

**Weston Christian Academy  
Spring Elective Registration Form  
Middle School  
2011-2012**

**Office Use Only**

\_\_\_\_\_ Received

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Time

The Spring Elective Registration guide is being provided to help students and parents understand the various electives that Weston Christian Academy is offering our middle school students. Please review the following pages and select your first, second and third choice for the spring elective. The Fine Arts classes are year-long courses and will remain the same for the spring term.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd elective choices for the Spring Semester. Course descriptions are on following pages.**

**Elective**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Steel Pan Band (Tuesday and Thursday afterschool)

**Parent Signature/Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:**

- ❖ Students may not sign up for a course number they have already taken.
- ❖ Registration deadline is no later than **January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be assigned an elective on a first come, first served basis.
- ❖ **All courses are subject to change.**

## ELECTIVES/FINE ARTS

All middle school students at WCA are allowed to choose from the following Electives and Fine Arts courses. A total of .5 credit hour must be chosen for an Elective and 1.0 credit hour for Fine Arts. All Elective and Fine Arts courses will be held from 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM twice a week. Students will have one course Mondays and Thursdays and the other course Tuesdays and Fridays. Please be sure to note which days your course is being offered to avoid a scheduling conflict. Below is a chart that summarizes what is offered and on what day it will be given. Fine Arts Courses are yearlong and are shown below in *italics*. Students may not choose 2 Elective courses for the same semester

### 2011-2012 Spring Electives and Fine Arts Courses

<i>Monday/Thursday Courses</i>	<i>Tuesday/Friday Courses</i>
Library Assistant	Library Assistant
Latin	Portfolio II
Lifestyle Recreation	Spring Sports and Recreation
Multimedia Technologies I, II, III, or IV	<i>Praise Band</i>
Musical Theatre	<i>Chorus</i>
Painting and Design	<i>Intermediate/Advanced Band</i>
Steel Pan Band (Tues. & Thurs. afterschool)	
Independent Studies	
<i>Beginning Band</i>	

**Title:** Library Assistant

**Course #:** LA01

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to teach students the Biblical truths of serving others by allowing them to spend a semester assisting in the library. Students will learn skills in running the library, including but not limited to checking books in and out, processing the books, and how to maintain the library. This course will be limited to 2 students per semester and will be based on teacher referral.

**Days Offered:** M, Th & T, F

**Grade:** 6 – 8

**Credit:** 0.5

**Title:** Latin I

**Course #:** LAT01

**Prerequisite:** Must have been in Latin in the Fall

**Description:** An introduction to classical Latin for students with limited or no prior knowledge of the language, the purpose of this course is to give a foundation in Latin grammar and vocabulary. Readings from Latin authors supplement instruction in grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. This course will also acquaint the student with the everyday life of the Roman man-in-the-street. It will start a journey as big as your imagination, with a passport to some of the world's most exciting places.

**Days Offered:** M, Th

**Grade:** 6 - 8

**Credit:** 0.5

**Title: Lifestyle Recreation** **Days Offered: M, Th**  
**Course #: LR01** **Grade: 6 – 8** **Credit: 0.5**  
**Prerequisite: None**

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to provide students the opportunity to learn various “lifestyle activities” that they may engage in throughout the rest of their adolescent and adult life. Our society is becoming overly sedentary and most of our recreation is via television screen, computer monitor, or some other electronic media. This class will equip students with a variety of simple games that can be played either at their homes or at a park, without much setup. The students will apply these activities towards understanding and developing a plan to maintain lifetime wellness as noted in I Corinthians 6:19-20. “Do you not know your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...honor God with your body.”

**Title: Multimedia Technologies I, II, III or IV** **Days Offered: M, Th**  
**Course #: MT01, MT02, MT03 or MT04** **Grade: 7 - 8** **Credit: 0.5**  
**Prerequisite: Required course for Chapel Tech Team**  
**Faculty recommendation required**  
**Computer Applications**

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop basic knowledge of visual and non-visual communication using multimedia production process and event planning. Students will also develop the knowledge and competency to conceive and create moving images (video) on a pre-professional level, learn the basics of running both sound and lighting consoles, as well as the mechanics of running a multimedia visual presentation. Students also learn the basics of digital photography and editing, and clay animation. Students taking this class will be responsible for preparing and facilitating chapels, programs, and other special events. An emphasis will be placed on fostering excellence and doing all things to glorify God.

**Title: Musical Theatre** **Days Offered: M, Th**  
**Course #: MT001** **Grade: 6 - 8** **Credit: 0.5**  
**Prerequisite: Drama I**  
**Faculty recommendation required**

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to develop in the student an interest in musical theatre. Students will learn to become more aware of their senses, observe people and places more closely, and move expressively. Students will learn to use their gifts and talents to communicate the message of the gospel and other Scriptural truths through drama. They will be introduced to basic acting skills such as improvisation, characterization, role preparation, and stage movement, and will be guided through the production process from casting to performance. Students in this class will be auditioning for and participating in the Spring Musical. Students MUST have had Drama I.

