

Salem Baptist Christian School

Winston Salem, NC

Middle School Clubs and Electives Catalog



Middle School Clubs & Electives 2022-2023

Goal

To expose students to a wide range of topics and activities throughout their middle school career by giving them the opportunity to be involved in multiple clubs and electives.

When: 4th Period on A Days and B Days

- Class A: 1:40-2:20
- Class B: 2:25-3:05

How Many: 2 Clubs and 6 Electives per year

- Students will take one club and three electives per semester
- Clubs and electives switch in January

Requirements:

- Students must choose one out of each of the following categories during the school year
 - Physical Education
 - Performing, Visual, or Communication Arts
 - World Languages
- Students may not take the same elective more than once during a semester or more than twice during a school year

Limitations: Many electives and clubs are limited in the number of students that can be in each section.

- We will do our best to accommodate each student's requests and place students in their first choice. If that is not possible for the 2022-2023 school year, middle school students will have the option to take these elective classes again during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Students will choose electives and clubs based on their preferred subject area not based on day or semester. Students will be assigned to a class section based on grade level and class availability in an effort to keep class sizes small.

Grading: Electives are graded. Clubs do not receive grades.

SBCS Middle School Electives Schedule - Fall 2022							
A Day							
	6th	6th	7th	7th	8th	8th	8th
4A	Choose One:						
1:40-2:20	Computer, Art, Spanish, General PE, Handbells, ASL						
4B	Choose One:						
2:25-3:05	Art, Spanish, Team Sports, Handbells, ASL, Computer						
B Day							
	6th	6th	7th	7th	8th	8th	8th
4A	Choose One:						
1:40-2:20	Fantasy Football, G-STEAM, Study Skills, Book Club						
	Hospitality Club, Math Club, Study Hall, School Publications, Drama						
4B	Choose One:						
2:25-3:05	Spanish, General PE, Chorus, ASL, Prep for HS						

SBCS Middle School Electives Schedule - Spring 2023							
A Day							
	6th	6th	7th	7th	8th	8th	8th
4A	Choose One:						
1:40-2:20	Computer, Art, Spanish, General PE, Handbells, ASL						
4B	Choose One:						
2:25-3:05	Art, Spanish, Team Sports, Handbells, ASL, Computer						
B Day							
	6th	6th	7th	7th	8th	8th	8th
4A	Choose One:						
1:40-2:20	Baseball Club, G-STEAM, Study Skills, FTA,						
	Hospitality Club, Math Club, Study Hall, School Publications, Drama						
4B	Choose One:						
2:25-3:05	Spanish, General PE, Chorus, ASL, Prep for HS						

Selecting Electives:

- A Google form will be emailed in the next week for you to choose clubs and electives.
- On the Google form, please list your top 4 clubs and top 8 electives in order of preference
 - You are asked to choose extras in case some options fill up.
 - If you would like to take one club or elective in the fall and spring semester, please list it twice.
- Examples:
 - Clubs: 1. G-STEAM, 2. Study Hall, 3. G-STEAM, 4. Math Club
 - Electives: 1. Spanish, 2. General PE, 3. Handbells, 4. Spanish, 5. Computer, 6. ASL, 7. Art, 8. Chorus

Drop/Add: Changes to your club/elective schedule must be done through email and approved by our Academic Advisor, Mrs. Archenbronn:

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- Drop/Add periods are August 16-19, 2022 and January 3-6, 2023.
- Once the school year begins, clubs and electives can only be changed during the drop/add periods.

The Middle School Electives Schedule is subject to change based on enrollment and student interest

Middle School Clubs

Book Club (offered fall semester only)

The Book Club will revolve around reading, sharing, and experiencing great books. In this club, you will share and discuss some of your favorite books plus get to experience new genres and titles that you would not have chosen on your own. You will enjoy “book tastings,” book sharing, reading aloud, and many more fun activities to help “dive” into good books. If time, we might also write a children’s book to share with the lower school students.

Fantasy Baseball (offered spring semester only)

Students in this club will create fantasy baseball teams using All-Time Major League Baseball Greats such as Babe Ruth and Willie Mays. You will play a season against fellow teams created by classmates and will make decisions about stadiums, logos, uniforms, rosters, and salaries, and keep track of stats. If you love all things baseball, this is the club for you.

Fantasy Football (offered fall semester only)

Football Lovers will explore probability and statistics using real world situations as you draft fantasy football teams and follow the NFL schedule each week. Emphasis will be placed on understanding and interpreting statistical concepts based on how your players perform each week. It will also encourage you to spend time with family watching football and your players each week.

Future Teachers of America: FTA (offered spring semester only)

The Future Teachers of America club is designed for those who love to help and make a difference. This is a great club for those who imagine teaching some day in the future and those who love being around kids. If you join this club, you will learn how to organize classroom materials, create bulletin boards, and be a teacher’s “helper.” We will also partner with Lower School to help in any way possible.

G-STEAM (offered both fall and spring semester)

Middle school students will focus on ENGINEERING in this club. If you join this club, you will participate in a STEM competition against other Christian schools in February/March. You will need your brain, problem solving skills and team work to succeed in this club! You must also be willing to FAIL because that’s how scientists & engineers finally become successful! Our main focus of the club is understanding that God is the ultimate engineer!

