**Whitehall District Schools**

**Class Descriptions for Home School Partnership 2021 2022**

**Seated Classes**

**ART**

**Art 101 –Art and Me/Laugh and Learn Series**

Laugh and Learn Series/Art and Me is designed for our younger learners. This class will complement content taught in other classes in the Partnership, but at an age appropriate level. Students will be learning the basics of art in all types of different mediums. Students will create crafts, paintings, sculptures and more.Grades K-2

**Art 102 - Art in the Style of……….**

Students in this class will be introduced to many artists, both past and present. After being introduced to the artist, students will apply a variety of painting and drawing techniques using their work as a springboard to create their very own masterpieces. 2nd semester only, Grades 3rd-8th,

**Art 103 – Nature Inspiration**

Learn more about the world around you and appreciate your own backyard. Students will learn about animals, culture, nature and arts in different places around the world using various artistic mediums; including visual art, PE and technology. Grades 6th-12th

**Art 104 - Early Elementary Art**

Children will enjoy the world of art using paint, oil pastels, clay and of course their imaginations! This learning experience will place an emphasis on having fun with friends while exploring their creativity. 2nd semester only, Grades K-2nd

**Art 105 – Life Style**

This class will combine life skill lessons, health units, food preparation and technology.

It is designed to increase student knowledge and skills necessary for everyday living using fun strategy activities. The course emphasizes decision making and problem solving, communication, healthy life styles, nutrition and consumerism. Grade 6th -12th

**Art 106 - Creative Art Expressions**

Explore art and communication in new and creative ways. Students will learn to keep an art journal and experience projects through a variety of mediums to express themselves. It will be a journey of creativity, intrapersonal and interpersonal communication and reflection!

**Prerequisite:** students must be able to independently cut, paste, hammer a nail, work hands-on with materials using fine motor skills and be able to connect & communicate feelings & emotions associated with assigned projects. Grades 6th-12th

**Art 107 – Philanthropy**

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1: a spirit of goodwill toward all people especially when expressed in active and generous efforts to help others
2: a charitable act or gift
3: an organization which distributes or is supported by charitable contributions

Students will explore leadership skills, teamwork and effective communication techniques through service learning.  Students will plan events for our program and have an opportunity to do community service. We will have a local community goal as well as raise funds for an international charity.

Prerequisite: students must be able to login to student Gmail account independently. Grades 6th-12th

**Art 108 – Sewing for Beginners**

Never touched a sewing machine, but would like to learn? This class will cover the basics of sewing from threading the machine to creating projects you can be proud of! Grades 3rd- 8th

**Art 109 – Advanced Sewing**

Already know the basic of sewing? This class will allow you to create your own patterns, expand your skills and create more complicated items. Grades 3rd- 8th

**Art - 110 Creative Solutions in Art**

Creative Solutions in Art is a class that you will solve problems with creative ways using everyday household items. We will do lots of creative building and constructing along with plenty of “first tries” while celebrating each solution we find.

**Art 111 – Americana**

Americana is defined as: any collection of materials and things concerning or characteristic of the United States or of the American people and representative or even stereotypical of American culture as a whole.

Students will explore the greatness of the American spirit- our culture, constitution, geography, food, art, music and more. Patriots will have fun learning about America- the land of the free and home of the brave. Grades 6th-12th

**Art 112 – Art FUN**

This class will teach you the fundamentals of art: color, color wheel, color mixing, art techniques and more.

We will explore the basics and progress through the year using different mediums (pencil, chalk, oil pastels, paint, clay, beads, scissors) doing different projects: drawing, painting, collages, mold/modeling/sculpting. The focus on this class will be on developing basic art skills.

