

Digital Literacy

****Highly Recommended****

.5 Credit

Grades: 7, 8, 9

Business Digital Literacy gives students the opportunity to use technology and to develop skills that encourage creativity, critical thinking, productivity, and collaboration. Course topics include Computer Basics; the Internet, Cloud Services, and World Wide Web; basic fundamentals of word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software; computer security and privacy; and digital lifestyles. This course also fulfills the prerequisite requirements for the high school Digital Literacy courses.

Exploring Education

9 SEM

.5 CTE Credit

Exploring Education provides students the opportunity to explore careers in education. During this course, students will learn about human development; history of education; changes in our education system and the financial aspects; what to expect from a career in education; appropriate professional behavior; and types of careers available within the industry. Students will gain an understanding of why and how our education system functions, have opportunities to role play as a classroom teach, and observe and evaluate others' teaching.

DRAMA 1

Grades: 7, 8, 9

Semester, .5 Fine Art Credit

In **Drama 1** you will learn to act! You will explore performance and theater, read plays, and see a musical. Some of the activities include: filming a newscast with a **GREEN SCREEN**, creating a stuffed animal skit, applying bruise makeup, acting, playwriting. Students gain the ability to: use their imagination, speak loud and clear in front of others, and learn to use your body to tell a story. You will gain skills to combat "stage fright" and feel self confidence.

This course is a prerequisite for Drama 2, and Play Production. Required \$15 fee.

DRAMA 2

*(Course Prerequisites: **Drama 1**)*

Grades: 7, 8, 9

Semester, .5 Fine Art Credit

In **Drama 2** you will build upon the knowledge and skills learned in Drama 1. You will focus on acting with scene partner, vocal performance, storytelling, **lip syncing**, playwriting, **and film**. You will write a 5 to 10 minute **FLASH PLAY**, perform a scene, and create a storybook group performance. Students will explore dramatic literature, film studies, blocking, articulation, and character work.

This course is a prerequisite for Play Production. Required \$15 fee.

PLAY PRODUCTION (32356) Code matches what BHS uses for their play production class.

*(Course Prerequisites: **Drama 1**, and **Drama 2**)*

Grades: 7, 8, 9

Semester, .5 Fine Art Credit

Teacher Approval Required

In **Drama Production** students are cast in the school play. Students build on and apply the skills they have acquired from Drama 1 and 2. Most importantly we **produce the school play!** The play is rehearsed in class, but will have 3 evening performances. During Fall Semester the class produces the Christmas play. During Spring Semester the class produces the Spring play. Play Production is **repeatable** because each semester, a different play is chosen.

Required \$15 fee.

MOVIE MAKING (02010000052)

Grades: 8, 9

Semester, .5 Fine Art Credit

Required Fee: \$15

Movie Making teaches you how to make movies! You will learn how cameras work, how to edit footage with **Adobe Premiere Pro**, camera angles, and how to write a script. Students will write and film a commercial, a comedy scene, a “scary movie,” and a green screen special effects scene. Students will learn about different film types or “genres.” Cameras and editing software are provided in class, but students are allowed to bring their own cameras and edit movies at home with their own software if they prefer.

YEARBOOK DESCRIPTION

Grades: 8, 9

Year

Teacher Approval Required

Yearbook is a computer and graphic design class.

The most notable design project they create is the school yearbook. Students on staff learn to use programs from the Adobe Suite (Premiere Pro, and Photoshop), and Webease, as well as apply the basic elements of photography with digital cameras.

Other projects the staff creates include video editing with green screens, print design, and prop creation for the Drama Department.

Students who wish to apply to be on the staff will complete an application, and will be expected to attend an after school design clinic. After school clinics will be announced. Other factors considered include: student's grade level, GPA, and citizenship. See Mrs. Broberg for an application.

