

## ELECTIVE CHOICES 2022-23

**7th/8th Grade AVID:** Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) gives students the skills and confidence needed to be successful in college or the workplace including research, information analysis, organization, collaboration and more. ([AVID Application](#))

**Beginning Band:** Beginning Band is offered to 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders with little or no music experience. Students will learn to read and play music with a traditional band instrument of their choice. Our beginning band will have multiple opportunities to showcase their musicianship through concerts at football games, pep rallies, formal concerts, community events, parades, and more! ([Band Application](#))

**Intermediate Band:** This band is for students that have previous experience playing an instrument. Students in this class will continue to develop their ability to read and perform music in a FUN and positive environment. Our ensemble will have multiple opportunities to showcase their musicianship through concerts at football games, pep rallies, formal concerts, community events, parades, and more! Acceptance is by audition or teacher recommendation. ([Band Application](#))

**Choir:** Choir is offered to 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Pasteur. Our choir is a combination of beginners through advanced singers. Students in choir learn to sing, read music, and develop basic piano skills. Our choir will have multiple opportunities to perform, including: formal concerts, San Juan Sings, Singing at the River Cats Game, and many others!

**Drama:** Drama Class is an excellent opportunity for those who would like to understand further the skills and knowledge it takes to develop a production. Students will have the opportunity to study the world of theatre and be pushed to discover the artist we each hold within. In this course, students study the wide range of knowledge surrounding theatre as they apply their new-found knowledge in classroom activities. Drama provides enrichment for diverse learning styles, and capabilities, and allows students to experience the joy of artistic communication!

**Media:** Students in the class create and broadcast daily announcements and produce the annual yearbook. Students will act as anchors, reporters, camera operators, artists, and editors. Students will learn photography, videography, design, layout, and basic acting. ([Media/Yearbook Application](#))

**Spanish I:** (8th Grade only) Students learn Spanish in a nontraditional way by immersing themselves in the culture of the language through stories, songs, games and classroom skits. Students will learn to read, write, listen to, and speak the Spanish language through TPRS curriculum which uses stories rather than drills and activities to teach a subject. Students will be immersed in the language through quirky songs, engaging role-playing skits, high-energy flash card board games, fun stories, and learning about the cultures of Spanish speaking countries. Students who pass the final exam will be recommended for advancement to level 2 as a freshman in high school and receive high school credit.

**Student Government:** Students in the class have an important leadership role at Pasteur. They plan most of the student activities and charitable events for the school. During the school day, Student Government sponsors many activities including school rallies, Boo and Valentine Grams, Red Ribbon Week activities, and opportunities for community service by supporting local agencies such as the Orangevale Food Bank. They facilitate a new program for students who start school mid-year, maintain the school bulletin boards, and decorate for dances. Students must be able to stay after school on some days. ([Student Government application](#))

**Beginning Strings:** This class is for students with little or no musical background that are interested in learning to play violin. Students will learn to read music, play simple melodies, and participate in multiple concerts. Students may provide their own violin and a limited supply of violins are available for students to borrow.

**Teacher/ Office Assistants:** Students work with teachers, or in the office, as assistants in the classroom and school. Tasks might include filing, copying, assembling work projects, delivering passes, and other responsibilities. ([Application](#))

**(See the next Page for more offerings)**

**The Elective Wheel (Exploration):** Students will have the opportunity to take two of the four elective classes below during the school year. Students are randomly placed and will roll to a new elective in the second semester.

**Art:** Art is an introductory class that teaches the elements and principles of art through various mediums and styles. Students will experience and create projects that range from drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, to ceramics. We culminate our semester with a hands-on project-based field trip in the Sacramento area. Students may also partner with one of our feeder schools to collaborate on projects.

**Computer Applications:** Students are exposed to a variety of software products using Windows 10 computers. The class helps prepare students for success in other curricular courses, high school, and the workplace. Students learn in a "hands-on" environment while having fun! Applications covered in this course include Keyboarding, Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Graphics, and Video, Exposure to HTML, Instructional Games, Career Futures, and 3d Modeling.

**Music Appreciation:** This class is for students with no musical background. Students will learn basic piano skills, music theory, rhythms with bucket drumming, music history, and basic composition skills using GarageBand in this class.

**Wood Shop:** Wood Shop is an introductory class that teaches students the proper and safe use of machines and tools. Students will learn basic carpentry and construction techniques. Topics covered in the class include woodcutting, hammering, drilling, joinery, and finishing. They will produce a variety of projects using tools and skills practiced in the shop.