

**SPRING SEMESTER:** Elective class schedules will not be changed after January 17, 2020.  
 Flex Club selections will not be changed after January 24, 2020.  
 Classes require a minimum of 15 students. Elective classes may be consolidated.

\*There are additional fees for Advanced Art, Extreme Math, and/or Band programs outside STCS tuition. Payment arrangements for Beginning and Advanced Band are made with Round Rock Academy Band Director, Gary Frock. Advanced Art and Extreme Math fees are paid through FACTS.

**6TH GRADE**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade EXPLORATIONS: 7<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD (If no music teacher, move PE into rotation)**

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will enjoy ELECTIVE EXPLORATIONS during their 7<sup>th</sup> periods. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students experience one 9-weeks session of Art, PE, Music and Technology. Each elective class meets three times per week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and will translate to .5 credit in each of the course areas.
- **SPRING: 6<sup>th</sup> grade \*GIRLS will have PE on Tuesdays, 7<sup>th</sup> period, and STUDY HALL during 9<sup>th</sup> period on Monday/Wednesdays.**
- **SPRING: 6<sup>th</sup> grade \*BOYS will have PE on Tuesdays, 7<sup>th</sup> period, and 9<sup>th</sup> period on Monday/Wednesday.**
- Boys enjoy PE three times per week in the 2nd semester and are ineligible for SPRING SPORTS for 2nd semester.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students receive 1 PE credit total for 6<sup>th</sup> grade (.5 for Elective Explorations and .5 for Fall/Spring semester.)
- All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will enjoy a study hall on Thursdays, 7th period.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY elective class is 9th period **TUESDAY / FRIDAY CLASSES** either in the Fall or Spring. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will enjoy one semester of St. Cecilia Choir (either the Fall or Spring) and select an elective class of their choice when they are not enrolled in the St. Cecilia Choir. Students may choose St. Cecilia Choir for both semesters.

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| <b>SPRING SPORTS (Girls only)</b>                                | <b>St. Cecilia Choir</b>            |
| <b>EXTREME MATH</b>  | <b>Computer Science Discoveries</b> |
| <b>ROBOTICS: Limited Enrollment</b>                              | <b>Popular Music</b>                |
| <b>*BEGINNING BAND (Mr. Frock will accept new Band students)</b> |                                     |

*No 9th period study halls offered on Tuesdays / Fridays.*

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**7th & 8th Grade**

**8<sup>th</sup> period** High School Art 1 is a year-long class that meets M/Tu/W/F. Students who were enrolled in Fall semester are enrolled in the Spring semester.

**MONDAY / WEDNESDAY CLASSES**

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| APPLIED DIGITAL SKILLS | SILENT STUDY HALL      |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION     | FITNESS & CONDITIONING |

**TUESDAY/FRIDAY CLASSES** (No 8th period study halls offered on Tu/Fridays)

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| PHYSICAL EDUCATION                | *ADVANCED BAND (Mr. Frock) (Year long) |
| *MULTIMEDIA/YEARBOOK (Year long)  | MUSICAL THEATER                        |
| FITNESS & CONDITIONING (Sprinkle) |  |

**9<sup>th</sup> period**

**MONDAY / WEDNESDAY CLASSES**

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| VISUAL ART                     | DEBATE                   |
| MAKER LAB (Warren Limited: 12) | SILENT STUDY HALL (Neal) |
| PE                             |                          |

**TUESDAY / FRIDAY CLASSES : No 9th period study halls offered on Tu/Fridays**

**SPRING SPORTS (Franco & Sprinkle)**  
**EXTREME MATH**  
**ROBOTICS: Limited enrollment**  
**BEGINNING BAND (Mr. Frock will accept new students.)**

**ST. CECILIA CHOIR**  
**COMPUTER SCIENCE DISCOVERIES**  
**POPULAR MUSIC**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FLEX CLUBS – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> period**  
**6th, 7th and 8th grade students**

**Flex clubs** are to encourage the exploration of topics of interest to students.

***Mrs. Kasunic: Book Club***

Come and enjoy time in our Informational Hub discussing books of your choice! Flex Time is a great time to relax and immerse yourself in a book of your choosing. We will share titles, plots, and opinions about the books we read.

***Dr. Neal: "Sound Advice:" a Music Listening Club***

Are you ready to expand your playlists? We can offer you some "Sound Advice;" join our club! Let's get together each week and listen to music. Share some of your personal favorites and learn about some new tunes!

***Mrs. Roe: Textile Arts***

Students will learn to crochet, tie dye, latch hook and basketry in this course. There is a \$40 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

***Mrs. Warren: Genealogy Club***

Who do you think you are? Explore the fascinating world of your family history. Utilize research techniques and technology to explore your family's unique story.