GIRLS CHOIR (BEGINNING)

Grades: 7

Semester or Full Year, .5 or 1 Fine Art Credit

In **GIRLS CHOIR** you will learn the basics of good singing and music reading! You will explore and begin to understand how music works and how your voice is a unique and beautiful instrument. Some of the activities include: Rhythm reading and creation, note reading, singing melodies and harmonies as a group, solo opportunities, music listening, and a quarterly choir performance. Students gain the ability to: create music, read music, sing confidently in front of others, and gain an appreciation for music in our culture and society. This class is a great confidence builder! *This course is a prerequisite for Spartan Choir, and Spartones. Required \$15 fee.*

MENS CHOIR (BEGINNING)

Grades: 7, 8, 9

Semester or Full Year, .5 or 1 Fine Art Credit

In **MENS CHOIR** you will learn the basics of good singing and music reading! You will explore and begin to understand how music works and how your voice is a unique and amazing instrument. Some of the activities include: Rhythm reading and creation, note reading, singing melodies and harmonies as a group, solo opportunities, beat boxing basics, music listening, and a quarterly choir performance. Students gain the ability to: create music, read music, sing confidently in front of others, and gain an appreciation for music in our culture and society. This class is a great confidence builder! *This course is a prerequisite for Spartones. Required \$15 fee.*

BROADWAY SHOW CHOIR (BEGINNING)

Grades: 7, 8, 9

Semester or Full Year, .5 or 1 Fine Art Credit

In **MUSICAL THEATER CHOIR** you will learn the basics of singing, dancing and performing! You will become familiar with a variety of Broadway musicals and explore how music, singing and dancing are used to create a complete and entertaining piece of art. Some of the activities include: Singing melodies and harmonies as a group and individual, solo performance opportunities, dance and movement basics,

musical observation, and a quarterly performance. Students gain the ability to: create music, sing confidently in front of others, and gain an appreciation for music and dance in our culture and society. This class is a great confidence builder! *Required \$15 fee.*

SPARTAN CHOIR (INTERMEDIATE)

*(Course Prerequisites: **Girls Choir and Audition**)*

Grades: 8 & 9

Full Year, 1 Fine Art Credit

In **SPARTAN CHOIR** you will continue to learn and develop the skills of good singing and music reading! You will explore and experience how music works and how your voice is a unique and beautiful instrument. Some of the activities include: Rhythm reading and creation, note reading, singing melodies and harmonies as a group, solo opportunities, music listening, basic dance skills, and a quarterly choir performance. Students gain the ability to: create music, read music, sing confidently in front of others, and gain an appreciation for music in our culture and society. This class is a great confidence builder! *Required \$15 fee.*

SPARTONES (ADVANCED)

*(Course Prerequisites: **Girls Choir or Mens Choir and Audition**)*

Grades: 8 & 9

Full Year, 1 Fine Art Credit

In **SPARTONES** you will continue to learn and develop the skills of good singing and music reading! You will explore and experience how music works and how your voice is a unique and amazing instrument. Some of the activities include: Rhythm reading and creation, note reading, singing melodies and harmonies as a group, solo opportunities, vocal percussion (beat boxing), music listening, basic dance skills, and a quarterly choir performance. Students gain the ability to: create music, read music, sing confidently in front of others, and gain an appreciation for music in our culture and society. This class is a great confidence builder! *Required \$15 fee.*

BEGINNING WOODWINDS

7, 8, 9 **Year**

No music experience required. Instruments taught: flute, clarinet, oboe, and saxophone. Instruments may be rented from local music stores. Students on fee waivers may rent instruments from the school on a first come first served basis. This group will perform in major concerts during the year. ***Additional Fee or Fee Waiver Required.***

BEGINNING BRASS

7, 8, 9 **Year**

No music experience required. Instruments taught: trumpet, trombone, baritone, and tuba. Students who wish to play french horn will play trumpet for the first semester, then switch to french horn second semester. Instruments may be rented from local music stores. Students on fee waivers may rent instruments from the school on a first come first served basis. This group will perform in major concerts during the year. ***Additional Fee or Fee Waiver Required.***

PERCUSSION

7, 8, 9 **Year**

Teacher approval required

This class combines beginning and advanced percussion. Advanced percussion players will work on solo and small ensemble music and perform with either the spartan or concert bands. For beginner percussionists, some piano experience required. To obtain teacher approval, beginning students will submit a 1-2 minute video of them performing a piano piece of their choice as well as a one octave C major, F major, and B-flat major scale to be approved to take the class. The first year emphasis is on snare and mallet playing. Percussion kits for beginning percussion may be rented from local music stores. Students on fee waivers may rent percussion kits from the school on a first come first served basis. This group will perform in major concerts during the year. ***Additional Fee or Fee Waiver Required.***

