

February 28, 2022

Dear St. John Fisher Middle School Families and Students,

With the close of the second trimester on March 11, it is time to choose elective courses for the final trimester of the school year. The elective courses offered accentuate our core curriculum of Religion, Math, English/Language Arts, Social Studies and Science and help provide students a well-rounded education since they span a wide spectrum of disciplines.

Additional descriptions for the electives offered in the 3rd trimester are found on the attached document. One goal for the electives program is for each child to experience as many elective options as possible. Therefore, students should rank only those elective courses that they have not yet taken.

Please return your selection sheet to the office or submit it electronically (mwasman@sjfschool.org) as soon as possible. The deadline for turning in this form is **Thursday, March 10.** Of course, the sooner you turn in your selection sheet, the better your chance of being placed in one of your top choices. The first elective classes of the third trimester will be Wednesday, March 16.

Here's to a great final trimester of school!

Merrit Holub
Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES SIGN-UP FORM: TRIMESTER 3 (2021-22)

STUDENT _____ GRADE _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

ELECTIVES

Prioritize the electives--that you haven't taken-- in numerical order for the third trimester
(1= first choice, 2 = second choice, 3 = third choice, etc.)

____ P.E. Mentoring	____ Ceramics	____ The Hunger Games
____ Wood Burning	____ Finance	____ Drama- <i>GREASE!</i>
____ Home Economics		

REMINDER

- If you are in the musical **GREASE!**, then you remain in the **DRAMA** elective for the third trimester.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

3RD TRIMESTER 2021-22

P.E. MENTORING

In this course, middle school students mentor and teach kindergarten and 1st grade students during P.E. classes. They assist Mrs. Wiest in all facets of the class including planning, equipment setup, transitions, and evaluation at the end of each class. Mentors are also given the opportunity to teach a lesson of their choice at the end of the trimester.

CERAMICS

Come play with clay! We will explore various techniques and projects with class, as well as how to fire and glaze the projects. Projects include: vessel (vase or bowl), figurine/statue, relief and a religious item or image.

WOODBURNING

Pyrography - fire writing. We will learn basic techniques, and then students will use them to create a finished project of their choosing such as an image or inspirational quote.

FINANCE

Personal Finance is an interactive course which will include topics such as money values to credit, taxes to investing, budgeting, saving, protecting yourself, and preparing for (financial) life after high school. The interactive Personal Finance Course presents current material and topics to middle school students with appropriate topics in personal finance.

DRAMA

This elective placement is required for middle school students participating in the musical *GREASE!* this spring. Students will learn basic techniques in acting, playwriting and stage management as we prepare for our musical May 10-11.

THE HUNGER GAMES

Welcome to Panem! Together we will read the dystopian saga *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins and engage in lively discussions led by you. Students will be divided into Districts where many challenges will await!

HOME ECONOMICS

Learn some basics about cooking, baking, sewing, and household budgeting. We will tie-dye shirts and cover basic home skills. The best part: you get to eat and wear what you make!