

7th GRADE MTSS OFFERINGS

Name (term)	Description of course
Adaptive Art (Semester)	Students with excellent leadership qualities and a service-minded attitude would be a great fit for this class. Your purpose would be to assist and participate with our students with special needs in their art class. This would be a rewarding experience that carries a lot of responsibility.
BAND AID (Quarter)	You must be a band student to take this class. Students will work on fundamentals to sharpen their playing skills.
Creative Novel Writing (Semester)	The goal of creative writing is to finish a 100 page original novel to self-publish on Amazon. Many students end up completing the first chapter. Some students choose to write poetry or a graphic novel as an alternative. All are welcome to join the class to be guided through practice activities that hone the skills of novel writing.
Design and Modeling (Quarter)	Students discover the design process and develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. They are then challenged and empowered to use and apply what they've learned throughout the unit to design a therapeutic toy for a child who has cerebral palsy.
Drama Enrichment (Semester)	Drama Enrichment will allow students to further explore and practice theatre skills. Primary focus will be on characterization and improvisation skills. Students will participate in acting activities as well as prepare a piece of literature for presentation. Students interested in theatre or competitive drama may wish to choose this class to practice and deepen their skills.
Exploring Rock Music History (Semester)	This class will take you through the evolution of rock music from the 1950's to today's hits. Emphasis will be on listening to music and reflecting on the "feel" of the music and how music for each performer changed throughout his career. You will have some opportunities to dig into performers you want to know more about and discover their paths to stardom. We'll also try to determine why music was what it was... the societal events that made an impact!
Geography Bee (Semester)	Students will study maps and practice questions from the National Geographic Geo Bee resource material.
Hairstyling and Design (Quarter)	Stylists will practice and focus on elegant up-dos, shape and volume, modern looks, and hair products. *No hair cutting or coloring will occur.
Honor Choir (Semester)	You must be enrolled in Choir, Orchestra, or Band to take this class. The New Mark Honor Choir is for the top singers and vocal musician's at New Mark. This is an auditioned ensemble. Students in Honor Choir should not only have the talent to sing, but should also show leadership qualities. The Honor Choir will participate in all New Mark concerts, and NKCSO honor choir events, and the year will culminate with a trip to the "Music in the Parks" music competition to either Silver Dollar City or Six Flags, St. Louis.
Makerspace (Quarter)	Students will design, experiment, build and invent as they deeply engage in hands-on science, engineering and tinkering.

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Photography (Quarter)	Do you like taking pictures? How do you capture that perfect shot? We will be taking pictures of nature, textures, people, animals, & objects, using photographer techniques. We will also be exploring various editing apps like Adobe Photoshop, Pic Collage, and more! Come join the fun as we put our skills to the test to create our own photo portfolio.
Pop Choir (Quarter)	This group is a choir for any 7th grade student at New Mark who wishes to sing or learn more about singing. This class will spend time learning the basics of singing while working on fun pop-style music.
Project Linus-Intro to Sewing (Quarter)	In this class you will learn basic machine sewing skills along with how to crochet. We will make several projects to benefit those less fortunate. We will make a project with bandanas and a mat made from "plarn". You will also have the opportunity to make a sewing project of your choice.
Stagecraft: Intro to Technical Theater (Semester)	Stagecraft is the study of technical theatre. This course will introduce students to a practical approach in both technical and production aspects of theatre. Students will learn the skills needed to construct props and scenery; use lighting instruments; plan and run sound; select and construct costuming, make-up techniques and publicity. This class is production oriented. Students will create the world of each New Mark Theatre play.
Stock Market Club (Semester)	Students work individually and in groups to invest "fake" money in stocks of their choice, then track their investments to see gains or losses.
The Babysitting Business (Quarter)	Students will learn skills needed to: -care for infants and children -act quickly and appropriately in an emergency and how to stay safe -choose activities that are age appropriate, and start a babysitting business
Truman Challenge Book Club (Quarter)	Come join us in the Truman Challenge Book Club . We will focus on reading the Missouri Truman nominated books in order to vote for the best book for the state of Missouri and to qualify for the library Truman Challenge Competition. We will read some excellent award winning books, have time to chat about them, and help out with promoting these books in the school library by creating and sharing book trailers and having the option to speak on the New Mark News. If you love to read- this is the class for you! This is a quarter class, but students are welcome to take this class for multiple quarters, too.
Ukulele Club (Semester)	Want to learn the basics of the ukulele? I'll teach you how to tune, restring, & play some chords, & maybe learn a few songs. It's a great little instrument that makes some big noise!
Walking (Quarter)	Students will get some light, physical activity as they walk in the gym and socialize with peers.
Weights and Yoga (Quarter)	Monday through Thursday we will lift weights and do yoga in the weight/cardio room. On Fridays, we will join lifetime activities in the gym.
Yoga and Mindfulness (Quarter)	Activities will include yoga, meditation, awareness, and discussion.