INTERMEDIATE BAND (CONCERT BAND)

7, 8, 9 **Year**

This class is for everyone who has successfully completed beginning band or has significant experience playing a band instrument. For 7th graders with previous experience or new students, an audition may be necessary. Instruments may be rented from local music stores. Students on fee waivers may rent instruments from the school on a first come first served basis. This group will perform in major concerts during the year. ***Additional Fee or Fee Waiver Required.***

ADVANCED BAND (SPARTAN BAND)

7, 8, 9 **Year**

Audition and teacher approval required. This class is for the top players in the school who have made significant improvement in either beginning band or concert band. This is the school's premiere band which performs at local elementary schools, band festivals, or other concerts. Instruments may be rented from local music stores. Students on fee waivers may rent instruments from the school on a first come first served basis. This group will perform in major concerts during the year. ***Additional Fee or Fee Waiver Required.***

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA

7, 8, 9 **Year**

No music experience required. Instruments taught: violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Instruments may be rented from local music stores. Students on fee waivers may rent instruments from the school on a first come first served basis. This group will perform in major concerts during the year. ***Additional Fee or Fee Waiver Required.***

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA

7, 8, 9 **Year**

This class is open to students who have successfully completed beginning orchestra, or has significant experience playing a string instrument. This is the school's top orchestra which performs at local elementary schools, orchestra festivals, or other concerts. For 7th graders with previous experience or new students, an audition may be necessary. Instruments may be rented from local music stores. Students on fee waivers may rent instruments from the school on a first come first served basis. This group will perform in major concerts during the year. ***Additional Fee or Fee Waiver Required.***

Physics

9 **Year**

This is a hands-on, lab-driven, technology-based approach to physics. This course includes the study of motion, forces, energy, and waves. It is highly recommended to have a B average in Math 8 since Algebra is used throughout the course. This course fulfills a requirement for university admissions. It is also offered at the high school. **Lab Fee Required**

Latinos in Action

8, 9 **Year**

Latinos in Action (LIA) is a class that empowers students to be ready for college and future careers. During class, you will tutor elementary school students and become a role model for them. When not tutoring, you will be taught skills that will prepare you for college and to contribute to your community. This includes leadership and service learning. You will also participate in the annual LIA Youth Leadership Conference at local universities. On top of this, you will celebrate your culture and become part of a "familia."

Student enrollment is based largely on GPA, citizenship, dependability, and trustworthiness. Interested students **MUST** complete an application that includes teacher recommendations in the spring.

Peer Tutor

7, 8, 9 Sem

Peer tutors assist students with disabilities with their class work, social skills, and education goals, and are introduced to the special education career field.

Spanish 1

7,8,9

This course is an exploration of Spanish. Basic vocabulary and phrases that include greetings, farewells, numbers, alphabet, activities, descriptions, school, weather, and family will be covered. The Hispanic culture will also be introduced.

Spanish 2

8,9

Pre-requisite: Spanish 1 with a passing grade

This is an intermediate language course where the focus will move beyond simple sentences. Students will explore such topics as daily life, celebrations, clothing, the home, food, entertainment, and the city.

Spanish 3

Pre-requisite: Spanish 2 with a passing grade

9

More advanced grammar will be explored in this course and the focus will be on developing conversational Spanish. Students will learn about relationships, health and wellness, travel as well discuss their childhood and plan for the future all in the target language. The course will begin with a review of Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 topics.

Reading A

7 SEM

This is a basic reading course for students at a reading level below 5.0. This course will help students learn and build fluency, comprehension skills, and vocabulary.

Reading B

7 SEM

This is a reading course for students between 5.1-7.0 reading level. It is designed to help students advance their reading skills.

Gateway DM & ST:

7, 8 SEM

DM (Design and Modeling) uses 3D solid modeling software (AutoDesk Inventor) to introduce students to the design process. Students will accurately sketch their ideas on paper, use the computer software to create 3D models, and then using a 3D printer, actually print out their design. If there is time the models will also be made in the shop using basic shop equipment as part of the ST unit..

ST (Science of Technology) is where students explore nanotechnology and applied physics. Then students will use what they have learned to make some shop projects and some physics labs. Some of the projects include air powered dragsters, Roller Coaster Mania, ice cream, and electric cars.

