

Course Options 2016-2017

Communications and Band: 7th and 8th grade options for the 2016-2017 academic year

Course Descriptions

COMMUNICATIONS

The first semester of this course will introduce students to the art of communication. Students will develop skills in understanding, analyzing, performing and producing ideas intelligently for an audience. The class includes communication theory as well as persuasive and informative speech preparation and delivery. The use of visual aids, verbal and nonverbal language, listening, and group dynamics are highlighted. As a summative assessment the students will be asked to present a short TED talk.

The second semester of this course will introduce students to the fundamentals of theatre and acting. Students will participate in various activities including script analysis, character development, improvisation and movement. Through these activities, students will learn physical and vocal presentation skills and develop a basic knowledge of theatre arts. The summative assessment for this portion of class will be a scene performance.

BAND

The band course will focus on playing your instrument in the context of a group. Students will learn instrumental techniques, will perform at various concerts, and will perfect the art of reading and playing music. Students will utilize some technology in order to inform their practice. Students who do not currently participate in band during the school day are welcome to join the band class, regardless of skill level. The decision to participate in the band program will require additional fees as follows:

\$250	Includes band rehearsals and weekly lessons
\$50	Includes band rehearsals only
\$100	Optional school instrument rental

Please note that families will pay **either** the \$250 or \$50 participation fee. Financial assistance is available for students interested in this program. If you have question regarding the finances of the band program, please contact Brenna Warrell at bwarrell@lcsaints.com.

Note: Advanced band and jazz band will remain extra-curricular activities.