Grades 6th-12th

**Art 113 - Architectural Art**

Build, draw and paint a variety of structures and buildings. Projects will be based on world-famous buildings, their function and history, as well as unique student-created structures. 2nd semester only, Grade 3rd-8th

**Art 114 - Animal Art**

This class is for children who love animals and enjoy painting, drawing, and working with clay. Using the Animal Kingdom for inspiration, we’ll create a variety of mammals, birds, insects, fish and reptiles. 2nd semester only, Grade 3rd-8th

**Art 115 – Culture and Culinary Art**

Learn the basics of different forms of art, dance and culinary styles from around the world. Grades 3rd-8th

**Art 116 - Performing Arts**

Calling all actors, singers, dancers, artists and speakers! Come ready to learn and perform your talents. We will explore all of the wonderful and fun experiences that come with classic theater. Grades K-8th

**Art 117 - Textile Crafts**

Students will explore design and the art of fashion to inspire their own designs in fashion and accessories. We will explore different mediums of textiles; fabric, yarn, macramé, wood, metal, plastic, glass, paper, etc. Depending on student skill level and work pace projects will include clothes, bags, jewelry, wall art, interior decorations and more!

Prerequisite: Students would benefit from basic sewing skills. Grades 6th-12th

**Art 118 - Kids’ Cartooning**

Students enrolled in this class will learn the basics of drawing cartoons and super-heroes. The step-by-step instruction in the class will teach students valuable lessons in how to draw, and give the them tools to create their own characters and cartoon narratives! 2nd semester only, Grades 3rd-8th

**Art 119 - MultiMEDIA**

MultiMEDIA is an introductory course in creating media in a variety of mediums: podcasts, webpages, vlogs & blogs, cinematography, photography and graphic design. There will be a project each month of the school year- using a different medium to challenge students' creativity and expand their technology skills. Come with an open and creative mind to learn through mixing creativity, technology and communications.

Prerequisite: read, write, and the ability to login to student Gmail account independently.

Grades 6th-12th

**Foreign Language**

**Foreign Language 101-American Sign Language (ASL)**

This class will accommodate beginners as well as advanced “signers.” Students will learn the manual alphabet, numbers 1-100+, fingerspelling, receptive skills, expressive signing skills, conversational skills, and deaf culture. Each year is unique in the lesson approach and meant to build a multi-year language program for your student! There will be basics for beginners, and review and challenges for advanced students!

Prerequisite: English alphabet memorized, ability to count in English 1-100, ability to login to student Gmail account independently. Grades 6th-12th

**Music**

**Music 101 –Music and Movement/Laugh and Learn Series**

Music and Movement is for our littlest learners. Come and join this class to learn scales, rhythm and tempo using a variety of instruments. We will explore bells, buckets, keyboards, chimes and more. Get some wiggles out as we do special games and team building activities that incorporate being healthy to music. Grades K-2nd

**Physical Education**

**PE 101 - Physical Challenge**

This physical education class will improve flexibility, strength and coordination through exercise, aerobic fitness games and basic sports training. This course will integrate how your body works, health lessons, track, camp games, creative play and team challenges. Grade 6th -12th

**PE 102 - Educational Kinesiology**

Kinesiology exercises benefit students with improved hand-eye coordination, balance, concentration & more! We’ll explore BAL-A- VIS, cardio drumming, POI spinning & more!

**Bal-A-Vis-X** is a series of **Bal**ance/**A**uditory/**Vis**ion e**X**ercises, of varied complexity, all of which are deeply rooted in rhythm.
Students will move and stretch rhythmically to music and create routines to their favorite songs!! Grades 6th-12th

**PE 103 - Movement & Healthy Choices**

Movement and Healthy Choices is a class where students learn about and try different ways to be active and have fun. We will explore how to do a variety of sports, dance and a little bit of everything in-between. Be ready to learn how to make healthier choices in everyday life. Grades 3rd-8th

**PE 104 – Endurance Building**

Set goals, build endurance and get into shape. This course is not a sports or gym games class. Instead, students will come to exercise and rotate through muscle building activities such as, sit-ups, push-ups, jumping rope, steppers, planking and running. This course will get the body moving! We will start off alternating between walking and running small distances, and slowly build up to long distance running. Most classes will be held on the indoor track and outdoor track. Grades 6th- 12th

