7th Grade Elective Course Descriptions…2020-2021 School Year

Elective courses available at San Marcos Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year, are listed below. Some elective choices require teacher approval and/or interviews. *We are deeply committed to academic success and high school readiness for every Crusader, it is possible that your student will be placed in a support class as their elective instead of an option below. This decision will be based upon their standardized test scores, grades, and teacher/counselor recommendation.* Please review and discuss these courses with your student, they will be able to prioritize their first, second, and third choices. These choices will be taken into consideration. *All courses are subject to change and/or elimination, based upon the needs of the Master Schedule.*

ASB/Leadership— (1 full year) <u>Requires Teacher Approval</u>. The Associated Student Body (A.S.B.) class is designed for those students who wish to develop their leadership skills. Students will be involved in planning, organizing, and leading activities designed to encourage school spirit and academic success. Leadership instruction will educate students on how to be influential, inclusive, and support their peers as positive role models. ***Application Required***

AVID - (1 full year) <u>Requires Teacher Approval</u>. Advancement Via Individual Determination is an elective that prepares students for high school and college. Students participate in study groups, team building activities, field trips, and goal setting. Acceptance is based on a combination of teacher recommendation, test scores, grades, and motivation. ***Application Required***

Yearbook CTE- (1 full year) <u>Requires Teacher Approval</u>. Students will learn the principles of graphic arts and design in this project based course. Students will produce the yearbook and submit projects to local and national competitions. 7th grade students are not common but are eligible. Those interested are encouraged to apply!

Computer Application CTE (1 full year) <u>Requires Teacher Approval.</u> This class will learn advanced topics in information and communications technology including programming microprocessors, building and programming autonomous robots, 3D design and printing, game design and theory, web technologies and the internet of things.

Studio Art– (1 full year) In Studio Art students draw, paint, do printmaking, 3-dimensional designs, and work with metal tooling. Art History from Primitive times to the 20th century is emphasized.

TV/Video Production CTE (1 full year) Students produce the daily news broadcast and other video projects using a fully equipped studio. Students represent Crusader Pride and Spirit on campus. <u>Space is limited as the class is offered for only first period</u>. See Ms. Hobbs for more information.

Technology CTE (1 full year) Students learn an introduction to Microsoft office applications, word processing spreadsheets, presentation software, desktop publishing software, introduction to graphic art and design and digital photography. Students gain a working knowledge of internet applications, storage and security procedures. **Does not require any teacher approval.*

Beginning Band (1 full year) No prior music experience necessary. Student learn a Woodwind instrument (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone), Brass instrument (trumpet, trombone, French horn), and/or percussion instrument (bells). This elective teaches students learn how to read and perform music in an ensemble environment, goal setting and participation in several field trips. Daily/weekly practice is required for success.

Intermediate Band (1 full year)-<u>Requires Band Teacher Approval</u> and at least one year of playing your instrument. Intermediate Band is an elective that prepares students for advance band. Students build on prior years of music techniques. Students participate in large group ensemble performance, developing sight-reading abilities, individual technical development, goal setting and participation in several field trips. Daily/weekly practice is required for success.

Photography CTE (1 yearlong) An introduction to digital photography using digital cameras and basic image editing software. This course explores the elements of art, principles of design, and photographic composition. This course also explores lighting techniques, digital image manipulation, and career skills. Students will learn to analyze visual media critically and to communicate with intention through their photographs.