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Grade in 2017-2018 school year _____

Rising 7th and 8th grade Electives selection sheet

Parents,

We are in the process of beginning to construct the schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. This year, we are allowing our students to select their electives in an attempt to place them in classes that reflect and satisfy their interests and preferences. Your child will have 2 elective classes that they will take for the entire school year. Once assigned, these electives will NOT be changed. Please speak with your child to ensure that they understand the chosen classes are those that they prefer and that they will take those classes for the entire school year. Descriptions of each course are listed on the back of this sheet. Also understand that space is limited so that while we will do our best to give your child their most preferred selections, there is no guarantee that they will be assigned the requested classes.

2017-2018 Elective Options

Art Music Audio Video Drama PE Dance Culinary Arts

Please make selections below by circling the options.

First choice (this is the class the student wants the MOST)

Art	Music	Audio Video	Drama	P.E.	Dance	Culinary Arts
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Second choice

Art	Music	Audio Video	Drama	P.E.	Dance	Culinary Arts
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Third choice

Art	Music	Audio Video	Drama	P.E.	Dance	Culinary Arts
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Fourth choice

Art	Music	Audio Video	Drama	P.E.	Dance	Culinary Arts
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My child and I have thoroughly read the course descriptions on the back of this sheet, and we have chosen these elective classes with those descriptions in mind. I understand that once selected, these classes will not be changed and my child will take these classes for the duration of the 2017-2018 school year. I also understand that while the best effort will be made to assign my child to his/her preferred classes, no guarantees regarding placement in classes can be made.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Media Arts (Audio-Visual)

Media Arts focuses on the industries of television, film, and journalism. The scholars will have the opportunity to gain hands on experiences with equipment used within the industry such as Final Cut Pro video editing software, Canon cameras, and Apple Mac computers systems. Each scholar will be introduced to the following skills: storytelling, oral presentations, creative process of production and post production, and collaborating with industry professionals on major projects. The media arts class will provide scholars the opportunity to express their creativity, as well as participate in divergent thinking and creative problem solving.

Music Appreciation/Band/Chorus

Music Appreciation is the first level of class for the Music Department. In this class, students will explore different types of music through singing, playing instruments, and group projects. Curriculum covers basic music theory, the music industry, composition, American music genres, music history, and world music. Chorus and Band are level 2 & 3 classes for the Music Department (students should have already taken Music Appreciation before taking these classes). In these classes, students will learn beginning vocal and instrumental technique, perform often, and discover what it means to be a part of an ensemble. Level 2 & 3 curriculum covers more advanced music theory, a variety of choral and band performance pieces, and solo performance opportunities.

Art

Students will be able to learn the basic fundamentals of art that will focus on problem-solving and using the elements and principles of design in order to create expressive, but well-organized works of art. Students will be exposed to a variety of both two and three-dimensional materials and mediums, and will also have opportunities to write about and discuss their own works and the works of others.

Dance

Dance class at Utopian Academy incorporates art and academics that help the student explore and expand their level of dance. Dance class gives students the opportunity to learn ballet, modern, hip hop, jazz, African, and tap. Students also get to experience a series of performances throughout the year that concludes with an end of the year recital. Students should take this class if they are interested in learning and performing the art of dance and its history. **Class attire includes solid black leotard and leggings with ballet or jazz shoes for girls and solid black t-shirt and shorts with ballet or jazz shoes.**

PE

A variety of activities will be provided including team and individual games and fitness training/testing, which promote mental, social, and physical wellbeing. Principles of exercise, fitness, and movement skills will also be addressed.

Culinary Arts

Introduction to Culinary Arts is a course designed to introduce students to fundamental food preparation terms, concepts, and methods in Culinary Arts where laboratory practice will parallel class work. Fundamental techniques, skills, and terminology are covered and mastered with an emphasis on basic kitchen and dining room safety, sanitation, equipment maintenance and operation procedures. The course also provides an overview of the professionalism in the culinary industry and career opportunities leading into a career pathway in Culinary Arts.

Drama

This class focuses on improvisation (quickly and creatively acting out a subject), understanding what the business of acting is about, theater acting, film and TV acting, monologues, and presentation/performance. Additionally, this class focuses on scene work, breakdown, as well as ensemble work. Voice and speech work are also focused on in this course as well as volume, articulation, vocal quality and correct word pronunciation. Students will examine scenes in an acting text and will be expected to study for exams. Lastly, and most importantly, students enrolled in this class will be involved in 2 or more productions which they will be required to be involved in. Some rehearsals are held after school.