

Our Electives

Our electives enrich the learning experiences of each and every student. Academics are enhanced by the lessons and skills learned.

Our Teachers

Each teacher is a Christian who teaches from a biblical world-view, demonstrating that God is in all areas of learning.

Art

Mrs. Susan Brodbeck creatively introduces the student to Art. The topics taught include drawing, painting, collages, relief printing, creative lettering, sculpture clay modeling and art appreciation. Additionally, planning and constructing a miniature community, writing, pasting and picture making with a variety of materials is taught.

Computers

Computer class is taught to grades two through eight. Students in grade two become familiar with the basic usage of the computer in such areas as using a mouse and running and using a simple program. In the following grades, students develop speed and accuracy in keyboarding, review proper finger positions and practice speed skills. Keyboarding, Microsoft's Word, Excel and Power Point are taught in the older grades.

Physical Education

In the younger grades, PE centers on health fitness awareness, motor proficiency and fundamental skills, expanding to strength and flexibility and integrated motor abilities. The older grades continue health fitness, giving emphasis to sport rules, specialized skills, and personalized programs.

Music

Mr. Ronald Houser leads students through a vocal journey from Kindergarten through grade eight. In Kindergarten the students sing, listen and move to music in order to understand, appreciate and enjoy music and rhythm. In first and second grade, the students learn to recognize steady beat and various tone colors and expressive elements, learning how to distinguish between sounds of different durations and detect steps, leaps and repeats in melodic patterns. In third and fourth grade students learn folk dancing, music theory basics, melody direction and phrase definition in a song. Harmony will also be studied through the use of partner songs. Seventh and eighth grade students learn to differentiate between meter signatures and syncopated rhythm, review music theory, the major and minor scales. Singing is a major part of the class, with the students singing in harmony, unison and rounds and with the ability to add instrumental ostinatos to the melody. All students perform at the annual DCS Christmas concert and spring concert.

Band

Mr. Michael Folkema leads Band beginning with fifth grade. Each week the students work towards their Christmas performance and spring concert. Band offers the student the opportunity to experience his or her instrument in a orchestrated setting.