**Title: Painting and Design** **Days Offered: M, Th**  
**Course #: PD01** **Grade: 6 - 8** **Credit: 0.5**  
**Prerequisite: Portfolio II**

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to develop in the student an interest in painting and design. Students will apply and expand these skills as they explore new artists. We will apply their design techniques to our own creative painting and design styles. Students will develop a greater sense of value in the eyes of the Lord as they learn to exemplify the signature of His masterpiece in their own creations. – Genesis 2:7

**Title:** Independent Studies **Days Offered:** M, Th  
**Course #:** IS01 **Grade:** 6 - 8 **Credit:** 0.5

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to provide a quiet environment for students to independently study and complete their homework. This course will help provide extra time for students who are committed to outside activities or for students wanting to complete their work prior to the end of the school day. Computers will be available for students to use.

**Title:** Portfolio II **Days Offered:** T, F  
**Course #:** PORT2 **Grade:** 6 - 8 **Credit:** 0.5

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** This course is the second part of Portfolio I. Students will be exploring a more in depth study of a broad range of media. They will continue the process using their God given talents to create a culmination of artworks on a computer CD. Exodus 35:35 states: He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or a designer.

**Title:** Spring Sports and Recreation **Days Offered:** T, F  
**Course #:** PED02 **Grade:** 6 - 8 **Credit:** 0.5

**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop knowledge and skills in selected sports (basketball, hockey, & softball) and recreational activities to maintain and improve general health and fitness. Content includes but is not limited to: safety rules, terminology, skill building, officiating, and sportsmanship. Selected health related topics will be introduced throughout the semester focusing on the concept of lifetime wellness; through this students will learn to glorify God by developing health and fitness knowledge and skills that can be utilized throughout their lifetime.

**Title:** Steel Pan Band **Days Offered:** T, Th (3:00-4:00 p.m.)  
**Course #:** SPB01 **Grade:** 6 - 8 **Credit:** 0.5

**Prerequisite:** Faculty recommendation required

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to encourage students to worship God by playing the steel drums. Students will receive instruction from a professional, published percussionist and will have the opportunity to play on several custom made steel drums. Students will focus on ear training and music reading skills that are developed through solo repertoire as well as ensemble playing. Classroom topics include the study of musical notation and symbols, the performance of simple melodies and rhythm combinations, as well as the history and culture around the steel drums.

## Fine Arts

**Title:** Praise Band **Days Offered:** T, F  
**Course #:** PB001 **Grade:** 6 - 8 **Credit:** 1.0  
**Prerequisite:** None

**Students must audition for this elective.**

**Description:** The purpose of this course is for students who play instruments, sing, and have a desire to lead worship, to praise God while leading worship in Chapel. Students will focus on blending instruments; learning to play and sing by ear; understanding stage presence; playing fills, rhythms and leads as well as harmonizing. A variety of styles of Christian music will be performed. Students who lead worship will be expected to maintain a lifestyle that strives to honor God daily both in and out of class. This class will require daily practice outside of class.

**Title:** Chorus **Days Offered:** T, F  
**Course #:** CHO01 **Grade:** 6-8 **Credit:** 1.0  
**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to offer students an opportunity to develop skills in vocal music while using their God-given gifts to honor and glorify Him. This course will introduce students to the basic fundamentals of choral singing. The repertoire includes choral literature of various styles, cultures, and periods. Students will participate in assorted chapels as well as at least one fine arts performance per semester.

**Title:** Beginning Band **Days Offered:** M, Th  
**Course #:** BEGBND **Grade:** 6 - 8 **Credit:** 1.0  
**Prerequisite:** None

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to develop musicianship skills in band and instrumental ensembles. Emphasis will be placed on development of skills in reading music notation, music theory and composition, and performance techniques. The students will become worshippers and with their musical instruments they will Praise and Glorify God.

**Title:** Intermediate/Advanced Band **Days Offered:** T, F  
**Course #:** INTBND **Grade:** 6 - 8 **Credit:** 1.0  
**Prerequisite:** Beginning Band

**Description:** The purpose of this course is to continue to develop musicianship skills in band and instrumental ensembles. Emphasis will be placed on development of skills in reading music notation, music theory and composition, and performance techniques. "The students will become worshippers and with their musical instruments they will Praise and Glorify God." Note: Instrument required (rentals available through Music Tech Studios\*)

### Note

\* Band instruments may be rented from: Music Tech Studios, Inc., 18249 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL, (954) 447-8554