Additional Fee Required

Gateway AR & ME:

8 SEM

AR (Automation and Robotics) has students use VEX Robotics equipment to build mechanisms and various robotic & automation systems to solve problems. Students will also learn some basic programming to control their robots.

ME (Magic of Electrons) teaches students the basics of electronics; how to design and make electrical circuits. They will use basic shop equipment to make some electronic devices and they will design and solder a light operated night light. **Additional Fee Required**

Intro to Construction Technology

9 SEM

This course introduces basic skills, applications and impacts related to construction technology and student's modern society. Areas of instruction include: applied communication, building design and construction, construction systems, engineering concepts and mechanical systems. Students will also design and build projects based on areas of instruction. **Additional Fee Required**

Intro to Manufacturing Technology

9 SEM

An advanced technology education program that introduces basic skills, applications and impacts related to manufacturing technology and student's modern society. Areas of instruction include design, research and development, management of manufacturing and production systems, modern materials, business and marketing application, maintenance technology and introduction to welding. **Additional Fee Required**

Foods and Nutrition

9 SEM

This course is designed for students who are interested in understanding the principles of nutrition and in maintaining a healthy life style. Attention will be given to the selection and preparation of food and personal health and well-being. **Additional Fee Required**

Clothing and Textiles

9 SEM

This course introduces students to basic sewing and pressing equipment, textiles, introductory level project construction techniques, and techniques for constructing edge finishes. Students will be required to complete samples of specific techniques and will also make a few larger projects. **Additional Fee Required**

FACS

8 SEM

This class is designed to give you a taste of each area of family and consumer science. It allows students to develop skills in food and nutrition, childcare and safety, interior design, clothing construction and style, consumerism, family relationships, personal responsibility, and job-related tasks.

AP Geography

9 YEAR

The AP Human Geography course provides students with a learning experience equivalent to that obtained in most college-level introductory human geography courses. The course follows a systematic approach employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences. The students will put into practice, the methods and tools geographers use in their science and practice. AP Geography is a rigorous year long course that focuses on preparing

students to take and pass the AP Human Geography test to earn college credit. You must pass the test to get college credit. This class fulfills the Geography credit for graduation, as well as .5 elective credits.

Art 1:

7, 8, 9 SEM

This course is an introductory art class that focuses on developing drawing skills and techniques. These skills will be practiced in a variety of media and styles including abstract, landscape, perspective, and more. We will also discuss the work of contemporary and historical artists. **Additional fee required**

Art 2:

7, 8, 9 SEM

This class is designed for those who wish to improve their art skills learned in Art 1. The projects are more advanced and will build on knowledge and skills learned in Art 1. Projects will include scratchboard, painting, and portraiture. We will also discuss the work of contemporary and historical artists that relate to the projects in class. **Additional fee required**

3D Art:

8, 9 SEM

This class is designed for students who have an interest in working with clay, and gives students experiences in making functional as well as sculptural pieces, using a variety of techniques in both hand building and pottery. The option to create jewelry and stained glass projects is available upon receipt of additional funds. We will also discuss the work of contemporary and historical sculptural artists.

Additional fee required

Advanced Art:

9 SEM

This class builds upon previous art skills and is taught at a more advanced level. Included in this program are all the areas used in 2D and 3D art classes. Must have taken art 1 or art 3 before you can take this class. ***Additional Fee Required.***

Chinese

7, 8, 9 YEAR

This courses designed to build upon the Chinese Emersion program at the elementary school. **The only students that are able to take this course are the ones that have participated in the Chinese program all through elementary.** The students will build on the skills and knowledge they have acquired.

Chinese Culture and Media

7, 8, 9 SEM

This course is designed to give additional information and build on the skills and knowledge they are learning in Chinese. They will learn about the Chinese culture and find practical uses for the language knowledge they have acquired. **This course is not required to continue in the Chinese program but it is recommended that it is taken at least once.**

Child Development

9 SEM

This course is designed to help students to prepare for adult life. They will have projects such as a flour baby that they will be in charge of caring for. This project will take a week and they will have to report back on the impact that it had on their lives.

Release Time (LDS Seminary)

9 YEAR

This is a full year religion based course. There is no credit offered for this class. Parents need to excuse the student from the school to leave the campus and go to the seminary building for the class period.