

Section Two – School Operation

Activities

ACTIVITIES

Activities are a part of the school program and curriculum. Activity programs include various clubs, service projects, yearbook, etc. Some activities are mandatory; others are optional. Students and parents are expected to approach these elective classes as seriously as any other academic subjects. Discontinuance of any elective subject during the school year will be discouraged. Since all elective subjects are a part of the overall curriculum of the school, teacher/administration approval must be sought by the parents. The availability of specific activities varies at each campus.

LIBRARY

Students in grades K-4 will have a library period each week during which they will be encouraged to take out books. Books may be kept out for one to two weeks and may be renewed once.

MUSIC

Besides regular required classroom instruction in vocal and choral music, music theory, and music appreciation, elective instrumental music lessons in piano and voice may also be available. A charge for these elective lessons and for materials will be borne by the student. Parents should indicate their interest at the time of registration. Bell choir instruction (as an elective) may be offered in grades five through eight. A prerequisite for participation is musical aptitude, knowledge in music theory, and approval by music teacher. If the bell choir elective is offered, no fee for bell choir lessons will be charged.

DRAMA

A drama class during certain times of the school year may be offered for students in grades five through eight. The objective of this class is the preparation of a play or musical. This elective activity will be directed by teachers with the assistance of parents whenever the need arises.

FIELD TRIPS (required)

Educational field trips are taken by each grade during the school year. The trips are always related to an area of study in the classroom and provide enrichment for the curriculum and child. Permission slips will be sent home to the parents, which have to be signed and returned to the classroom teacher no later than two days before the field trip takes place. A child is not permitted to participate in the field trip without parental permission. Parents may be asked to be chaperones and to provide transportation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (required)

All students must participate in the physical education program unless excused by written request of a physician in compliance with State Education Requirements. All students must wear a BCS gym T-shirt, BCS sweatshirt (optional during warm weather), BCS athletic gym pants, BCS shorts (before Oct. 15 and after May 1), socks and sneakers.

RECESS

All students are expected to participate in recess unless a written excuse from the parent is submitted to the classroom teacher indicating illness or physical infirmity and length of excusable time.

OTHER

From time to time additional activities may be added, either of a permanent or temporary nature. In some of these activities, participation will be mandatory, while in others it will be optional.