



Canfield Middle School

Cougar Pride = Attitude + Effort

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MUSIC

The Canfield choirs sing a wide variety of music including classical, jazz, and pop music. Students also receive instruction on piano keyboards. The Canfield choirs perform in a number of concerts and contests. Jazz Choir students participate in a Jazz Festival.

***All music courses require a yearlong commitment.**

The following choir classes are offered:

Jazz Choir (7, 8, *year) This is an auditioned group open to 7th and 8th grade students. This class studies all types of music but specializes in jazz music in preparation for Jazz Festival. This class requires a yearlong commitment.

Open Choir (7, 8, *year) This class is open to all 7th and 8th grade students and requires no audition.

Band/Orchestra (7,*year) is designed for the beginning and intermediate wind, brass, or percussion player. Most members are in 7th grade and have played for a minimum of 12 months. We explore a variety of styles with emphasis on instrument-specific fundamentals. New players may enroll for a nine week trial period with proof of private instruction.

Advanced Band (7, 8, *year) is designed for the experienced wind, brass, or percussion player. Most members are in eighth grade and have played for a minimum of two years. Students will explore a variety of styles with continued emphasis on instrument-specific fundamentals. New players may enroll for a nine week trial period with proof of private instruction.

Advanced Orchestra (7, 8, *year) is designed for the experienced string player. Most members are in 7th or 8th grade and have played an instrument for a minimum of two years. Students will explore a variety of styles with continued emphasis on string fundamentals. New players may enroll for a nine week trial period with proof of private instruction.

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ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES**

TECHNOLOGY

Animation (7, 8, semester) requires no prior computer skills. Students will improve their computer skills while learning about animation. Students use Adobe PhotoShop Elements, MS[®] Windows Movie Maker, MS[®] PowerPoint, game design software, and other software programs and peripherals.

Tech Tools (7, 8, semester) provides an opportunity for students to explore and experiment with media production. No prior computer skills are necessary. Students should work well with others in groups. Students are immersed in graphic design and media production. Students learn about digital and audio media. Students use a variety of software such as MS[®] Word and MS[®] PowerPoint, PhotoStory, Adobe PhotoShop Elements, MS[®] Windows Live MovieMaker, Audacity, and other software and freeware applications.

SPANISH

Introduction to Spanish (7, 8, semester) is a semester class that is designed to help students explore a new language. This is an ideal class for students who want to learn the basics of Spanish and is a great preview for students who may want to take Spanish in high school. Presentation and practice of functional expressions, vocabulary and grammar structures are interwoven with cultural information. Students may take Introduction to Spanish as a seventh grader or eighth grader but may not take the course both years.

Spanish 1 (8, year) is an advanced year-long elective that is the equivalent of Spanish 1 at the high school level. It is designed for students who are motivated to learn and are willing to take on a challenge. Topics include everyday conversational items and learning more complex irregular verbs in an entertaining, practical way. Students who demonstrate proficiency in this class will be allowed to take Spanish 2 as a freshman. To sign up for this class, students need to have an A or B in their current LA Class.

ART

Drawing (7, 8, semester) is for students who would like to learn about the elements of art while doing hands-on projects in graphite pencil, charcoal, chalk, oil pastel and paint. In each project, students will explore a period of art history in addition to a variety of art techniques in each media.

3D Design (7, 8, semester) is a hands-on class designed for those who would like to learn about and develop their skills in ceramics, plaster, paper mache', wood, wire, and mixed media. Students will learn about artists from the past and present and will use the elements of art and principles of design to express their ideas.

Art (7, 8, semester) will offer students an opportunity to use skills in both two and three dimensions, to analyze the visual arts of different cultures and time periods and compare to one's own culture. Students will learn how to communicate through the visual arts, applying artistic concepts, knowledge, and skill. Hands on projects will include mural making, painting with both acrylic and watercolor, drawing, pastel and charcoal, clay, printmaking, and recycle art.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION—
While Weights & Fitness is not an elective,
students may request it in lieu of PE.**

Weights and Fitness (7, 8, semester) is for students interested in weight training and sport-related fitness activities. Lifts designed to build strength, speed, agility, and flexibility will be the focus of this program. Units detailing weight room safety as well as proper spotting and technique will be included.

Application and teacher approval required.

SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

Students may be selected by staff members to help in the adult's work environment. Those selected may be expected to run errands on campus, assist with tutoring other students, perform clerical work, assemble bulletin boards, etc. Students are selected based on their trustworthiness, school attendance, work ethic, and respect for adults and peers.

- Office Aide (7, 8, semester or year)
- Library Aide (7, 8, semester or year)
- Teacher Aide (7, 8, semester or year)
- Custodial Aide (7, 8, semester or year)
- Peer Tutor for Special Needs Students (7, 8, semester or year)

Parent permission and teacher approval is required for any of these aide positions.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook (8, year) is designed for a select few highly responsible 8th grade students. A yearbook is a school's diary; therefore, applicants look forward to being involved in photography, interviews, journalism and writing. After the yearbook is completed, this class becomes be an art class.

Application and teacher approval required.