

Dear GPA Middle School Families,

After many conversations with Middle School and Specials teachers who teach elective classes, it was determined that the current elective set-up due to Covid is not sustainable for much longer.

Elective classes such as Advanced Fitness and Choir/Band have been meeting outside in open spaces. With us entering into colder weather, we cannot rely on this to continue to be an option. Other elective classes such as Family Consumer Sciences, Yearbook, Drama/Speech, Forensic Science, Spanish, Technology, and Art have been meeting solely online. With these specialized classes, some cannot continue to be successful as an online only option.

With that being known, our elective structure is changing. Students have electives on Thursday and Friday each week. Starting on Thursday, October 29, students will no longer go to their chosen elective class that they have been attending since August. They will now **rotate as an entire cohort to a pre-selected elective class**. They will stay with each elective for 3 weeks (or 6 classes). We have tried to include a wide range of options for students to be excited about. The new electives will be: Architecture, Improv Theater, Model U.N., Collaborative Art, Music Appreciation/Music Theory, Greek Mythology, Advanced Tech Lite, Fitness, and Spanish Culture.

I am including the elective schedule below. It will be helpful for your child if you also share this information with them. Also, please try to help them remember which elective they are attending for the 3 week blocks. To read the below schedule, you simply find your students homeroom class and read across horizontally to determine which elective your child will be in for 3 weeks. The dates are listed on the far right for each elective block. The change from a maroon heading, to blue, to green, orange, purple, etc. indicates a new 3-week block for a new elective. You will be able to find your child's class in each new section and let them know what electives they will be attending and when.

If you have already paid for an elective class that had a fee associated with it, we will be refunding you. Please contact our front office staff to aid you in receiving this refund.

We are really sorry and know that some students will be disappointed that the electives changed. We hope this is temporary and that we can get back to our elective choice when it is safe to do so. We are planning for this to last us for the rest of this school year, but will let you know if something changes and we are allowed to mix cohorts for electives.

Thank you for your understanding!
Nicole Parker
Interim Principal

Middle School Elective Rotation Schedule

| Students | Classroom | Elective Teacher | Elective | Dates |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|--|-------|
| 6A - Neher | Neher | Neher | Model U.N. | 10/29 |
| 6B - Murphy | Cooley | Cooley | Collaborative Art | 10/30 |
| 6C - Cortez | Cortez | Cornelius | Advanced Tech. - Lite | 11/5 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Jenlink | Jenlink | Architecture | 11/6 |
| 7B - Garcia | Granados | Granados | Spanish Language/Culture | 11/12 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Rafferty | Rafferty | Improv. Theater | 11/13 |
| 8B - Capotrio | Mery | Mery | PE/Fitness Extension | |
| | | <i>Thomas</i> | <i>Music Appreciation/Music Theory</i> | |
| | | <i>Garcia</i> | <i>Greek Mythology</i> | |
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| Students | Classroom | Elective Teacher | Elective | Dates |
| 6A - Neher | Cooley | Cooley | Collaborative Art | 11/19 |
| 6B - Murphy | Murphy | Cornelius | Advanced Tech. - Lite | 11/20 |
| 6C - Cortez | Jenlink | Jenlink | Architecture | 12/3 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Granados | Granados | Spanish Language/Culture | 12/10 |
| 7B - Garcia | Rafferty | Rafferty | Improv. Theater | 12/11 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Mery | Mery | PE/Fitness Extension | 12/17 |
| 8B - Capotrio | Thomas | Thomas | Music Appreciation/Music Theory | |
| | | <i>Garcia</i> | <i>Greek Mythology</i> | |
| | | <i>Neher</i> | <i>Model U.N.</i> | |
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| Students | Classroom | Elective Teacher | Elective | Dates |
| 6A - Neher | Neher | Cornelius | Advanced Tech. - Lite | 1/7 |
| 6B - Murphy | Jenlink | Jenlink | Architecture | 1/8 |
| 6C - Cortez | Granados | Granados | Spanish Language/Culture | 1/14 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Rafferty | Rafferty | Improv. Theater | 1/15 |
| 7B - Garcia | Mery | Mery | PE/Fitness Extension | 1/21 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Thomas | Thomas | Music Appreciation/Music Theory | 1/22 |
| 8B - Capotrio | Garcia | Garcia | Greek Mythology | |
| | | <i>Neher</i> | <i>Model U.N.</i> | |
| | | <i>Cooley</i> | <i>Collaborative Art</i> | |

