbells Computers&Keyboarding ChessClub

Tuesdays: Band Leadership Yearbook Communications

Wednesdays: Choir Handbells KnowledgeBowl&ScienceClub

Thursdays: Band Dance Library Research&Development

Fridays: 5thKeyboarding Band Leadership AdvancedSpeechDrama

Chapel Club:

7th & 8th Grade Chapel Club: YES NO

If "YES" to Chapel Club, which class would you like not to take:

ART

SPEECH/DRAMA

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

