

**Hall Middle School
7th/8th Grade Elective Options
2017/18**

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Please select four elective options from the following list, ranked #1 - 4, with #1 and #2 as your top two choices, and #3 and #4 as your alternates.

#1 _____

#3 _____

#2 _____

#4 _____

7th/8th Grade Studio Art: In this course, students will have the opportunity to further develop their technical skills as well as their personal style of making art through in-depth projects. They will learn how to create art using a wide range of materials, techniques, and processes, including drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, and sculpture. Students will also create an 'altered book' to record their processes and to challenge themselves as artists. The skills students learn in this class will strengthen their ability to communicate visually and build on what they have learned in previous art classes.

7th/8th Leadership: [Requires application and teacher recommendation] Students will plan and lead activities that include assemblies, lunchtime activities, and student recognition programs. They develop and implement a budget that meets their goals and carry out school-wide fundraisers to support the many programs for students at the school. Students will also promote school spirit and develop leadership skills. *Student Council Officers are required to enroll in this course.*

Advanced Band: This course is designed for students who played an instrument in 6th & 7th grade. The class is open to students who play flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, trombone, french horn and percussion. Students will learn many musical concepts including melody, rhythm, articulation, dynamics, intonation, sight-reading, posture, blend, listening, project based learning, and composition. Students will perform throughout the year.

Advanced Chorus: Open to 7th and 8th grade students who wish to improve their vocal technique, sight reading and ear training skills. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of repertoire and will have performance opportunities both on and off campus. Requires additional dates outside of the school day for community performances.

Digital Art: In this 7/8 year-long class, students will explore many ways to create artwork using digital tools. Students will learn to use a digital tablet to draw and paint in the computer, draw using vector based tools, create simple 2D animation, sculpt in 3D virtual clay, and manipulate digital images. Please note that while we primarily use computers to create our work, this is an

ART class, and as such we will study art history, critique, and examine the very meaning of what it means to be an artist.

Digital Design & Yearbook: [Requires application and teacher recommendation] The main focus of this 7/8 year-long elective class is to produce the Hall yearbook. This class requires motivation and self-initiation on the part of each student, and will require time outside of class to photo document the many activities our student body participate in each year. Along the way, students will learn ways of becoming effective at visual communication. Topics will include the principles of design, typography, iconography, layout and composition, color theory and more.

Innovation Lab: This 7th-8th grade year long elective class exposes students to new trends in technology. Course topics will include 3D model design and production; robotics and coding; electronic schematics and model building; network design and gaming production; advanced audio / video production techniques; campus device acquisition and support. Come be part of the future. Come join the Innovation Lab!

Introduction to Programming: This 7/8 year long elective course focuses on elementary computer program design. Students are exposed to introductory programming concepts in the 2d and 3d programming environments Scratch and Alice.

Spanish 1: This is a full-year class where we will learn most of the High Frequency vocabulary words and basic grammatical structures in Spanish. The vocabulary includes but it's not limited to: likes & dislikes, leisure activities, describing ourselves and others, the school, food and healthy living, going places, around the house etc. The grammar includes the present tense, articles, pronouns, sentence structures etc. Students will learn to communicate using simple sentences and dialogues.

Spanish 2: This full-year class we will focus on developing fluency and more in-depth understanding of the language. We will also continue expanding our vocabulary and grammar knowledge. This class will review the concepts learned in Spanish 1 and expand the grammatical concepts to include the present progressive, preterite and some imperfect. Students will also learn to use the object and reflexive pronouns. The vocabulary includes but it's not limited to: going shopping and buying for self and others, going on vacation and helping in the community.

Upon the completion of Spanish 1 and Spanish 2, the students will have completed the first year of high school level Spanish in the Tamalpais High School District.

Teacher Assistant: [Requires application and teacher recommendation] This is an opportunity for students to assist in a classroom or in the office. This is only available with special permission and a prior approval from the teacher or the office.