# Middle School Course Descriptions

# Term 1

**READING** Instructor: Ms. Skowronski

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 20 per class

Let's go into a new school year loving to read! Reading is essential and a necessary skill to be successful in many different school subjects. This class will prepare you for Reading/Writing units that will be taught this school year. Students will feel more prepared and ultimately, more excited about the new year! **BY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION ONLY** 

**BOOKS & MOVIES** Instructor: Ms. Skowronski

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 16 per class Fee: \$10

We will read a book together, then watch the movie and compare and contrast the similarities and differences from each. Students will have time to read together in class to work on speaking and reading skills.

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB** Instructor: Ms. Skowronski

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 16 per class Fee: \$10

Students will read a book together and talk about it, discussing what the author was trying to say/mean.

**READ & CREATE GRAPHIC NOVELS** Instructor: Ms. Skowronski

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 20 per class Fee: \$10

Students will read a graphic novel paired with a buddy (Captain Underpants style) or individually and after reading they will create their own graphic novel. Students will look at wording, picture vs what needs to be represented, coloring and illustrations, action sequencing all in a graphic novel to make their own.

**SUMMER COOKING** Instructor: Mrs. Elias

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 18 per class Fee: \$25.00

In Summer Cooking you will learn the basics of cooking, from simple recipes to essential kitchen skills. We will prepare and eat a variety of dishes. Let's learn to cook!

**GUITAR** Instructor: Mr. LaBonte

Grade 5 - 6 Maximum 10 per class

Kids will get interested and excited about guitar while learning the basic chords and progressions.

BASKETBALL SKILLS Instructor: Ms. Bleck

Grade 3 - 6 Maximum 20 per class

This class will focus on a wide range of basketball skills. Everything from perfecting free throw form to learning the key components of defense. The skills will become more advanced based upon the grade level of the student. Of course, there will also be fun basketball related games (lightning, PIG, around the world) included in this course!

**GAMES GALORE** Instructor: Ms. Davis

Grades 5 - 8 Maximum 18 per class

We will learn how to play different board and card games.

**TIGER CAMP** Instructor: Ms. Kuhn

Grades 5 - 8 Maximum 25 per class Fee: \$15

Students will explore the fun and practical skills of camping while discovering that anyone can enjoy nature—no matter their experience level! This hands-on course includes building tents, learning how to pack for a trip, camp cooking, crafting, and singing campfire songs. Students will also deepen their connection with nature through activities like sit spots, nature journaling, and identifying plants and wildlife. We'll cover essential camping topics such as safety,

stewardship, and Leave No Trace principles.

#### CREATIVE CRAFTS & JEWELRY Instructor: Mrs. Hill

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 15 per class Fee: \$30.00

Friendship bracelets, weaving, macrame, lanyards, latch hooking, counted cross stitching, rubber band jewelry, safety pin jewelry, etc...in this class you can learn it all! So whether you are a beginner, or would like to build upon your skills, this is the class for you! Using a wide variety of materials, participants will learn basic and advanced strategies to create jewelry, headbands, belts, coasters, keychains, hanging plant holders, scarfs, pillows, and even small purses...in a wide variety of funky and eye-catching styles. Have fun socializing with your peers while you create your own unique crafts. Participants will leave class feeling proud of their finished pieces...suitable for framing, gift giving, or to wear and use themselves!

# **DANCING THROUGH SUMMER** Instructor: Ms. Schwerin

Grades K - 8 Maximum 15 per class

Dancing Through Summer offers an exciting and dynamic experience for dancers of all levels, combining skill-building exercises with the fun of learning a complete routine they can be proud of! We will dive into learning new dance techniques, refining footwork, posture, and timing through a series of progressive drills. Students will learn a choreographed routine, incorporating the skills they've practiced throughout the session. The class concludes with a fun run-through of the full routine, allowing dancers to showcase their hard work and enjoy the creative energy of the group.

#### **CARD GAMES** Instructor: Ms. Hinz

Grades 5 - 8 Maximum 20 per class

In this card game class, you'll learn the strategies and rules of your favorite card games!

#### MISSION IMPOSSIBLE Instructor: Ms. Hinz

Grades 5 - 8 Maximum 20 per class

Mission Impossible will have you solving riddles, puzzles, and tackling boards and is designed for problem solvers and thrill-seekers!

#### **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GAMES** Instructor: Ms. Hinz

Grades K - 5 Maximum 25 per class

In this class, you'll play a variety of exciting games like capture the flag, relay races, and scavenger hunts—all while enjoying the fresh air and sunshine!

#### **GREEN THUMBS** Instructor: Ms. Hinz

Grades 1 - 5 Maximum 20 per class

Green Thumbs will have you exploring the world of gardening by planting seeds, caring for plants, and learning how nature grows, all while having fun outdoors!

