

CHAMLIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
ELECTIVE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR SEMESTER I: 8TH Grade

Dear 2016-2017 8th Grade Students,

For the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year, you will have the opportunity to choose between six elective courses which will be offered once a week, on Thursdays, during 6th period. 6th period electives are open to 8th graders ONLY.

Below you will find each elective that will be offered to 8th graders during Semester I, along with a description. Please review your choices carefully, based on the descriptions as well as the information that was shared with you during your class announcement. Once you have made your choice, fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the table set up near the main gate on **Wednesday, May 18th, from 7:30am-8:00am**. If you do not turn it in during this designated time, please return your form directly to Ms. Ana at a later time. Forms will be time-stamped and preferences will be assigned in the order received. This sign-up is for first semester ONLY. You will sign up again in November for the second semester.

Conversational Spanish - This interactive course will introduce students to the Spanish language, focusing on providing context and conversational examples for the language concepts presented in each lesson. Through interactive activities and practices, students will be introduced to basic vocabulary and grammar concepts and be actively engaged in their own language learning. By the end of the course, they will learn to respond appropriately to basic conversational prompts.

Animation Techniques: During this elective course students will explore the history and evolution of animation. Emphasis will be on the processes involved in creation of animation stressing teamwork, storyboarding, creating character, stop motion and other animation techniques. The class will consist of demonstrations, viewing of related works, hands-on experimentation, and critique. Weekly projects will further student’s exploration of animation approaches and techniques.

Math Games: This course will take a fun and interesting approach to help exercise the mind and strengthen math skills. Students will be exposed to math riddles, brain teasers, word problems, and Sudoku puzzles.

Hai Tad: This class will focus on present day Armenian issues in the diaspora and Homeland. Students will explore their role as global human rights activists through civic engagement. They will gain a better understanding of Armenian-American youth organizations that align with their own perspective. Course sessions will involve active discussion, guest speakers, and tangible civic engagement projects.

Poetry: Students will read different types of poetry, including haikus, free verse, sonnets, shape poems, acrostics, and more. Aside from reading and analyzing poetry, students will also have the opportunity to write their own poems modeled after the poems they’ve read in class. Students can experiment with different styles and eventually find their own creative voices. The class will culminate in a poetry night at Chamlian, during which the students enrolled in the class will have the opportunity to either do readings and performances of their favorite poems or read their own original works.

Dance: Students enrolled in this class will learn and practice the basic techniques of various styles and genres of dance. Students will be exposed to Armenian, ballet, jazz, and contemporary styles. Through this class, students will learn the art of self-expression through movement and gain an understanding of the rich history and art of dance.

Number your elective preferences in order from one (1) to six (6), beginning with one for the elective you want most, two for your second choice, and so on. Please note that electives are limited by class size. We will try our best to accommodate your top choices, but cannot guarantee a spot. Students who do not turn in a form will be placed in electives that are not full.

Spanish: _____ Hai Tad: _____ Animation: _____ Math Games: _____ Poetry: _____ Dance: _____

Student Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

***Student Signature: _____

***Parent Signature: _____

*** By signing above, you are agreeing to the electives as marked above. Changes will not be made once the schedules are done. Note that grades will be based on in-class participation, classroom activities and a culminating presentation or project.

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