## LOGOS SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER ELECTIVES 2018-19

**Annual** – Mrs. Gwen Spencer (10 students) – Students will learn digital photography and the basics of page design. These skills will be used to produce the Logos Annual using the yearbook software online. The school has a limited number of computers for student use. It is preferable that students use their own personal laptop with wireless capability. There are a limited number of digital cameras owned by the school if a student does not have access to one.

**Beginning French** – Mrs. Kari Christophersen (12 students). This course will introduce the basics of the French language to secondary students with no previous background. Students will learn French vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, culture, and of course, conversation.

**Boys Basketball** – Dr. Stephenson  $(9^{th}-12^{th} \text{ grade boys}, 12-14 \text{ students})$  – For competitive athletes who want to improve in the fundamentals of the game. Class begins at 8:00 AM. Each athlete will need to supply his own ball.

**College Prep** - Mr. Loren Euhus (9-12th grades, 24 students) – This class will be in two parts. In the first quarter, students will prepare for the college admissions exams (PSAT, SAT, ACT, and CLT). After the PSAT in mid-October, the students will prepare for college by researching different universities and learning about admissions, majors, scholarships, etc. We will have several guest speakers and a local field trip or two.

**Computer Programming** - Mr. Mike Hewitt (12 students) - Students will learn to design and create computer programs through a variety of projects such as a Morse code generator, a Pig Latin translator, a spell checker, a maze generator, a tic-tac-toe algorithm and others. Lecture topics will include the impact of computers on society, what computers can and cannot do, and binary representations of information. Required materials: Curiosity, imagination, laptop (Mac or Windows with WiFi).

**Conditioning** – Boys: Mr. Nick Holloway (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade boys, 30 students) & Girls: Mrs. Kelly Driskill (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls, 30 students) – These classes focus on improving the strength and quickness of our athletes. Class begins at 8:00 AM.

**Dante** – Mrs. Trude Marston (11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, 24 students) – This elective will focus on the Purgatorio and Paradiso sections of Dante's Divine Comedy, rather than the Inferno which was covered last year. For students new to this epic, a cursory reading of the Inferno will be helpful, but not necessary. Junior and senior status is required due to Dante's heavy use of classical allusions. Students are required to buy their own books, Musa translation, available used from former students, used book dealers, and new on Amazon. The Divine Comedy consistently ranks at the top end of the world's most influential literature; it is worth reading, and even more worth discussing.

**Drawing** – Mrs. Jessica Evans (12 students, \$15 materials fee) – Beginning with the basics students will learn drawing techniques with emphasis on the elements of art, composition, and rendering accurately. *Great for those planning to take the oil painting elective in the spring*. Come ready with a high-quality handheld pencil sharpener.

**Economic Thinking and Theory** –Mr. Tim Nadreau (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, 20 students) – Economics is an everyday part of all of our lives, but it is woefully misunderstood. In this class we will be introducing the students to consumer and producer theory, and market determination of prices, as well as how governments align and distort those markets. The goal is to enable students to analyze markets and policies through a structured, logical, and economic framework.

**Foundations in Personal Finance** – Mr. Greg Dickison (24 students) – An anonymous donor has made available Dave Ramsey's Financial Literacy curriculum again this year. This class will set students on a path to win with money, allowing them to change the way they look at money forever. They will be empowered, equipped and entertained while building confidence in their own financial decision-making.

**Internship** – Mrs. Rebekah Merkle (seniors only) – Seniors should refer to the Senior Course Options (logosschool.com) for more information on this elective option. This elective does not meet during the normal elective times.

**Keyboarding** – Mrs. Mackenzie Miller (15 students) – This is a beginning typing course. It is highly recommended for junior high school students and others who cannot type.

Latin Tutor – Mrs. Danae Harlow – This elective is for new students who are beginning their Latin studies as well as

more experienced students who need additional instruction and practice in order to be successful in their current Latin class.

**Music** – Mr. Aaron Snell – (*Required for JH students with last names that start with A-L in the fall and M-Z in the spring*. Open to HS students as well.) – We will be preparing a variety of musical pieces for several performance opportunities. We will also be building upon our knowledge of music theory and history as we seek to glorify God in all we sing.

**Pre-Algebra/Algebra I Tutor** - Mrs. Hewitt (7th - 10th grade, 12 students) -- In this class we will start with upper elementary topics that historically are more challenging to master and move quickly into explanation and practice of Pre-Algebra and Algebra I topics. We will also prepare for tests and help with homework as time allows. This class would be good for anyone wanting extra review and practice with Pre-Algebra and Algebra I concepts.