

## Recess Electives General information

Five separate elective co-curricular courses will be offered this school year. Students participate in these classes two days a week in lieu of their regularly-scheduled recess. They continue to participate in recess the other three days of the week. There is no fee associated with the courses. Students may participate in one course per semester, which you will indicate below on the form. Students may choose to participate in the same course two consecutive semesters if room allows.

Enrollment is limited to first-come, first-served. **The deadline to submit the attached registration form is Friday, August 13.**

Students, once registered and enrolled, are required to participate for the remainder of the semester. As these are co-curricular courses, there is no grade. However, it is very important for students to understand that the usual discipline policies and expectations for participation and behavior will be enforced. It is highly encouraged that only those students who are truly interested and motivated to participate in a particular activity register for that activity. The teacher and principal reserve the right to remove a student from the course for unsatisfactory participation.

### Description of Courses

#### *Drama*

This class will introduce students to the basic concepts and history of theatre arts. Students will use various creative drama techniques to build confidence in public speaking and performance. Through theater games and activities, students will gain trust in themselves as well as others in their groups. Students will learn and use drama and theatre vocabulary in class discussions and the activities will specifically address the promotion and reinforcement of students' literacy skills. Students will exhibit and reinforce their skills through individual and group presentations, performances, and script writing.

Instructor: Mr. Brown

#### *Visual Arts*

The Visual Arts elective will focus on a detailed approach to the interpretation of different subject matter including, but not limited to, portraiture, still life, landscapes, non-objective, and abstracts. Within each subject matter, they will learn to use ebony pencil, watercolor, pen and ink, and colored pencil among others. Students will learn to respect their own artwork as well as that of other students and through that develop the self-confidence to exhibit their own ideas.

Instructor: Mr. Cumiskey

#### *Learning Landscape*

This elective includes hands-on, experiential learning in areas such as ecology, water management, renewable resources, agriculture, food production and cooking, and environmental sciences. Students will engage with the new Learning Landscape, as well as participate in activities around City Park, which will help extend their experiences beyond their normal environment.

Instructor: Mr. Radetich

#### *Makerspace*

This elective will include teacher-facilitated, problem-solving projects. Students will have the chance to select which aspect of the project they would like to be involved in. These could include, among others, design/graphics, electronics, video/audio, engineering, machinery, etc. Students will be coordinated around the themed project, each contributing in his desired manner to the overall project. Students will make use of the new Makerspace room and all of its equipment.

Instructor: Mr. Pastorek

#### *Ecology (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester only)*

The Ecology elective will explore the diverse systems in and around CBS. Students will learn and work around the CBS pond and other outlying areas around City Park, including exploring wildlife habitats, migration patterns, plant biology, rainwater management, storm impact, biodiversity and native species, and a variety of other topics important to the culture and life of Southeastern Louisiana.

Instructor: Mr. Goodwin

## Recess Electives Registration Form

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

1<sup>st</sup> Semester Course of Interest:

\*Drama: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Visual Arts: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Learning Landscape: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Makerspace: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Course of Interest:

\*Drama: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Visual Arts: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Learning Landscape: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Makerspace: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Ecology: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to your homeroom teacher to be sent to Mrs. Karen in the office. .

**The deadline to register is Friday, August 13.**