7th Grade COURSE SELECTION SHEET 2015-2016

Student’s Name: ___________________________

What is the ONE ELECTIVE class you want to make sure you get? ___________________________

SPONSOR CELL PHONE: ___________________________ HOME EMAIL: ______________________________________

Required classes:  
- Mathematics 7 MAM101(7)  
- Integrated Science 7 SCG102  
- World Geography 7 SSC101  
- Language Arts 7 LAE101

Optional: Advanced Math Option

Students will be enrolled in the following required classes for 9 weeks each:
- Physical Education 7, PEG203  
- Health 7 HLM201  
- Humanities HUH101E

See description on back!

PARENT SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________________

Mark the classes you want in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

YEARLONG CLASSES, 36 WEEKS

- Beginning Band 6-8 grades MUI101  
- Concert Band 6-8 grades MUI103  
- Strings Ensemble 6-8 grades MUI105E  
- Winds  
- Brass  
- My instrument: ________________________

Students must have their own instrument, a private tutor and an audition. You need to be proficient with your instrument and read music. Advanced musical selections are practiced in class. This class is not for beginners.

- Beginning Strings 6-8 grades MUI105E  
- My instrument: ________________________

Students must have their own instrument and a private tutor is recommended but not required. This class is for beginners.

- Foreign Language for high school credit…..  See back for more information.
  - AVID LAI101  
  - I am already enrolled!!  
  - I want to be considered for eligibility. See back.

SEMIỀTER CLASSES, 18 WEEKS

- Beginning/Intermediate Chorus 6-8 grades MUG103  

Chorus is a performance-based class for students who want to experience various repertoires from other cultures. Students who like to extend their voice range and singing skills will enjoy this class. Students will have opportunities to perform in school and the community to express their feelings through music literature with proper stage manners. YEAR-LONG OR SEMESTER

- Guitar I MUS101  
- We have guitars or bring your own. Learn to play the guitar for a lifetime of fun. SEMESTER

- Guitar II MUS103  
- We have guitars or bring your own. Expand your skills in this class for a lifetime of fun. SEMESTER

- Drama I DRA102  
- This course focuses on the history of theater, voice, acting, public speaking, improvisation, and script writing. You don’t have to be an actor or have any experience to take drama. Just come with a positive attitude and be willing to try new things. No experience required. SEMESTER

- Drama II DRA103  
- If you have taken an introductory drama class and you want to further develop your acting skills, this class is for you! The emphasis in this course will be theatrical production. Students will receive instruction in dramatic script analysis, vocal technique, projection and physical characterization. The class will culminate with a final performance!!! SEMESTER

- Art ARA103  
- This class will develop art skills; provide opportunities to study famous artists and their art styles, history and culture, and provide experiences in two and three dimensional art. Students will learn the elements of art and principles of design while creating works of art in various media such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, and computer technology. Students will also learn the processes of silkscreen and linoleum relief printing and create three dimensional art in ceramics and sculpture. SEMESTER

- Coding PTP103  
- Would you like to learn how to design and code a webpage? Are you interested in how games and apps are developed? Would you like to learn how to make animations? This class will teach you the basics of HTML (hypertext markup language), CSS (cascading style sheets), and JavaScript. “In fifteen years we’ll be teaching programming just like reading and writing…..and wondering why we didn’t do it sooner.” -Mark Zuckerberg “Don’t just play on your phone, program it.” -President Barack Obama

- Integrated Digital Media Production PT1108  
- Students in this class will learn and apply basic skills in journalism, photography, graphics, and video production to produce digital products such as newscasts, mini-documentaries, public service announcements, and other creative works that tell the SAMS story. The products will be made available through posters, flyers, morning announcements, web and social media sites, and for select projects, AFN radio and television. This is a hands-on, project-based course that integrates creative, collaborative, and technical skills to showcase student life at SAMS. Prior experience with photography, graphics, or video production would be helpful, but is not required. SEMESTER

- Digital Art/Graphics PT1112  
- Students will plan, design, and construct projects incorporating computer software, hands-on art, and advanced digital photography. Students will explore careers in graphic design by learning to develop presentations, prepare
portfolios including calendars, flyers, posters, and business cards. Students do not need any prior knowledge or art skills to attend this class. We will study principles of design and color theory as well as computer applications. SEMESTER

**Photoshop AHR103E** Photoshop CS6 is the main tool for editing, manipulating photos, graphics, and other images in the course. Students will use tutorials to guide their learning. The course aim is to help students in their work with Photoshop and it will give students tips and advice for getting the best results with their images. Students will be able to create personalized items for family and friends. SEMESTER

