

Encore Class Information

Encore classes are offered to students in all grades except when otherwise noted in bold within the description. Also note that fifth graders will be enrolled in at least one music class (either band or choir). Students can take both if they desire.

- **ART** - Students are given an opportunity to develop their talent and creativity through many different projects including painting, drawing, pottery, and mixed media.
- **AUDIO / VISUAL (8th ONLY)** - Students create short, school-related audio visual content and upload them to our school website. This class will be limited to an extremely small number (2-3) of students per period.
- **BAND** - Students contribute to the middle school band on an instrument of their choice while developing his/her musical skill in a large group setting.
- **BAM Wellness (Body and Mind Wellness) (7th/8th ONLY)** - This is a new, SEMESTER LONG class offering at HMS, co-taught by Mrs. DeeDee Landes and Mrs. Andrea Unruh. Students will receive instruction on all areas of health and wellness with an emphasis on the connections between emotional, mental, and physical health. Students will also be led in non-competitive and low impact physical activities that point towards comprehensive personal wellness.
- **CHOIR** - Students sing a variety of songs from multiple musical genres while they explore music fundamentals. This class builds on our elementary music program and features aspects of a more developed music group, like singing in parts.
- **CUSTODIAL CLASS (8th ONLY)** - Students serve both fellow students and staff alike by taking on a few normal routines of our custodial staff to help keep HMS spic and span. This class will be limited to an extremely small number (2-3) of students per period.
- **ENGINEERING** - In this SEMESTER LONG class students use the engineering process and scientific exploration as they encounter challenges, plan solutions, execute a building process, analyze the results, then sometimes rebuild their products or complete an experiment.
- **EXTENDED BAND (7th/8th ONLY)** - Aimed at students with a deep interest for band, this class provides the band director time to work with a smaller number of students to develop their instrumental abilities. You must enroll in band to be in the extended band class.
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE** - This class uses Rosetta Stone software for students who are interested in learning one of hundreds of foreign languages. It does require a \$50 fee to offset a portion of the Rosetta Stone software. If you are interested in foreign language class but want help providing the \$50 fee, please contact Mr. Heinrichs.
- **GUITAR/UKULELE (7th/8th ONLY)** - This class is aimed at both beginning and second year guitar and ukulele players who want to grow their musical skill with the instrument. Some outside-of-class practice will be expected. Preference for the class is given to 8th graders. Students must identify which instrument (guitar or ukulele) they want to play. Students must furnish their own instrument and provide a \$20 fee to purchase a practice book. If your child is interested in this class but is having difficulty securing an instrument or the \$20 fee, please contact Mr. Heinrichs.
- **INDEPENDENT READING** - Students set reading goals for themselves and then work towards reaching them while regularly checking in with an adult monitor.
- **LEARNING SUPPORT (LS)** - The intent of LS is to create a structured learning space where teachers can work closely with students who need some level of academic support. It is not designed as a study hall for students to work independently on assignments. We confirm LS requests with teacher recommendations and other academic data that would indicate a student needs this additional academic support.
- **PE** - Students complete some tried and true as well as some modern fitness activities in combination with individual, small group, and whole group games of varying competitive levels.
- **POSTER MAKING (8th ONLY)** - Students create and hang posters around the building that inform, motivate, and encourage our students and staff. This class will be limited to an extremely small number (2-3) of students per period.