## **WORLD DRUMMING** Instructor: Ms. Behnke

Grades 3 - 6 Maximum 15 per class

Time to feel the beat and learn some African drumming songs! In this class students will get to play tubano drums. We will also sing and play musical games from around the world. Come see students do a short performance of what they have learned during the final week.

#### MOVIE MUSIC Instructor: Ms. Behnke

Grades 2 - 5 Maximum 15 per class Fee: \$5

Lights! Camera! Action! Come learn how music adds important effects to movies. Students will get to create their own music with a variety of classroom instruments to add the finishing touch to their play. Come see their performance during the final week!

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE Instructor: Mrs. Buechel

Grades 6 - 8 Maximum 10 per class Fee: \$35

This course will provide child care information, offer tips and answer questions so that you will

be ready to start babysitting. A fun, engaging and informative class that will teach you some universal skills and techniques every babysitter should have. This class will cover basic care for infants & children, basic first aid, child behavior, age appropriate activities, emergency protocols, professionalism, leadership and growing your business. At the end you will be an American Red Cross certified babysitter.

#### **SIGN LANGUAGE** Instructor: Mrs. Schwerin

Grades 1 - 6 Maximum 20 per class

Dive into the world of American Sign Language (ASL) in this interactive and exciting summer program! Students will explore basic signs, fingerspelling, and conversation skills while building confidence and fostering a deeper appreciation for Deaf culture. Whether you're learning for the first time or brushing up your skills, this class is the perfect way to connect, communicate, and have a blast this summer!

#### **CREATIVE SEWING** Instructor: Mrs. Buechel

Grades 4 - 8 Maximum 15 per class Fee: \$5

Learn hand sewing techniques and sewing on a machine. Embroidery machine available to create unique projects. Multiple project options available. Sew something to wear or something to use. Sew for yourself or give as a gift. Multiple project options available. Fabric and supplies provided.

#### **WELLNESS WORKSHOP** Instructor: Mrs. Buechel

Grades 5 - 8 Maximum 20 per class Fee: \$10

This workshop will focus on all areas of wellness. We will be focusing on gut health, brain health, skin health, movement, relaxation and learning what we can do to help the systems of our body through a make & take and move & learn class. Possible options include pilates, yoga, zumba, breathing techniques, sound/art therapy, nutrition (smoothies), and a variety of make and take items such as stress balls, bath bombs, bath salts, lotions, lip balms, and essential oils.

#### CHESS CLUB Instructor: Mr. McMullen

Grades 3 - 8 Maximum 16 per class

Students will be able to learn how to play chess if they have no experience and /or play against their peers.

#### GOLF 1 & 2 Instructor: Mrs. Parnitzke

Grades 5 - 8 Maximum 20 per class Fee: \$50.00

Golf is growing in popularity, and it's an enjoyable sport you can play with family and friends throughout your life. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, This is the perfect fit for you! Experienced instructors will cater to student's individual skill level, while having fun with fellow golf enthusiasts. Putting, chipping, driving, and golf etiquette will be introduced and practiced. Bussing will be provided to **Town and Country**. Note: This class meets Monday - Thursday

# **SUMMER FITNESS** Instructor: Amber Schwerin (High School Track/Weight Room)

Grade 6 - 12 Maximum 32 per class

Students will learn proper techniques of strength training, agility training, and plyometric training. Students will also perform exercises that will improve speed and quickness. Class will always start on the High School Track to warm-up.

Class times - May 27 - June 20

6:30am-7:45am (Coed: grades 10 - 12)

7:00am-8:15am (Female only: grades 7 - 12)

8:00am-9:15am (Coed: grades 6 - 9)

#### **SWIMMING** Instructors: Shebovgan Falls Aquatics Staff - Certified WSI

Grades 1 - 8 Maximum 40 per class Fee: Paid by District Swimming classes are held at Sheboygan Falls High School. Students will be bussed from

Northview and the Middle School to Sheboygan Falls and back. Once you have signed up for swim class, the brochure will be sent home to fill out and return to the office. **Note: This class** meets Monday - Thursday, June 9 - 19

