



## MCA 2018 – 2019 Upper School Electives

Dear Families of Rising Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Graders,

As MCA continues to grow, we are able to offer an increasing array of solid academic elective courses and valuable fine arts electives. These classes are selected based upon the school's philosophy of education, which requires meaningful, substantive material that promotes evaluation, generalization, and synthesis. Secondly, but of equal importance, a teacher's passion for the subject is factored into the selection. Students will receive percentage grades for all electives.

Each student will have the four core courses: English, history/geography, science, and math. All core courses are taught at honors level, and our electives are equally rigorous. A variety of electives is offered during first and seventh periods.

Teachers will present their electives in a special session on April 13. Elective forms may be submitted beginning Friday, April 20. Each fifth grade teacher or second period classroom teacher in grades seven and eight will collect the forms that come in on that day. The forms will be then randomly shuffled by another party and numbered in that order. Forms submitted after the first day will be numbered after the first-day forms in order of turn-in. Please understand that we will do everything possible to provide each student with his or her top choices; however, the final assignment depends upon availability of seats and one's daily class schedule. **Please carefully follow the directions listed below.**

Sincerely,

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***INDICATE YOUR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CHOICES BY PLACING THE NUMBERS 1, 2, AND 3 IN THE BLANKS.***

***For each of the two periods a student may choose: 1) one year-long course, or 2) two one-semester courses, or 3) four one-quarter courses, or 4) a combination of a one-semester course and two one-quarter courses.***

***All seventh graders must take one quarter of Art of Argument.***

***All eighth graders must take one quarter of philosophy.***

***Electives designated with a + sign may be taken more than once. Other electives should be taken only once during grades 6-8.***



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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2018-2019 \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

<b>First Period Electives</b>			
<b>Year-long electives:</b> ___ Spanish IA (seventh grade only) ___ Latin IA (seventh grade only) ___ Latin IB (eighth grade only)			
<b>First semester electives:</b> ___ 100 Years of Broadway ___ Mock Trial+		<b>Second semester electives:</b> ___ MCA Band (In addition to third quarter)+ ___ Intro to Vocal Jazz	
<b>First quarter electives:</b> ___ Philosophy (8) ___ Body Mysteries I ___ Facts in Fiction ___ Physical Condition+ ___ Visual Journey ___ Beginning Band ___ History through Film ___ Reading Refuge ___ Conflict Resolution	<b>Second quarter electives:</b> ___ Philosophy (8) ___ Body Mysteries II ___ Living Well (7&8) ___ Off the Wall Sports ___ Clay Characters ___ MCA Band*+ ___ Intro to Theater ___ Math Club ___ Yearbook	<b>Third quarter electives:</b> ___ Art of Argument (7) ___ Geometric Art ___ Body Mysteries I ___ Forensic Science ___ Basic Sports Skills ___ Fine Arts+ ___ Forensics (speaking) ___ Reading Refuge ___ Yearbook	<b>Fourth quarter electives:</b> ___ Art of Argument (7) ___ Dollars and Sense ___ Body Mysteries II ___ Land and Water ___ Physical Condition+ ___ Multi-cultural Art ___ History through Baseball ___ Genre Journey ___ Conflict Resolution
*MCA Band spans second, third and fourth quarters **Yearbook must be taken for both second and third quarters.			

<b>Seventh Period Electives</b>			
<b>Year-long electives:</b> ___ Spanish IB (eighth grade only) ___ Choir+ ___ Advanced Music+			
<b>First semester electives:</b> ___ Science Olympiad+			
<b>First quarter electives:</b> ___ Art of Argument (7) ___ Road Trip ___ Leadership Academy ___ Research Methods ___ Public Speaking ___ Woodworking ___ Computer Skills ___ Psychology I ___ Bush Craft ___ New Student Special	<b>Second quarter electives:</b> ___ Art of Argument (7) ___ Photography/Design ___ History of War ___ Lion's Roar Store ___ Psychology II ___ Genre Journey ___ Animal Advocacy ___ Storytelling ___ Draw Today ___ Creative Writing	<b>Third quarter electives:</b> ___ Philosophy (8) ___ Envirothon+ ___ Cooking...the World ___ Leadership Academy ___ 1960-1974, Part I* ___ Poetry Place ___ Psychology I ___ American Agriculture ___ Beginning Debate ___ Draw Today	<b>Fourth quarter electives:</b> ___ Philosophy (8) ___ TED talks ___ Green Thumb ___ Nature Journaling ___ 1969-1974, Part II* ___ Woodworking ___ Computer Program ___ Psychology II ___ Structural Integrity ___ Bush Craft
*You may take one or the other of Part I and Part II, but taking them both would be the best experience.			

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