Hospitality Club (offered both fall and spring semester)

The Hospitality Club is an exciting club filled with lots of hands-on learning opportunities. Learn how to cook, bake, plan a party, budget, decorate, and so much more! Food speaks its own language. Join us as we learn how to minister to others through the art of hospitality!

Math/Strategy Club (offered both fall and spring semester)

The Math/Strategy Club will be a fun, hands-on session that includes learning logic strategies and math concepts through game playing. You will participate in activities such as chess, backgammon, Chinese checkers, Othello, Mastermind, Rush Hour, Sequence, Head Full of Numbers, and Prime Club. You can also choose from a variety of logic puzzles such as (but not limited to) Sudoku, Perplexors, and other published activity books of these types.

Study Hall (offered both fall and spring semester)

Study Hall is designed as a quiet workspace for you who would like time at school to complete homework or study for tests and quizzes. This time is proctored by a middle school teacher to assist with any homework questions or test preparation.

Study Skills Academy (offered both fall and spring semester)

Do you want to know how to study and learn according to your own style? Do you want academic work during your middle school years to be pleasing to the Lord? In the Study Skills Academy, you will be given instruction on the importance of studying to the best of your ability and how to study properly, how to manage/organize your time and materials wisely, as well as how to communicate and manage stress. Each student will investigate his/her own personal learning style and how to keep academic integrity during middle school.

Middle School Electives

Leadership

Preparing for High School God's Way (8th Grade only)

The purpose of this course is to provide students with a biblical understanding of leadership, which will both prepare them to lead in high school and to be successful in all areas of high school (at home, in academics, spiritually, etc.). The course will additionally focus on teaching students how to live out strong faith in high school through the avenues of potential relationships, friendships, issues with social media, and high school academics.

Performing Arts

Chorus

Singers will develop their musical potential and artistic expression through singing in a choral ensemble. Study includes the ability to read music using the Kodaly technique (solfege). The core curriculum emphasizes the basics of vocal technique, sight-reading, music theory, and music history. A wide variety of songs will be studied. Students perform in a concert at the end of the semester, and learn the importance of artistic expression through performance.

Drama

This course introduces students to movement, improvisation, voice, staging, plays, and theatre history. Students build their 'instruments' - mind, body, and voice - to develop creative skills in communicating their thoughts, feelings, needs, and actions. With a basic understanding of their own beliefs, perspectives, and emotions, they can begin developing characters and relating to others.

Handbells

This course allows students to learn to play music using handbells as part of a group. They will learn to count consistently in various time signatures, understand sharps and flats, play with balance and poise, and understand music notation. The students in this class will also participate in various programs including the Christmas and/or spring programs.

Physical Education

General PE

General PE provides students with knowledge, experience, and an opportunity to develop cooperation, motor skills, and overall fitness and health through the active participation in cooperative games and activities, individual/dual sports, recreational games and activities, rhythmic activities, and fitness practices.

Team Sports

Team Sports courses provide the student the opportunity to compete in a wide range of team sports. They will be given direction and strategies important to these sports. They will also have the opportunity to develop teamwork, problem solving, and leadership skills important in becoming young adults. We will play a variety of sports as well as the common football, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. This will be a high energy, action packed, competitive activity class.

Visual/Communication Arts

Art

Art is taught so that students can gain a basic knowledge about artist, color, design, and various other artistic elements. Students learn that God is the author of design and color and that there are many “works of art” in God’s creation. Students will have an opportunity to work with several types of media and study the styles of various artists.

General Computer (6th and 7th Grades)

Maintaining computer awareness and learning proper computer skills will enable students to be ready and effective in a technology driven world. Skills are presented with a biblical perspective. In this course students will type words, sentences and paragraphs using correct fingers on keyboards, create documents and presentations in Google Docs and Google Slides, design social media advertisements using Canva.com, and identify social media pros and cons.

Computer Science Discoveries (8th Grade)

Computer Science Discoveries is an introductory computer science course that covers topics such as problem solving, programming, physical computing, user-centered design, artificial intelligence, and machine learning, while inspiring students as they build their own websites, apps, games, and physical computing devices.

School Publications (8th Grade Only - Yearlong)

School Publications allows students the opportunity to learn basic computer, photography, graphic design, advertising, and marketing skills in order to create a school yearbook. The students will be working alongside the high school school publications team as they work to create the school yearbook. Middle school students will receive hands-on training and an introduction to what it takes to publish a yearbook.

World Languages

ASL (American Sign Language)

This course is designed to teach students how to communicate with the deaf population through finger spelling words and vocabulary. Students will learn how ASL is used to teach the Gospel, with emphasis on D/deaf people being the fourth-largest unreached people group in the US and in the world. Songs and monthly Bible verses will be incorporated using correct ASL grammar. Students may have a song or other project to work on with performance in mind, which extends the use of language to the capability of working together, self-control, and many other things a “performer” must learn.

Spanish

This course creates an appreciation for the Spanish language and culture. Using listening, speaking, reading, and writing, students acquire vocabulary, fundamental grammar, and communication skills. Students will also explore the Great Commission and how they can use their Spanish language abilities to spread the Gospel message.