

Elective Summary

Below you will find a summary of each of the electives offered here at Salem. Please take note of these and if you have questions in regards to the class please ask those teachers. If you have questions on what classes your child can and can not take please address those to Mr. Weinrich. We do the best we can to get your child their first choice. You may not change your elective schedule during the school year. Thank you!

Study Hall: Teacher: Mr. Duerr. This class is offered a quarter at a time from 1:00pm-1:40pm. It is designed to give the student time to work on their school assigned for the day, homework, or projects. This class will not all you to play video games while it is in session. You may read during this time as well.

Life Skills: (8th grade only). Teacher: Mr. Kelso. This class is designed for the student to create and submit a budget based on their given salary (determined by the teacher) and budget necessary items that are needed and wanted in a given month. This class is offered a quarter at a time and can only be taken once. Offered at 1-1:40pm.

Media. Teacher: Mr Weinrich. This class is designed to build the skill level of the student with a camera and computer and creating creative projects with the use of iMovie, Keynote, and iPhoto. This class is offered in the 1st period of electives from 1-1:40pm. It is a quarter class.

Life Lab: Teacher: Mrs. Reiland. This class is offered from 1:00-1:40pm. This class is direct use and understanding of the Life Lab and how it works. They will not only work in the Life Lab, they will assist other students and classes with their Life Lab projects.

Handbells: Teacher: Mrs. Hansen. This class is offered a quarter at a time and during the time slot of 1:00-1:40pm. You will be required to be at every class and every performance. Performances range from Salem chapel, Salem worship services on Sundays, and field trip performances through out the year. You are only required to be at the performances assigned during your quarter by Mrs. Hansen.

Chapel Band: Teacher: Mrs. Hansen. This class is offered a semester at a time and can be taken twice with permission from Mr. Weinrich and Mrs. Hansen. It is offered at the 1:45-2:45pm time slot. As a member of this group, you have an amazing opportunity to honor God with your musical gifts. Some of our most powerful worship experiences have been led by our student worship team. You will enhance your musical skills, learn how to plan worship sets, work together as a band, and lead our chapel services. Please take a moment to review the information below.

Speech: (8th grade only). Teacher: Miss Howe. This is offered during the 1:00-1:40pm time slot. It is a semester class. 8th graders are required to take this elective. In this elective you will learn good speaking techniques. You will have the chance to put these techniques to good use as they complete several different speeches throughout the quarter. These speeches include several impromptu speeches, an informative speech, an instructional speech, and a personal speech. Students should not be nervous about taking this class. The goal of this class is not to find out who the worst speakers are. Instead, Speech class is all about making every student feel comfortable and confident when speaking in front of their teachers and peers.

Study Skills: Teacher: Mr. Weinrich. This is offered at the 1:45-2:45pm time slot. This is a study hall class that also works on the organization skills of the student. They are graded on an assignment calendar they keep.

Home Ec Cooking: (8th grade only). Teacher: Mrs. Reiland. This is offered from 1:45-2:45pm. It is required for all 8th graders to complete this course. This is a Health and Cooking class that gives the student knowledge in a healthy lifestyle and then has them practice it in the kitchen preparing meals and learning how to cook and work in groups in the process. They make spaghetti, breakfast burritos, apple crisp, pretzels, smoothies, and sometimes make meals for families in need.

Home Ec Sewing: (2nd and 3rd quarter Only) Teacher: Mrs. Kenney. This is offered from 1:45-2:45pm. This course teaches the uses and techniques of sewing and stitching with the use of sewing machine. Then create pillows, hats, and duffle bags during this course.

Art: Teacher: Mrs. Holoni. Studio Art meets every Monday and Wednesday from 1:45-2:45. Each quarter students will produce 2 works of art. Students will learn various techniques while working with different media, and will also move beyond technical skill and create art that represents their own personal voice or vision. Each completed project will be followed by a quiz, written critique and artist presentation.

Teacher's Assistant: Teacher: Varies by assignment

This is offered from 1-1:40pm or 1:45-2:45pm. If applicable it can start earlier if that teacher needs a little more help or prep time with you. Please note, you can choose among the teachers listed to work in that classroom. Your assigned teacher will be decided by Mr. Weinrich. When signing up for this class, please write which teacher you prefer.

Mrs. Kelso-K Mrs. Weinrich- 2nd Mrs. Gallmann- 2nd Miss Aubrie-PE
Mrs. Holani- Art Mrs. Willits- 4th Mrs. Spencer- Office Mrs. Davis- 1st grade
Mrs. Cree- 1st Mrs. Surridge- 3rd Mr. Weinrich Mrs. Reiland-7th Miss Howe-8th Mr. Kelso- 8th Mrs. Mengert/Marquardt/Gilbert-5th/6th

PAL: Teacher: Miss Howe. This class is offered from 1:45-2:45pm. P.A.L. is a class where students learn how to incorporate their faith into everyday situations. Students learn how to help themselves and how to help others to face the many different challenges of life. This class includes fun team-building activities, a focus on character building, opportunities for acts of service, the chance to learn more about yourself and others, and discussion and instruction on how to incorporate your faith into your daily actions. These are just a few of the things we do in Peer Assisted Leadership class. Be a pal and join P.A.L.!

Robotics: Teacher: Mr. Kelso This class is offered from 1:45-2:45pm. In this class, students will explore the field of robotics. Using LEGO systems, students will create, build, and program robots to do specific tasks and complete missions. This class is excellent preparation for those students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities and classes in high school.

Rocketry: Teacher: Mr. Duerr. This class is offered from 1:45-2:45pm It is only offered in 1st and 4th quarters. In this class you will build and understand the use of rockets. It is also part of this class to shoot these rockets off. Rocket Launch dates for first quarter are October 8 (Saturday) and November 12 (Saturday). For 4th quarter they appear to be May 12 (Saturday). You are required to attend the launch dates on the weekend appointed. PLEASE NOTE there will be a financial cost attached to taking this course. Please contact Mr. Duerr in regards to that cost.