***Geo Franco: Basketball Ball-Handling (Spring Semester)***

Are you interested in becoming a better ball handler in basketball? This course will contain drills that will help you become a better dribbler. Open to beginners and experienced basketball players. \* You may take this flex club once per year. If you were in BBBH in the fall, you must select a different Flex Club.

***Clare Sprinkle: BRACKET-ODOLOGY***

Anything and everything you want to know about sports tournament brackets including but not limited to setting up a March Madness 64 team basketball tournament bracket, examining the Dell Match Play golf tournament bracket, and following the NCAA College Baseball Regionals, Super Regionals, and College World Series.

***Jana Tuerff: Tiger Cheer! (Year Long)***

This is a mandatory weekly class for all those students on the STCS Cheer Squad. We meet weekly to practice for performances plus work on cheers, stunting and tumbling. Tiger Cheer is a year long commitment. There are additional fees for Tiger Cheer that are arranged with our Cheer Coach, Jana Tuerff. Go Tigers!

# ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## Art

**High School Art 1/ Intro to Arts (8th period: M, Tu, W, & F)** Students interested in pursuing art at a more advanced level and for high school credit must meet with Ms. Roe for permission to take this class. Selection into this class is a two year commitment in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Successful completion of both years will permit the student to acquire an Art 1 high school credit in our local public schools. There is a \$50.00 fee for the class per year.

**Visual Arts (9th period: M/W)** is a **semester-long** course for middle school students. It is designed as an activity-based course where students receive hands-on experience in the domains of visual arts. This course is an introduction to the principles and elements of design, draftsmanship, painting, three-dimensional art and art history. Students may take one semester of Visual Arts. If you took this course in the Fall semester, you are ineligible to repeat it in the Spring semester.

## Beginning & Advanced Band

### Mr. Frock, Round Rock Academy of Music

The joy of music making is an awesome thing and band is a means to achieve that end. Music is a form of entertainment like no other because it communicates feelings and emotions. There are numerous studies of the effects of music on the neurological system in humans and animals alike found on line. Band is also fun because the student gets to "play" an instrument alongside their friends. That is a very fun thing to be a part of and experience.

Band is a full year class as well as a cumulative process... All first year students must start in the beginning band class. All students as beginners must begin learning the fundamentals and then continue into the advanced band. Though the student activities offered differ from year to year the events can include the Christmas Concert, Solo and Ensemble Contest, a trip to the Soundwaves Festival held at Schlitterbahn Water Park and the Spring Concert.

## Drama

**Debate: (9th period-M/W)** Speech is not required but recommended prior to taking this class. Students will be learning the more formal structures of speaking to inform, speaking to persuade, and developing and refuting arguments in a variety of debate formats. Your words can change the world!

## Extreme Math, The Elective

**Extreme Math: (9th period- Tu/F)** Extreme Math prepares 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to participate in Mathematics competitions and provides enrichment and challenge for talented Math students in a fun and exciting way. We do practice and contest tests, learn mathematics tricks and practice them while playing a game. In this course we will also take one day a week to work on group problems. *There is a \$25.00 fee to help cover the costs of contest entry fees.*

## Music

**St. Cecilia Choir: 9th period - Tu/F semester-long)** The St. Theresa's Catholic School choir will provide music for the weekly school masses. This group will also be able to learn musical and liturgical skills. The musical repertoire of the choir will be tailored to the voice characteristics and developing skills for middle school choirs.

### **Musical Theater Performance: (8th period - Tu/F) LIMITED ENROLLMENT**

Musical Theater Fundamentals is recommended (but not required) before taking Musical Theater Performance. This course will begin with a short review of fundamentals. It will mainly focus on preparing a small production for the end of the spring semester. The Musical Theater Performance course will cover all aspects of producing, acting, directing, and marketing a unique musical revue. The course will culminate with a student-led production in May.

### **Popular Music: (9th period - Tu/F, Semester long)**

Popular music is an overarching genre that is constantly undergoing change. This course will explore what defines music as 'popular' and will focus on popular music from antiquity to modern day. Popular Music class will focus on the interdependency between historical events and popular music and will discuss the influence that religion, politics, and industrialization have on popular music. Students who took Popular Music in the fall will not repeat the class in the spring unless there is availability.

## Physical Education

### **Physical Education (Students may only take one class of PE: 8th period- M/W, 8th period- Tu/F or 9th period, M/W per semester)**

In Physical Education, students acquire the knowledge and skills for movement that provide the foundation for enjoyment, continued social development through physical activity, and access to a physically-active lifestyle. The student exhibits a physically-active lifestyle and understands the relationship between physical activity and health throughout the lifespan. In addition, students will understand in

greater detail the function of the body, learn to measure their own performance more accurately, and develop plans for improvement.

**Fitness and Conditioning (8th period - M/W and Tu/F (Students may take only one class of Fitness & Conditioning per semester)**

There's no better time than now to try a variety of fitness and conditioning workouts to start feeling fit and fabulous! Results come quick, but you won't know unless you try. Get your workout in two days a week. Workouts are 50/50 cardio & strength and different every time. (It's fun too!)

