

Related Arts Selection and Sign-Up

All students will be enrolled in the following classes: Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, EXPRESS, and Study Focus.

EXPRESS is a time to intervene & enrich students needing additional support, remediation, reteaching, or a push towards next-level learning. Teachers will create sessions that engage, enrich, stretch, reinforce, and review. Each week students are assigned sessions or may have the opportunity to choose sessions that interest them.

Study Focus is another opportunity for students to get support from their teachers while they start working on homework.

In addition to these 6 classes, students will also have the opportunity to take another class of their choice each day. For more details, keep reading!

Please note, this document lays out the options that we anticipate offering during the 2022-2023 school year. The master schedule will not be finalized until mid-summer, so the information below is subject to change.

Class Selection

In addition to Math, English Language Arts (ELA), Social Studies, Science, EXPRESS, and Study Focus, students will be able to choose one additional class. The options are laid out below. Be sure to read through this document thoroughly before making a selection.

Required Classes include Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, Express, Study Focus

Related Arts Course Selection includes two paths: Related Arts Rotation or Band/Orchestra.

- **Related Arts Rotation** – If you select this option, you will be able to take 4 of these 9 week courses during your 6th grade year: Art, Choir, Exploratory Strings, General Music, PE, STEM, Theatre.
- **Band/Orchestra** – These classes are year-long class. No previous experience is required. There is a \$200 fee associated with this class.

More About the Related Arts Rotation

Related Arts classes meet every day for 9 weeks. That means you'll be able to take 4 of these classes during your 6th grade year. Use the information below to help you decide what you'd like to request to take.

Art Emily Shanley emily.shanley@wcs.edu

- 6th Grade Art (9 weeks) - This class is an introductory course in Visual Art. Students will explore a variety of media, techniques, and art styles and make projects using drawing materials, oil pastels, watercolor paint and more!

Choir Hannah Kuchar hannah.kuchar@wcs.edu

- This is an introductory course open to all. Whether you're a shower singer or a solo singer, this will be a great, safe place for you to start. Students will focus on reading music and developing your singing voice through warm-ups and part singing. We will have at least one performance. No auditions required, but participation in at least one quarter of choir will be a requirement to join in 7th Grade.

Exploratory Strings Melissa Dufrechou melissa.dufrechou@wcs.edu

- This class is an introduction to orchestra at TSMS. Students will explore various orchestral string instruments by learning to play the violin and cello. They will learn basic music reading skills and complete fun class projects incorporating STEM, ELA, and other arts disciplines. No experience necessary. School instruments are provided!

General Music Hannah Kuchar hannah.kuchar@wcs.edu

- All students are welcome! In this class students will learn how to play the ukulele, listen to the music of famous film composers, research Jazz/Rock/Hip-Hop musicians, and create their own Life Soundtrack!

Multimedia Ashley Schmidt ashley.schmidt@wcs.edu

- The Multimedia course is designed to develop and build on computer technology skills. You'll learn to use a variety of computer software and web tools. Topics that will be covered are keyboarding, Google Drive, Microsoft Office, digital citizenship, and Internet search skills. As a student in this class, you'll participate in a variety of individual and group projects.

Physical Education/Wellness (PE)

Mark Montgomery mark.montgomery@wcs.edu & **Dave Hannan** david.hannan@wcs.edu

- Physical Education/Wellness is open to students who are wanting to continue developing their knowledge of health, wellness, and sports. You'll participate in a variety of different physical activities throughout the quarter. Each day, the class will begin with a 10-minute workout which might include circuits, strength training, cardio, or deep stretching. You will also continue to build on your fundamental understanding of sports. These sports might include flag football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, Thunderball, treasure island, pickleball, badminton, gaga ball, etc.

STEM (Robotics/Pre-Engineering) Niki Folven nikif@wcs.edu

- No prerequisites are required to take this class. If you like fun project-based learning that builds your capacity for problem-solving, grit, and working as a team, then this is the class for you. You will learn VEX and gain valuable exposure to various CTE opportunities that await in high school.
- STEM EXPLORERS is the name of the 6th Grade STEM class. STEM Explorers is a fundamental course for middle school students to search for answers to "What is STEM?" A student proficient in this course will understand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as a

Theatre **Katie Boothe** katieb@wcs.edu

- This class is an introduction to Theatre, including basic acting techniques as well as a glimpse into production, design, and improvisation. Students will build confidence in public speaking and performance.

More About Year-Long Classes

Band **Chris Colalillo** christopher.colalill@wcs.edu

- 6th Grade Band is an introduction to the band world. Students can learn Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion instruments! Students learn how to play in an ensemble setting. Students in the Band get to perform multiple times during their first year. Students will have a great time learning how to play their instruments with other beginners and we really do become a band family. The progress students make in 6th grade is remarkable. We work hard and have fun!
- Please note there is a \$200 fee associated with this class.

Orchestra **Melissa Dufrechou** melissa.dufrechou@wcs.edu

- 6th Grade Orchestra is an introduction to orchestra. Students will select one string instrument (violin, viola, cello or string bass) that they will study all year! Students learn how to play in an ensemble setting. Orchestra will perform at least twice during the year. In contrast to Exploratory strings, students will do an in-depth study of one instrument that they will take home and practice regularly. Students in year-long orchestra generally rent their own instruments. The progress students make in 6th grade is remarkable. We work hard and have fun!
- This class may run concurrently with Exploratory strings. Therefore, students will have the opportunity to be peer tutors as well as to develop their independence as musicians, working together on their performance music.
- Please note there is a \$200 fee associated with this class.

Class Sign-Up

Course selection will be open **May 4th-May 13th**. Be on the lookout for an email/callout with the link to sign up.