

Montross Middle School 8th Grade Elective Classes

Art

Art 8 varies from year to year. Some years students "travel" around the world exploring the art of different cultures such as China, Japan, Australia, etc. This allows students to try calligraphy, mask making, and origami. In other years, students use what they know best already, the alphabet, to discover different types of art that exist, other than just drawing.

Band

During the 8th grade year, the focus is on continuing development of musical and instrumental skills and an ensemble performance. MMS Band students participate in a variety of activities including school and local concerts, the Area Band Festival, All-Area Honor Band, and an annual Spring trip.

Chorus

In chorus, students will learn the basics of vocal technique, music reading, and sight-singing. They will study and sing a variety of styles of music. At least two required evening performances will be held throughout the school year. Appropriate concert attire is required for these performances.

Family and Consumer Science

Family and Consumer Sciences in 8th grade is one of the middle school Family and Consumer Sciences courses that provides a foundation for managing individual, family, career, and community roles and responsibilities. In 8th grade FACS, students focus on their individual roles in the community as well as how the community influences individual development. Students develop change-management and conflict-resolution skills and examine how global concerns affect communities. In addition, students enhance their knowledge of nutrition and wellness practices and learn how to maximize consumer and family resources. The course helps students apply textile, fashion, and apparel concepts to their daily lives and provides background on the stages of early childhood development as related to childcare.

Grade 8 Theatre Arts (Drama)

Students will acquire the technical and artistic knowledge and skills necessary for expressive dramatic performance. They will learn to think and act creatively by using originality, flexibility, and imagination when solving problems individually and in a group.