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Dear Junior High Parents,

For those of you who may be new to having students in Junior High at St. Joseph School, we would like to share a bit about the process for elective classes as well as how we determine 8th grade class lists.

Not every Catholic school Junior High program offers elective classes, but we find them to be very beneficial for our students. To start, we offer a brief mission statement and some key points that clarify how our electives process works.

Mission Statement:

The mission for elective classes in junior high is to give all students an opportunity to explore a variety of courses. We hope to provide an environment of opportunity, socialization and enrichment learning experiences for all during their junior high years.

We would also like to make sure everyone understands that some electives will run quarterly and some will run by semester. In addition, electives do not count toward GPA and/or honor roll.

A current list of the 2020-2021 elective courses are not *yet* available due to new teacher hires. However, to give you an idea, in the past we have offered courses such as the Junior High musical, physics, multicultural, computer coding, running club, chemistry, nutrition, classic games, Spanish to name a few.

At the beginning of each semester, students will be given an opportunity to rank electives they are interested in joining. We do ask that students refrain from signing up for an elective they have previously taken, as part of our mission is to provide students an opportunity to explore a variety of courses throughout their junior high years. Also, we ask that each student take at least one computer course and one Spanish course throughout their time at Saint Joseph Catholic School. Taking into consideration students' interests and needs we aim to place them where we think they will be most successful.

In regards to class lists, each year, teachers carefully take into consideration ability levels, behaviors and personalities when determining how to divide classes for the coming year. A goal of the junior high is to provide students with multiple 'mixes' throughout their days, rather than the stationary groupings they may have experienced during their K-6 years.

Please keep in mind that as with all things unpredictable these lists (electives & class) are subject to change as needs arise.

We ask that if you have any questions please feel free to reach out and ask us. We are here to help!

God Bless,

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