**Robotics, SketchUP 3-D Design, Snap Circuit Kits SEMESTER**

No prior knowledge is needed for this course, but students should enjoy working in groups. Students will work with the following: Lego resources to design, build, and program robots, work with electrical units, and design 3-D real world simulations. No prior knowledge is very difficult for MS students. At the MS level, we would like to engage in activities that help students speak and read the language with enjoyment and have less of a focus on writing, grammar and testing for proficiency for the next level of the language. Your grades from middle school do not show up on your portfolio including calendars, flyers, posters, and business cards. Students do not need any prior knowledge or art skills to attend this class. We will study principles of design and color theory as well as computer applications. SEMESTER

**Korean Conversation FLK101** Students will learn to speak and read Korean. Perfect preparation for Korean I next year.

**Spanish Conversation FLS101** Students will learn to speak and read Spanish. Perfect preparation for Spanish I next year.

**Art of Arguing/Debate LASE03E** This class will focus on speech and debate. Students will research topics that are commonly disputed and work in teams to persuade their side with compelling arguments. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome to learn about and advance their debate skills in this class. If you want to get better at arguing, this is the class for you! SEMESTER

**Creative Writing/Journalism LACE03E** Creative writing is for students to practice the artsy side of language arts. This class will focus on writing poetry, creative fiction, and creative non-fiction. It will also introduce students to newspaper and magazine journalism. Students will be writing, editing, and publishing for our audience. Get ready to let your voice be heard at SAMS! The class will culminate with a final compilation of students’ proudest works. SEMESTER

**Technology Education/Robotics PTE103** Students take on the roles of engineers and explore the areas of robotics, mechanical systems, electronics, and programming. This course is primarily a lab experience which provides students with resources to design, build, and program robots, work with electrical units, and design 3-D real world simulations. No prior knowledge is needed for this course, but students should enjoy working in groups. Students will work with the following: Lego Robotics, SketchUP 3-D Design, Snap Circuit Kits SEMESTER

**Study Skills AAS103E** This course is available for students to get their work done while at school. The instructor will assist students with their agenda, binder and missing work. Study skills will be taught and used. Students that already know they have trouble completing work and projects on time are encouraged to sign up for this class. After the school year starts, students that have chronic problems with their grades may be assigned to this class rather than other elective choices.

**Why would you take a high school class for credit while in the middle school?**

We do not encourage students to take HS language classes in the MS. The requirement to learn and retain the necessary content to be prepared for the next level of the language is very difficult for MS students. At the MS level, we would like to engage in activities that help students speak and read the language with enjoyment and have less of a focus on writing, grammar and testing for proficiency for the next level of the language. Your grades from middle school do not show up on your transcript in the HS. You only get credit for the class. The grade is not a part of your GPA in HS. When you are taking a HS class, you are required to complete homework each day, study for tests and stay in the course for the entire year. The work load is heavier than middle school classes. You will need to maintain a B average for the year or retake the class the following year. There are very few options for electives if you want to drop the class. After 10 days into the school year, you will not be allowed to drop the class until the semester or the end of the school year. A final exam is a part of your semester grade. If you like to study, do your homework and attend school regularly, you may be a candidate for taking a foreign language. If you want to be considered for one of these classes, fill in the information below.

**I would like to take a foreign Language for HS Credit (Not recommended for 7th graders)**

Mark your choice: **Chinese I (FLC101M)** **Korean I (FLK101C)** **Spanish I (FLS101C)**

Consider starting your path to learning a language in a semester long conversation course. This is especially important for non-native speakers starting a language for the first time. If you want to start your HS classes, you will be able to explore the many electives we offer and prepare yourself for your language of choice with the conversation class. There will be plenty of time to take HS classes.

**AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination is preparing all students for college and other post-secondary opportunities.**

What does this program do for students? • Teaches skills and behaviors for academic success • Provides intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships • Creates a positive peer group for students • Develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination

**Students that are enrolled in AVID must also take a course of rigor: advanced math, advanced band or a foreign language for HS credit. Talk to your counselor to see if you qualify for this program.**

**Humanities:** This is a challenging, reading-and-research rich course which seeks to understand the human condition and human striving…if words like Existentialism, Nepotism, Dadaism, and Expressionism get you salivating…if you want to know the REAL differences between Mozart and Kanye West…or if you’ve seen dozens of people wearing RAMONES t-shirts but have no clue….welcome to Humanities at SAMS.

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