**Co-ed Spring Sports (9th period- Tu/F)**

**Coaches Franco and Sprinkle: Track & Field and Soccer (6th Girls, 7th and 8th Grade elective)**

Students will learn rules, practice skills, explore game strategies, and participate in game scrimmages or competitions related to the sport specific to each term. **Only students participating in STCS extracurricular school sports should apply.**

## Technology

**Applied Digital Skills (8th period-M/W: Semester only)** Practice creativity, digital literacy and problem solving in this class.

This is a project based course that teaches the digital skills needed for high school. Examples of projects may include projects on technology's role in current events, using data and statistics to identify movie trends, building a budget and financial plan, identifying credible sources and planning and managing an event.

**Computer Science Discoveries: (9th Period: Tu/F)** *The course takes a wide lens on computer science by covering topics such as programming, problem solving, and HTML/CSS/JavaScript. Students engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun.*

**Maker Lab / Passion Project (9th Period: M/W Semester only)** This course will provide an introduction to the tools, materials, and maker culture associated with the STCS Makerspace/Robotics Lab. Students will learn design thinking and will complete projects and challenges using the tools/materials in the Makerspace. **Limited enrollment**

**MultiMedia / Digital Arts / Yearbook (Year long: 8th period: Tu/F)** Students gain skills in the following areas: digital photography, videography, page design, advanced publishing techniques, copy writing and editing while producing a creative, innovative yearbook which records school memories and events. Participants gain useful, real world skills in time management, marketing, teamwork, and design principles. **Limited enrollment.**

**Robotics (9th period- Tu/F Semester for 6th grade students or Year long for 7th and 8th grade students)** Robotics is a course for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students which provides an introduction to programming and building robots using the LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 kits. The curriculum module is designed to teach core computer programming logic and reasoning skills using a robotics engineering context. Students will complete a sequence of projects organized around key robotics and programming concepts. Additional robotics, including microbits, sphero, Cozmo, etc. will be utilized depending on student interest. Students who took Robotics last year will have the opportunity to work on independent exploration of intermediate and advanced robotics concepts. **Limited enrollment.**

## STCS Graduate Profile

*A graduate of St. Theresa Catholic School has engaged in academic, service, and faith experiences that have cultivated his/her intellectual talents and spiritual gifts provided by God for the purposes of personal fulfillment, contributing to the well-being of others, and fulfilling his/her personal calling ordained by God.*

**Students graduating from STCS will satisfy core class criteria incorporating guidelines provided by TCCED and STCS.**

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| • Religion         | 3 years | • Language Arts  | 3 years |
| • Math             | 3 years | • Social Studies | 3 years |
| • Science          | 3 years |                  |         |
| • Foreign Language | 3 years |                  |         |

*Students graduating from STCS will satisfy elective criteria incorporating guidelines provided by TCCED EB. We utilize an alternate scheduling matrix to fulfill PE requirements over the course of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS:** *Middle school elective requirements are 2 PE credits and 4 credits from other elective areas including Art, Band, Drama, Music, Robotics and Technology. Students satisfy 1 ART, 1 DRAMA, 1 MUSIC and 1 TECHNOLOGY credits. One semester of an elective class is equal to .5 credit in the subject area.*

## Silent Study Halls: M/W; 8th period and 9th period

**Study Hall Guidelines and Expectations:** Students enrolled in Study Hall are in need of the quiet time to work productively and complete their assignments and study for tests and quizzes. **These classes are silent and do not apply credits toward graduation requirements.**

In order to ensure a productive study experience for the students the following guidelines will be followed:

1. All study halls are silent, there will be **NO TALKING OF ANY KIND** without permission from the teacher.
2. No group work will be done during study hall, all cooperative work will happen in the classroom under the teachers' supervision.
3. No food or gum chewing is allowed in study hall.
4. Students who have a pass may visit another teacher during this period for academic support.
5. All students using computers must log into the classroom monitoring system for the class. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of computer privileges for that period.
6. Students who exhibit talking, disruptive behavior, and/or fail to follow the guidelines of the class will be subject to the discipline policy and will be referred to Mr. Arellano, Dean of Students. Repeated infractions will be dealt with according to the discipline policy.
7. Students should be actively engaged in study during this class period and should enter the class with materials needed for their assignments. Students who repeatedly arrive to class unprepared, have no assignments to work on, or show no efforts toward active study will be referred to Mrs. Spurlin for guided study hall intervention.
8. Mrs. Spurlin will notify parents and homebase teachers that students have been referred for study hall guidance. Together they will create a plan for the study hall period and parents will be notified. If students continue to exhibit no need for study hall and/or guided study time, they will be placed in another elective class.

**Carefully consider these guidelines when you are making your elective selections.**