

## ART



This course engages students in the exploration of multiple art forms through the California State VAPA strands. The focus of the class is on the elements of art (line, shape/form, space, texture, value and color). Students learn various art techniques including painting, sculpting clay, drawing, and more. Creativity is a theme tying all projects together. This is a one semester exploratory art course. A \$20 contribution/donation is requested to assist in cost of art supplies and materials.

## GOMS Music Electives (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Concert Band** is a year-long class designed for all brass, woodwind, and percussion students. This is a performance-based class. All students are accepted.

**Orchestra** is a year-long class open for all string students (violin, cello, viola and bass). This is a performance-based class. All students accepted.

**Guitar Lab** is a semester-long class with a focus on fundamental guitar skills. Acoustic and electric guitars are provided. This is a non-performance-based class. No experience is necessary.

## GOMS Music Electives (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Symphonic Band** is a year-long class for all brass, woodwind and percussion students. This is a performance-based class. Previous experience required. This class takes place during 0 period (7-7:50 a.m.)



**Orchestra** is a year-long class open for all string students (violin, cello, viola, and bass). This is a performance-based class. All students accepted.



**Guitar Lab** is a semester-long class with a focus on fundamental guitar skills. Acoustic and electric guitars are provided. This is a non-performance based class. No experience is necessary.

## PUBLICATIONS

The Granite Oaks Publications course is designed to provide students with the journalism skills necessary for the production of the school yearbook and the online school publication, *The Bird's Eye View*. Units of study include media awareness, researching, reporting, writing, editing, photography, graphic design and distribution. A strong commitment to publications is required in order to make an outstanding yearbook. As "reporters", students will be expected to cover extra-curricular events after school, work independently, and be able to honor deadlines.

## EXPLORATORY SPANISH

This course is an introduction to the Spanish language, culture, and history. This one-semester course will introduce the student to basic conversational Spanish. Students will gain the necessary skills to appreciate the Spanish language through grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and daily class participation. To reinforce what is being learned, students will participate in games, do group activities, have daily warm ups and complete art projects. You do not need to take Exploratory Spanish in order to take Spanish I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## SPANISH I (HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT)

**\*Exploratory Spanish is not required to take Spanish I.**

Spanish I is a year-long course designed so that the student will study vocabulary, have a basic mastery of regular verb conjugations in the present tense, and be able to answer basic questions. In addition, students will develop a stronger cultural awareness, which is an essential aspect of learning a language. It is our hope

that students will learn to converse with their basic Spanish rather than focusing only on the rules that govern Spanish grammar.

Classroom activities will include paired and group activities, storytelling, translations, games, videos, presentations, art related projects, daily warm-ups, book work exercises, and tests. This course uses the essential skills required by Rocklin and Whitney High School.

**Prerequisite:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 3.5 GPA or higher.

**Note:** Upon completion of Spanish I, 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be placed in Advanced Spanish II at Rocklin High School and Spanish II at Whitney High School.



## MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY



Manufacturing Technology, (Man Tech) is an exploratory class that introduces and builds important life skills and allows students to craft with their hands. Both hand and select power tools are utilized to build up to four projects within this shop-style class. Hammers, hand saws, cordless drills, and band saws are just a few of the tools that you will learn to use in this manufacturing technology course.

A donation of \$15 is requested to cover consumable materials.

## ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY

Designed for students that want to take their manufacturing technology skills to the next level, Advanced Manufacturing Technology students will design and build larger and more intricate projects. More advanced techniques and tools will be used in this class such as wood lathes, the table saw, and CNC routers.

Prerequisite: Students must pass Manufacturing Technology with an A or B and have teacher approval. Space is limited

A donation of \$15 is requested to cover consumable materials.

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

In alignment with the National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences, this introductory course aims to enrich students' lives through a variety of project-based learning experiences. It acquaints students with the career pathways connected to Clothing and Textiles, as well as Foods and Nutrition. In-class learning activities allow students to develop life-enriching skills, while showcasing their creativity and individuality. Our curriculum also provides a basis to pursue culinary courses in high school. Students will use classroom sewing equipment to design and construct their own unique products. During their study of food science and nutrition, students will prepare, and taste test an assortment of foods. Students are requested to contribute a \$20.00 donation toward consumable lab materials.

## EXPLORATORY COMPUTER SCIENCE

This is an introduction to computer science and coding by way of programming, design, and "making" (creative design and development as related to computer science). Students will be given opportunities to explore concepts and build their understanding through a variety of physical activities and online lessons. The goal is to develop a common foundation upon which all students in the class can construct their knowledge of computer science concepts, regardless of prior experience in this subject.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE I

Computer Science I continues to build on topics explored in Exploratory Computer Science. In CSI, students will further explore the problem-solving process, programming concepts, web design, and "making" (creative design and development as related to computer science). Students will work through a series of in-class, project-based activities to learn about Design Thinking, physical computing (Arduino and Raspberry Pi microprocessors), robotics, along with app and game development. Students will also have access to 3D printers for "maker" projects.

**Prerequisite:** Exploratory Computer Science, enrollment in STEM, or teacher approval.

## MEDIA ARTS

The Media Arts course is designed to introduce students to basic photography, video production, and animation. Students will have fun exploring and developing their creative expression through a series of short projects exploring cellphone photography, digital storytelling (video production), and animation. Each student will have their own Adobe Creative Cloud account for the semester. The account allows access to Adobe's entire suite of applications and project files both at school and at home.

# Electives

2023-2024



Jay Holmes, Principal  
Ron Anaya, Assistant Principal  
Linda Marcarian, Counselor  
Tressa Lindsey-Anderson, Counselor

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**"A National Blue Ribbon School"**

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Granite Oaks Middle School, a leader in collaborative and dynamic learning, is to inspire all students to develop their unique abilities with a well-balanced, quality educational experience through high academic standards and diverse extra curricular opportunities strengthened by engagement with our families and community.