



# LOGOS

## Electives, 8th-9th grade, Spring 2025

*General Information: These electives meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during 6th period. All students must take two electives per year - one each semester. Electives are worth ½ credit, graded Excellent/Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, and do not affect GPA. 7th graders take choir during spring semester.*

**Creative Writing** - *Paul DeGoes* - This class is designed for students who love writing and are eager to hone their skills through active participation. The focus of the class is threefold: writing mechanics, the elements of a story (both taught via interactive lecture), and the practice of writing (workshops and independent writing). Bring your incomplete, your wild, your inchoate ideas, and forge them into the stuff of gaffer's tales. Bring a notebook and pencil.

**Beginning Cross-stitch** - *Alida Craig* - This class is an introduction to the art of cross-stitching. You'll learn about the history of cross-stitching, the type of fabric you'll use, how to prepare it, and how to do the stitches. The first project we work on will be the same for everyone in order to learn the fundamentals. The next project will be the student's choice. All of the materials for the first project will be provided.

**Dialectic Art (Fundamentals of Drawing)** - *Kimberly Swait* - Fundamentals of Drawing is a course designed to teach students the seven elements of art and how to apply them in drawing. Exposure to different mediums and subjects will help students gain a variety of skills. The mediums used will include pencil, pen, colored pencil, and oil pastels. *\$20 material fee*

**Chess** - *Caleb Courtney* - This semester's chess elective will merge lessons about the history of chess with tactics. Students will learn about the development of chess through modern history, beginning in the 1600s through to modern day, and how events in history affected the game of kings. Throughout the semester, students will deepen their understanding of tactics as well, learning to think critically and simplify concepts in complex positions to help make logical decisions over the board.

**Keyboarding** - *Andy Carlson* - Students aim to become more proficient at the skill of typing by progressing through online typing lessons using a class set of Chromebooks. Pacing is individualized since students start from various levels of experience. Basic formatting will also be taught and a major goal is that students leave the class better able to efficiently complete their impending research papers.

## ***Zero Period Electives***

These courses occur prior to the start of the school day and are *in addition* to the electives taught during 6th period, not *instead of* a 6th period elective.

**Conditioning, 6:30-7:30 AM, M-F** - *Nick Holloway - 8th-12th graders only.* The goal of the Logos conditioning elective is to produce God-glorifying, excellent athletes who are quick, strong, fast, and mentally and spiritually tough. This is accomplished through plyometrics, weight training, jump training, sprinting, and any other activities that will bring about this excellent athlete.

**Athletic Training, 7-8 AM, TU/TH** - *Andrew Becker - 9th-12th graders only.* Athletics are a wonderful gift from God to be used to learn to excel, to grow in self-discipline, and to glorify God. But as we are active, we often sustain injuries. This elective will help teach students to prevent, recognize, evaluate, treat, and rehabilitate athletic injuries. Our focus for the Fall Semester was a lot of hands-on skills and students had many opportunities to practice taping techniques while the Spring Semester includes a lot of hands-on learning with the addition of therapeutic modalities. There is a *\$25 fee* associated with this elective to cover the cost of taping supplies.