**Virtual Classes**

**PBS Learning Media**

PBS Learning Media offers thousands of powerful learning activities to promote design thinking, collaboration and experimentation. Within PBS Learning Media students can choose from art, PE/health or music. Grades: K-12

**DiscoveryK12**

This online curriculum which offers Visual/Performing Arts, Physical Education, and Healthy Living. While DiscoveryK12 offers more than 10 subjects per grade you may only choose the electives. Grades: K-12

**Incredible Art**

IAD began as a showcase for elementary art students in Indiana and now includes a diverse range of subjects and topics of interest to art educators, general area teachers, students, parents, artists, and homeschoolers the world over. On this site you can find free art lessons, news, art resources, art careers, and art schools. Grades: K-12

**Go Noodle**

Students will get active using interactive videos that engage the mind and body. This free site does require you to create a login to access materials. This virtual counts as a PE/health virtual.

Grades: K-6th

**Daria Music**

Meet a wonderful children’s performer who has traveled the globe to share music that inspires, empowers and is just plain fun! On this website you can find lots of great ways to have fun with music, build your own music instruments, discover silly songs or design a multi-cultural project for your school or community group. Grades K-6th

**SFSKids (San Francisco Symphony)**

The San Francisco Symphony welcomes you to SFSKids.org! We love music and are committed to music education. This website, in conjunction with our live performances, provides a great way for people of all ages to her, learn, have fun and play games with music. Grades K-6th

**Music Theory**

Explore Music Theory’s free online content of music basics. This virtual covers the basics,

rhythm and meter, scales and key signatures, intervals, chords, diatonic chords and more.

Grades K-12th

**Peter's Online Typing Course**

By the time you finish this course, you will be able to confidently type all the letters, numbers and all the common symbols, with proper ten-finger touch typing techniques. Grades 6th-12th

**Typing.com**

Typing.com is the world’s most trusted free typing tutor! It’s a perfect way to learn how to confidently type all of the letters, numbers and symbols. This program features fun and engaging exercises, interactive typing games and positive reinforcement. Grades 6th-12th

**Khan Academy**

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom**.** Students may only take computer programming, art, health or music. Grades 6th-12th

**Codeacademy**

Codeacademy teaches people how to code. Their framework consists of practices and concepts that serve as a platform to create computer languages. Whether you’re writing your first line of code or transforming to your next step, Codeacademy will give you the technical skills you need to skill up and stand out!

Grades 6th-12th

**CODE.org**

Code.org is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools and increasing participation by women and underrepresented minorities. Our vision is that every student in every school has the opportunity to learn computer science, just like biology, chemistry or algebra. Code.org provides the leading curriculum for K-12 computer science in the largest school districts in the United States and Code.org also organizes the annual [Hour of Code](http://hourofcode.com/) campaign which has engaged 10% of all students in the world. Code.org is supported by generous donors including Amazon, Facebook, Google, the Infosys Foundation, Microsoft, and [many more](https://code.org/about/donors). Grades 6th-12th

**Duolingo**

Duolingo is a fun way to learn a new language. Duolingo has lessons that are designed to adapt to your learning style. Interested in learning a new language? There are many to choose from.

Grades 6th-12th

**Odysseyware Elective Descriptions**

**The following virtual classes are for Grades 6th-12th**

**Art History**

Art History is designed to enable students to develop knowledge of the history and theory of art and the relationship between artist, artwork, and society. Students will research and critique periods, styles, and works of art from early civilizations through modern and contemporary art.

Throughout the course, students may be asked to answer questions or to reflect on what they’ve read in their notes. The notes are not graded. Rather, they are a way for students to extend their thinking about the lesson content. Students may keep handwritten or typed notes.

**French I**

French 1, students begin to develop competence in four basic skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. While developing communicative competence in French, students gain and expand their knowledge of francophone countries and cultures. Emphasis is placed on learning the present tense, the near future and the past tense in French I through thematically designed units. Topics include home, school, family, holidays, and daily and leisure activities.

