

# GWA Middle School Elective Options

## 2017-2018

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

### (Choose/Circle 1 per Trimester)

\*Note: Students who do not maintain a GPA of at least a 3.0 will automatically be enrolled in Study Hall.  
Elective course descriptions may be found on the back side of this sheet.

### T1

### T2

### T3

Study Hall

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KinderBuddies (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

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Yearbook/School Newspaper

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Teacher's Assistant

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### World Languages Selection (All Students in Grades 6-8/ Choose 1):

Arabic	French	Italian	Russian
Chinese (Mandarin)	German	Japanese	Spanish (Latin America)
Dutch	Greek	Korean	Spanish (Spain)
English (American) <small>*ESL Students Only</small>	Hebrew	Persian (Farsi)	Swedish
English (British) <small>*ESL Students Only</small>	Hindi	Polish	Turkish
Filipino (Tagalog)	Irish	Portuguese (Brazil)	Vietnamese

# **ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

## **Study Hall**

Students will have the option to use their elective time as a ‘Study Hall’ to complete Homework, work on upcoming assignments, or read. This option may be mandatory for students who have multiple missing assignments.

## **KinderBuddies**

Students will be assigned a Kindergarten ‘buddy’ to mentor and assist in the classroom to build leadership skills and a sense of community between upper and lower grade GWA students. (6<sup>th</sup> Graders Only)

## **Innovative Technology**

Students will explore various technology through innovative pathways, such as computer coding, web design, graphic design and animation, app creation, Google elements, etc.

## **STEM/Hands-On Engineering**

A Hands-On Class in which students will work in teams to design and build items to enhance GWA's landscape using unconventional building materials. The majority of the class will be conducted outdoors, building items such as outdoor fixtures, gardens, and habitats. The students will research ideas, designate and design a project they can complete in four class periods and then use simple tools to build their project. Their grade will be derived from four categories: 1) Engineering 2) Construction 3) Re-Engineering 4) Project Completion

## **Teacher’s Assistant**

Students will be assigned a teacher in Grades K-5. Responsibilities will include peer mentoring and being a positive role model for the younger students.

## **Yearbook/School Newspaper**

The goal of scholastic journalism is not to create journalists, but rather it is to develop future capable employees and engaged citizens. Yearbook, digital and newspaper experiences are merely the vehicles to enhance higher level thinking skills, provide opportunities to work as a team, meet deadlines, problem solve, write, shoot and edit. Students in this class will be entrusted with writing, editing, and designing the GWA Middle School Newspaper (comes out monthly). They will also have the opportunity to photograph the school’s events for the GWA Yearbook throughout the year.

## **World Languages**

GWA’s World Languages option utilizes an online platform (Rosetta Stone) with support from a Classroom Teacher. World Language lessons focus on fundamentals, helping students build fundamental language skills through:

- Carefully sequenced lessons that introduce vocabulary and grammar, building upon previously learned content
- Speech recognition within all lessons and activities that helps improve learners' pronunciation and speaking confidence
- Immediate feedback on every response

Students can choose from 24 languages and can utilize the system from home as well, so they can move as quickly or as slowly as desired.