

Christ's Church Academy

Middle School Courses and Elective Class Descriptions 2024-2025

English – Grades 6-8
Math – Grades 6-8
Social Studies – Grades 6-8
Science – Grades 6-8
Bible – Grades 6-8

Electives:

Health and Physical Education (REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADE 6)

Students are introduced to a variety of team and individual sports activities, large group cooperative games, rhythm and dance, and non-traditional activities. Students develop skills needed to improve and become successful in the various activities. Health topics are taught in a classroom setting 2-3 days a week. Students are required to purchase a PE uniform from the athletic office for this course.

Civics (1 SEMESTER - REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADE 7)

Learning about civics gives students the skills and knowledge necessary to be active citizens who have a positive impact on their communities. In this course, students discover the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States. They learn about the structure of the government and how it works at the local, state, and federal levels. This course examines elections, the lawmaking process, and how citizens can impact public policy. Geography and economics support the learning of civics in this course. Engaging in this study prepares students to be informed citizens who are ready to participate in American democracy! – NOTE: THIS CLASS IS INCORPORATED INTO THE 7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM.)

Personal Fitness (7th - 8th grade)

Students are introduced to a variety of team and individual sports activities, large group cooperative games, rhythm and dance, and non-traditional activities. Students develop skills needed to improve and become successful in the various activities. Students are required to purchase a PE uniform from the athletic office for this course.

Beginning Art (6th – 8th grade)

This class is designed to introduce students to the rich history of art by offering them experiences in a variety of art media and techniques. The students will become more aware of the impact art has socially and culturally, while developing an imaginative response to their ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

Intermediate Art (7th - 8th grade)

***Prerequisite: Beginning Art*

This class challenges the students to expand their knowledge of art through the study of aesthetics, art criticism, art history and art production. They will be encouraged to use creative thinking skills to solve problems presented by different materials and the processes associated with drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpting.

Elective Class Descriptions (Continued)

Band (6th – 8th grade)

This course is a study of wind, brass, and percussion instruments. An instrument must be rented or owned by the student. There will be a meeting for beginning band parents and students to acquaint them with methods of obtaining instruments and to decide what instrument each student is best suited to play. Limited after school time is necessary.

Theatre/Drama (6th – 8th grade)

The primary goal of the drama elective at CCA is to develop an understanding and appreciation for God's gift of acting and the performing arts. Drama is a rewarding experience that allows students the opportunity to develop self-discipline and self-expression. The curriculum is designed to allow individuality while encouraging and enhancing the skills of cooperation. Each student is met at his/her ability level and guided toward the goals of proper acting.

Students are **required** to:

- Participate in after school and/or evening rehearsals in preparation for the end-of-year production
- Participate in off-site performances throughout the school year
- May be required to provide part of their own costume for the end-of-year musical performance

Instrumental Worship Class (7th – 8th grade)

***Prerequisite: Prior instrumental experience required. Application/Audition required.*

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop performance techniques in a small ensemble setting through the study of varied worship literature. Emphasis will be placed on instrumental independence, expressiveness, and stylistic authenticity. The course will also explore worship and the way music was used in the Bible. Content includes but is not limited to instrumental and vocal production, ensemble performance techniques, music literacy, sight reading and ear training, elements and characteristics of music, improvisation and arranging, performance evaluation, role and influence of choral music and musicians, connections between music and other subject areas, responsible participation in music activities.

Orff Ensemble I and II

The Orff Mallet Ensemble classes present a Blacklight show every year based on a particular theme. Students make all the props and create scenes under total blacklight. The high school mallet students play music while middle school students present the events on stage. This show highlights our students' talents and creativity and is always a huge success!

Orff Ensemble I (6th - 8th grade)

Students perform a variety of musical styles using Orff mallet instruments and other percussion instruments. Students study basic music theory which includes reading music notation, rhythms, and dynamics.

Students are **required** to:

- Participate in performances both on and off campus
- Purchase performance attire

Elective Class Descriptions (Continued)

Orff Ensemble II (7th – 8th grade)

***Prerequisite: Orff I*

Students perform a variety of musical styles using Orff mallet instruments and other percussion instruments at a more advanced level. Students will further their study of music theory. Students will also be involved in creating their own music compositions.

Students are **required** to:

- Participate in performances both on and off campus
- Purchase performance attire

Multimedia (6th - 8th grade)

The Multimedia Computer class will provide foundational skills to enable students to utilize technology efficiently, effectively, and responsibly and how to convey information to a specific audience. The technology curriculum emphasizes skills to collaborate, problem-solve and communicate in an ever-changing global world. Students will build a foundation using the Microsoft Office Suite which consists of PowerPoint, Word, and Excel. Everything they learn in this class can be applied to other class assignments.

Computer Science Discoveries (7th - 8th grade)

Computer Science Discoveries (CS Discoveries) is an introductory computer science course that empowers students to create authentic artifacts and engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem-solving, and fun. CS Discoveries focuses on the skills that enable students to create and express themselves in a variety of contexts and media. Whether they are developing their own website, designing an app, building a game, or creating a physical computing device, students are empowered to bring their ideas to life.

Florida Virtual School (M/J) Online Elective Courses

Students are enrolled in a Virtual Learning Lab by the Upper School Advisor and are assigned a lab period which is incorporated into their daily schedule. In addition to having an FLVS course instructor, a CCA staff member is assigned as a facilitator to all FLVS lab periods to ensure students are keeping pace with their assignments. Grades are assigned by the FLVS instructor upon completion of the semester course. Students who receive funding through the Family Empowerment Scholarship are financially responsible for FLVS classes (cost approximately \$325 per semester per class).

FLVS M/J Spanish Intermediate (8th grade)

Pre-Requirement: M/J Spanish Beginning

Students will immerse themselves in the Spanish language and culture. They will continue to develop grammar and vocabulary skills to help build basic fluency and language proficiency while exploring more of the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.