**French II**

French II is a foreign language course that builds on and reviews skills and concepts taught in French I through further exposure to communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities. Course materials are designed to support students as they work to gain a basic proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, writing, and cultural competency. This course gives students practice using the mechanics of the French language, acquaints them with the cultural differences of francophone countries, and helps them gain a keen awareness of their own culture.

**Health Quest**

Health Quest is a health science elective course which introduces students to the concepts of what good health is, why good health is important, and what students should do in order to achieve good health.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

* Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their own bodies, minds, and emotions.
* Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their living environments.
* Identify the components of a healthy lifestyle and set reasonable goals to achieve a lifestyle of wellness.

**Middle/High School HEALTH**

Middle/High School Health is a health science elective course that introduces students to what good health is, why good health is important, and what students should do in order to achieve good health.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

* Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their own bodies, minds, and emotions.
* Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their living environments.
* Identify the components of a healthy lifestyle and set reasonable goals to achieve a lifestyle of wellness.
* Understand that incorporating sound health practices creates a lifestyle of moderation and wellness.
* Understand the responsibility of properly caring for their bodies.
* Describe health as it applies to broader society, the world, and their own responsibility to stimulate good health around them.

**Music Appreciation**

The goal of this course is to provide instruction in basic musical elements, trace the development and growth of classical music, and give students a strong foundation for a greater appreciation of music. Students will examine music in the world around them and discover how they experience music. They'll be introduced to the basic elements and sounds of music and instruments. Students will learn the names and backgrounds of several famous musical composers. Students will also learn how and where classical music began, how it developed over the centuries, and the ways in which music and culture affect each other. Lastly, students will examine the ways modern music has been influenced by classical music. This course also provides students with lessons in engaged listening. These special lessons allow students to and respond to music. A template for how to listen and respond is provided.

**Music Theory**

Music Theory requires no prior instrumental, vocal, or music theory study. Using the piano keyboard as a visual basis for comprehension, the course materials explore the nature of music, integrating these concepts:

Throughout the series of assignments, ear training exercises are interspersed with the bones of composition technique, building in students the ability not only to hear and appreciate music, but step-by-step, to create it in written form as well. This highly interactive course culminates in the students producing original compositions, which while based on standard notation, demonstrate facets of personal expression. As the students’ ability to perform increases in the future, they will better understand music and therefore better demonstrate its intrinsic communication of emotion and ideas.

**Personal and Family Living**

This elective takes students on an interactive exploration of the challenges they may face as they transition into adulthood, including constructive conflict resolution, nutrition and health, building healthy families, financial responsibility, and long-term employment.

**Physical Education**

Physical Education is an elective that focuses on performance of individual and team sports, with explanations of proper technique, rules of the game, and preparation. Team sports introduced include soccer, basketball, football, baseball, and volleyball. An introduction to fitness, strength, endurance, and nutrition is also included. Students will have the opportunity to perform each sport on their own time, while keeping a log of activity. The goal is incorporation of activity into their daily lives and the gain of lifelong healthy fitness habits.

**Physical Fitness**

Physical Fitness is an elective designed to focuses on the health benefits of regular physical activity and of a long-term exercise program. As students work through the course, they will learn about the many aspects of physical fitness, including basic nutrition, the importance of flexibility, cardiovascular health, muscle and strength training, and realistic goal setting. Along the way, students will be required to maintain and submit an activity log in order to measure progress in course exercises, as well as in personal fitness goals.

**Psychology**

Psychology is an introductory elective. Throughout the course students will examine influences on human actions and beliefs, factors influencing behavior and perception, and basic psychological theories. Students will develop and apply their understanding of psychology through lessons and projects that require interaction and observation of others.

**Spanish I**

Spanish I is an entry level foreign language course that explores the Spanish language through communication, culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

Course materials are designed to support students as they work to gain a basic proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Spanish, and in cultural competency.

**Spanish II**

Spanish II is a foreign language course that builds upon skills and concepts taught in

Spanish I, emphasizing communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities.

Course materials are designed to support students as they work to gain a basic proficiency in speaking,

listening, reading, and writing Spanish, and in cultural competency.