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|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 6A - Neher | Jenlink | Jenlink | Architecture | 1/28 |
| 6B - Murphy | Granados | Granados | Spanish Language/Culture | 1/29 |
| 6C - Cortez | Rafferty | Rafferty | Improv. Theater | 2/4 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Mery | Mery | PE/Fitness Extension | 2/5 |
| 7B - Garcia | Thomas | Thomas | Music Appreciation/Music Theory | 2/11 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Garcia | Garcia | Greek Mythology | |
| 8B - Capotrio | Neher | Neher | Model U.N. | |
| | | <i>Cooley</i> | <i>Collaborative Art</i> | |
| | | <i>Cornelius</i> | <i>Advanced Tech. - Lite</i> | |

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|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 6A - Neher | Granados | Granados | Spanish Language/Culture | 2/18 |
| 6B - Murphy | Rafferty | Rafferty | Improv. Theater | 2/19 |
| 6C - Cortez | Mery | Mery | PE/Fitness Extension | 2/25 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Thomas | Thomas | Music Appreciation/Music Theory | 2/26 |
| 7B - Garcia | Garcia | Garcia | Greek Mythology | 3/4 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Neher | Neher | Model U.N. | 3/5 |
| 8B - Capotrio | Cooley | Cooley | Collaborative Art | |
| | | <i>Cornelius</i> | <i>Advanced Tech. - Lite</i> | |
| | | <i>Jenlink</i> | <i>Architecture</i> | |

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|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 6A - Neher | Rafferty | Rafferty | Improv. Theater | 3/11 |
| 6B - Murphy | Mery | Mery | PE/Fitness Extension | 3/12 |
| 6C - Cortez | Thomas | Thomas | Music Appreciation/Music Theory | 3/18 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Garcia | Garcia | Greek Mythology | 4/1 |
| 7B - Garcia | Neher | Neher | Model U.N. | 4/2 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Cooley | Cooley | Collaborative Art | |
| 8B - Capotrio | Capotrio | Cornelius | Advanced Tech. - Lite | |
| | | <i>Jenlink</i> | <i>Architecture</i> | |
| | | <i>Granados</i> | <i>Spanish Language/Culture</i> | |

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|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 6A - Neher | Mery | Mery | PE/Fitness Extension | 4/8 |
| 6B - Murphy | Thomas | Thomas | Music Appreciation/Music Theory | 4/9 |
| 6C - Cortez | Garcia | Garcia | Greek Mythology | 4/15 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Neher | Neher | Model U.N. | 4/16 |
| 7B - Garcia | Cooley | Cooley | Collaborative Art | 4/22 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Rafferty | Cornelius | Advanced Tech. - Lite | 4/23 |
| 8B - Capotrio | Jenlink | Jenlink | Architecture | |
| | | <i>Granados</i> | <i>Spanish Language/Culture</i> | |
| | | <i>Rafferty</i> | <i>Improv. Theater</i> | |
| Students | Classroom | Elective Teacher | Elective | Dates |
| 6A - Neher | Thomas | Thomas | Music Appreciation/Music Theory | 4/29 |
| 6B - Murphy | Garcia | Garcia | Greek Mythology | 5/6 |
| 6C - Cortez | Neher | Neher | Model U.N. | 5/7 |
| 7A - Jenlink | Cooley | Cooley | Collaborative Art | 5/13 |
| 7B - Garcia | Garcia | Cornelius | Advanced Tech. - Lite | 5/20 |
| 8A - Rafferty | Jenlink | Jenlink | Architecture | 5/21 |
| 8B - Capotrio | Granados | Granados | Spanish Language/Culture | |
| | | <i>Rafferty</i> | <i>Improv. Theater</i> | |
| | | <i>Mery</i> | <i>PE/Fitness Extension</i> | |