#### BOWLING/Wii FIT/FUN & GAMES Instructor: Mr. Kalk

Grade 5 - 12 Maximum 15 per class Fee: \$50.00

This is an activity course designed to develop or improve fundamental skills of bowling so that bowling may be enjoyed as a recreational activity now and later on in life. Students will participate in 15 days of bowling at Odyssey Fun Center in Sheboygan Falls (May 27-29, June 2-5, June 9-12, and June 16-19). Basic bowling skills and scoring will be taught. Fun games such as Nine Pin, Bingo Bowling, Galactic Bowling, and Race the Ball will be played. Please note: students must wear socks while bowling. On Fridays (May 30, June 6, June 13, and June 20) students will remain at Howards Grove Middle School and participate in a variety of activities including learning how to manually score bowling, playing active Wii Fit games, participating in recreational games, and playing board or card games.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL Instructors: Ms. Wasmer and Ms. Charbonneau (Howards Grove Center for the Arts)

Grades 5 - 8 Maximum 50 per class Fee \$10.00

Waking from hibernation in the Spring, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding and learn life lessons along the way. The two best friends celebrate and rejoice in the differences that make them unique and special. Part vaudeville, part make believe... all charm, A Year with Frog and Toad tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons.

Note: This class meets 12:30 - 3:00

# BACKSTAGE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE-MIDDLE SCHOOL Instructor: Mr. Ryan

(Howards Grove Center for the Arts)

Grades 1 - 8 Maximum 10 per class Fee \$10.00

Backstage Crew members will help before and after the show, as well as backstage during a show. They will assist with props, scenery, lighting and sound. **Note: This class meets 12:30 - 3:00** 

# Term 2

# BACKSTAGE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE-ELEMENTARY Instructors: Mr. Ryan

(Howards Grove Center for the Arts)

Grades 1 - 9 Maximum 10 per class Fee \$10.00
Backstage Crew members will help before and after the show, as well as backstage during a

show. They will assist with props, scenery, lighting and sound. Note: This class meets July 7 - 18 from 9:00 - 12:00

<u>BEGINNING BAND</u> Instructors: Ms. Wasmer <u>Communication will come from the Ms. Wasmer in Spring-no need to sign up for this class on March 10 Note: This class meets July 7 - 24</u>

Grade 5

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 - 8:30 - Flute 8:00 - 8:30 - Trumpets

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9:30 - 10:00 - Alto/Saxophone 9:30 - 10:00 - Baritones

10:00 - 10:30 - Percussion

#### **BAND/CHOIR** Instructors: Ms. Wasmer

Grade 6 - 12 Maximum 25 per class

Half hour time slots are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 12:00 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-12:00 for students to practice band or choir.

Note: This class meets July 7 - 24

## AGRICULTURE CAMP Instructor: Mrs. Schmitz and Mrs. Pieper

Grade K - 5 Maximum 25 per class Fee: \$5
Agriculture Camp will be filled with all things Agriculture- from plants to animals, natural resources, food and more! Your child will learn where their food comes from in a variety of fun activities. Expect visits from furry friends like dairy cows, goats, pigs, and more!

# Term 3

## **MATH MATTERS** Instructor: Mr. Kalk

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 12 per class

There are matters in math that matter a great deal in our lives. Come join in the discovery of Math and learn how Math relates to our lives every day! Learn important Math facts and concepts everyone needs to master to be successful in Math class and beyond. Gear up for the new school year and learn what matters in life—MATH! BY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION ONLY

## JAPANESE CULTURE CLASS Instructor: Mr. Jacques

Grade 5 - 12 Maximum 18 per class Fee: \$25.00 This summer course will explore the language, cooking, arts, and culture of Japan. We will

introduce Japanese calligraphy (students will learn the basics of traditional Japanese calligraphy aka Shodo), traditional cooking (sushi making, traditional ramen), history of animation (anime) with drawing tutorials, the age of the samurai, and music.

## **BASKETBALL SKILLS** Instructor: Mr. Jacques

Grade 5 - 8 Maximum 25 per class

Basketball Skills Camp will reinforce the fundamentals of basketball. The participants will be taught the basic techniques of shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding, and defense.

# **SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS** Instructor: Ms. Boggs

Grade 4 - 8 Maximum 20 per class Fee: \$25

Indoor hands-on activities for science.

#### **SWIMMING** Instructors: Sheboygan Falls Aquatics Staff - Certified WSI

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### Term 4

**TENNIS** Instructors: Ms. Wasmer and Mrs. Parnitzke (High School Tennis Courts)

Grades 3 - 12 Maximum 50 per class

Note: This class meets August 4 - 8 from 9:00 - 11:00

# **GEARING UP FOR 5TH GRADE** Instructor: Mrs. Holzer, Mr. McMullen, Mrs. Parnitzke Grade 5

Gear up for 5th grade with your 5th grade homeroom teachers! Incoming 5th graders will have the opportunity to tour the new middle school, learn and practice locker combinations, get to know their 5th grade teachers, play fun games, practice academic skills, and ease any worries about the transition to middle school. Note: This class meets August 18 - 20 from 9:00 - 11:00