

BLANKNER K8 2022-2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Art

ART 1: Introductory art class! Building fundamental art skills, exploring new materials and various art movements, build on understanding of the elements of art and introduction to the principles of design.

ART 2: Deepening art knowledge! Continuing to build fundamental art skills, explore new materials and various art movements, and understand the elements of art. Dig deeper into the principles of design.

ART 3: Deepening art knowledge, and building personal artistic style! Continuing to build fundamental art skills, explore new techniques with materials and various art movements, and apply elements of art and principles of design to artworks based on personal choice and artistic style.

Band

Cost involved. ALL students may participate regardless of finances.
Visit www.blanknerbands.com for more information

Beginning Band: Open to first year students - no experience necessary. Learn to play from scratch. You can pick from flute, clarinet, sax, trumpet, french horn, trombone, tuba, or percussion (drums). Play fun songs with friends as you become a better musician. Skills developed include: reading music, playing fun melodies like Harry Potter and more. Includes Winter & Spring concert performances.

Symphonic Band: For returning 2nd and 3rd year band students. Deepen skills, technique, and ensemble skills while focusing on more challenging music. Advanced opportunities for performance includes All-County, Solo & Ensemble, field trips, and performances with Boone High School.

BTV – Bulldog TV CTE (Career & Tech Ed) Course

Students will work together to broadcast Bulldog TV.

Instruction and learning activities include: hands-on experiences with the equipment, materials, and technology appropriate to the course content and in accordance with current practices, editing with our software *Final Cut Pro*, creating graphics for the school, interviewing students and adults, and collaboratively creating announcements for the entire school.

Chorus

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Chorus 1: Open to all students - no experience necessary. Learn to sing in a fun, low-stress, encouraging environment. Beginning students learn to read music, sing with good support and sound, and harmonize in a group. All styles of music are covered from classical to pop. Includes Winter & Spring concert performances.

Chorus 2 & 3: 2nd and 3rd year returning students will deepen vocal technique, harmonic knowledge, and solo skills while focusing on more challenging music. Advanced opportunities includes All-County and All-State Chorus, field trips, performances with Boone High School, and class leadership opportunities.

Finance 7th & 8th Grades

The purpose of the Foundations in Personal Finance is to empower students with knowledge and application of basic financial principles so that they can make sound financial decisions for life.

Journalism/Creative Writing

This class is for students who are serious and passionate about writing. The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop fundamental skills in the production of journalism across print, multimedia, web, and broadcast/radio platforms and to become aware of journalism history, careers, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media. The purpose of this course is also to enable students to learn and use writing and language skills for creative expression in a variety of literary forms with emphasis on development of a personal writing style.

Orchestra

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Beginning Orchestra: Open to all students - no experience necessary. Learn to play a string instrument from scratch. You can pick from violin, viola, cello, or bass. Play fun songs as you become a better musician. Skills developed include: reading music, playing fun melodies and beats. Includes Winter & Spring concert performances.

Symphonic Band: For returning 2nd and 3rd year band students. Deepen skills, technique, and ensemble skills while focusing on more challenging music. Advanced opportunities for performance includes All-County, Solo & Ensemble, field trips, and performances with Boone High School.

Peer Counseling

8th Grade Only

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop awareness of self and others. Emphasis will be on acquisition of basic skills for thoughtful planning, peer facilitation, effective communication, and making healthy choices. Students will meet weekly for instruction, have assignments to complete, and will practice what they have learned in their classrooms with their Peer Counselor host.

Physical Education

6th Grade Fitness: The purpose of this course is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to become healthy and physically active for a lifetime.

6th/7th Comprehensive PE: The purpose of this course is to provide a foundation of knowledge, skills, and values necessary for the development of a physically active lifestyle. Content provides exposure to fitness activities, dance, and team sports.

7th/8th Comprehensive PE: The purpose of this course is to build on previously acquired knowledge, skills, and values necessary for the implementation of a physically active lifestyle. Content provides exposure to outdoor pursuits/aquatics, individual/dual sports, and alternative/extreme sports.

8th Individual/Dual Sports: The purpose of this course is to learn and practice different individual and dual sports.

PLTW - Design & Modeling and Flight & Space

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

Design & Modeling: Students apply the design process to solve problems and understand the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. They work in teams to solve real-world problems, capturing research and ideas in their engineering notebooks.

Flight & Space: The exciting world of aerospace comes alive through the Flight and Space (FS) unit. Students become engineers as they design, prototype, and test models to learn about the science of flight and what it takes to travel and live in space. They solve real-world aviation and space challenges and plan a mission to Mars.

PLTW - Magic of Electrons and Automation & Robotics

8th Grade

Magic of Electrons: Students examine the behavior and parts of atoms as well as the impact of electricity on the world around them. They learn skills in basic circuitry design and use what they know to propose designs such as a burglar alarm for an art museum.

Automation & Robotics: Students trace the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics as they learn about mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Students use the VEX Robotics® platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms.

Spanish

M/J Spanish: Beginning Spanish introduces students to the target language and its culture. Students learn beginning skills in listening and speaking and an introduction to basic skills in reading and writing. Also, culture, connections, comparisons, and communities are included in this one-year course.

Spanish 1: Students apply their knowledge of language and culture. They engage in interpersonal & intrapersonal communication based on familiar topics.

Spanish 2: Reinforces the fundamental skills acquired in Spanish 1. The course develops increased listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills as well as cultural awareness. Specific content is a continuation of listening and oral skills acquired in Spanish 1. Reading, writing and speaking receive more emphasis. The cultural survey of the target language-speaking people is continued. Successful completion of this course fulfills the high school foreign language requirement.

Steel Drums

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Open to all new and returning students - no experience necessary. Learn the musical language as you play fun songs in a low-stress, encouraging environment. Beginning students learn to read music, play melodic and harmonic percussion parts on various sized steel pans. Music styles include traditional island drum music, pop, and holiday songs. Includes Winter & Spring concert performances and field trips.

Theatre

Theatre 1: Introduction to Theatre - Students learn the basics of building a character through such activities as pantomime, improvisation, and the importance of technical theatre and explore the use of such elements as costumes, props and scenery. Students practice writing for the theatre and explore various theatre roles and functions. Effective speaking is learned using articulation, projection, and breathing.

Theatre 2: Students continue to deepen and build on their prior knowledge of theatre with the study of acting, design, theatre history, playwrights, and by examining the cultural and historical contributions to theatre.

Theatre 3: Students continue to deepen and build upon their prior knowledge of theatre using the basic elements of theatre design through practical application and projects.

Yearbook

7th & 8th Grades

This course requires an application and teacher recommendation

The purpose of the Yearbook class is to produce a professional publication that captures the spirit of our school, the different interests of the student body, and the special activities throughout the year, while remaining inclusive and respectful to our school and community. Students will learn the art of graphic design, photography, the importance of organization, meeting deadlines, how to deal with conflict, how to market and sell a publication, as well as many other essential life skills.