<u>**Caution: Artist at Work**</u> (Trimesters 1 and 3 only)
Love art? Enjoy drawing, painting, sculpting? Appreciate being creative, and want to express yourself through art every week? Want to learn more about famous artists and their artistic style? This course includes a brief study of art history and in depth studies of the elements, media, and methods used in creative processes of visual art. This class offers an introduction to the wide range of styles, materials, and techniques in the visual arts. This class presents basic terms and techniques of art, as well as major art movements.

<u>**A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words**</u> (Trimester 2 only)
Love photography? Enjoy digital design? Want to help archive an entire school year's memories? In this elective students will complete the impressive tasks necessary to create a quality yearbook that reflects the numerous, exciting activities and events for the school year. These tasks include layout and design techniques, writing and editing text, and headlines and picture captions. Students will learn strategies of planning, marketing (yearbook sales), and distribution of the yearbook. Students compose, construct, and edit all elements of computerized text layout, graphic art, and digital photography. If you love documenting through pictures, this is the elective for you!

<u>**Outdoor Skills**</u>
Study and application of knowledge and skills common to most outdoor activities, and ways in which such skills can be integrated in school. Practical outdoor knots, map and compass, sheltering strategies, outdoor emergencies, safety procedures, minimal impact techniques, and outdoor team building will be shared.

<u>**Creative Writing**</u>
Future writers of America, this is the class for you! Enjoy writing stories, poems, or plays? Take your writing to the next level (and publish your very own document) during this elective.

<u>**Study Skills**</u>
Designed to help students achieve academic greatness in learning by giving them extra, guided study time to complete work from other classes. This elective will assist students on how to become effective learners and manage their own learning. Priority will be given to teacher-recommended students.

<u>**Technology in the 21st Century**</u>
Blog! Create a website! Record a podcast! Learn the foundations for building your own app! Explore the Internet safely while expanding your knowledge of technology. Sign up for Tech21 and build your future!

<u>**Band**</u>
Band includes the basic elements of music playing skills and introduction to band literature. Band is considered an exploratory course that provides an opportunity for students to develop performance skills in preparation for concerts, with emphasis on music theory, interpretation, and improved technical proficiency.

Things to consider before selecting electives:

1. Most of the electives will be offered every trimester. If you don't get your first choice for Trimester 1, there is a good chance you will still get it in Trimester 2 or 3.
2. **Study Skills** is a teacher-recommended elective. Students will be placed in this elective during Trimester 1.
3. If you choose **Band**, you will be placed in that elective every trimester.
4. **A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words** is only offered during Trimester 2. If you choose this elective, you will have to dedicate time to the yearbook during Trimester 1 and 3 in the form of after school meetings as has been done in previous years. Please keep that in mind if you select this elective.
5. **Caution: Artist at Work** will only be offered Trimesters 1 and 3.
6. We will do our best to place you in the electives you choose, however, keep in mind you may not get all of your choices.

Steps to choosing electives:

1. Review the description of the electives that will be offered in 2015-16.
2. Choose your top four (4) electives. (You will be placed in three.)
3. On the lines below, prioritize them in order of importance.
4. Record questions or comments you may have.

Name: _____   Grade in 2015-16: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

4th Choice: _____

Questions/Comments: