

6th Grade Enrichment Classes

Circus arts around the World and through the Ages

We are looking forward to a mind expanding, hands-on history discovering, relationship building, action-packed, and circus arts filled year! This class is for students who have demonstrated a serious interest to develop their Circus arts skills to the next level. Talent is measured by the capacity to work hard - we will challenge ourselves to stretch beyond our expectations - and through that make our world a larger and bigger place!

Circus arts 101

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” To this famous quote by Arthur Ashe, we would add: “ And have fun along the way!” In this class we will introduce the foundation skills in floor and partner acrobatics, balancing (rolling globe, unicycle, stilts), juggling and prop manipulation (including Chinese yo-yo, poi spinning), and physical comedy / clowning. This class is for students who are willing to step out of their comfort zone and into the action zone! Of course, safety will always come first!

Genius Hour

What if you got to choose what you wanted to learn about? What if you got to spend time in school exploring a topic that matters to you and then creating something with that knowledge? Genius Hour will give you the time, the resources, and the guidance to ask questions, find answers, create something you are truly passionate about, and share your project with others. The possibilities for projects are endless and you will be limited only by your own imagination. What will you create?

Music

Students will explore the “ingredients” of music such as melody, harmony, notation, texture, style, rhythm and form. Students will explore the basics of music as perform on classroom instruments, and listen to various examples of music from around the world, including musical theatre. (M/W(F) On Tuesdays and Thursdays students will be a part of a singing ensemble performing a variety of two part choral literature.

Art Portfolio

This class is for students who think of themselves as artists and would like to further develop skills in different media. We are going to work on creating and refining portfolios for high school NOCCA and beyond.

Art Appreciation

In art appreciation, we are going to work on very large art projects to decorate the school. We are going to do some drawing, painting, and sculpture. We are going to make puppets and masks, we might even put on a show. We are also going to look at art history, do some reading, writing, and research.

Mind Steppers (Dance)

Do you like to dance? Would you like to learn? This is a class all about dance and culture. Learn tango, swing, salsa and more. Students will have an opportunity to compete in a dance competition in May.

Adventures in Sports

This enrichment is an opportunity for those who love sports to go beyond P.E. You will have the opportunity to explore sports that are familiar (soccer, baseball, flag football, basketball) as well as maybe some that are unfamiliar to you like archery and ping ping.

Literary Magazine (Interlocutor)

Interlocutor showcases original work from ISL students (short stories, poems translated from both French and Spanish, and visual art). Going into it's third year, *Interlocutor* will be a student production from start to finish. In the beginning of the year, students will advertise and welcome submissions. Once work is selected, students will layout and design the magazine, and finish the year selling it.

ISL Advocate (newspaper)

The ISL Advocate is a student run newspaper that focuses on current events and student interests. We aim to use only the best, most reliable information to report, inform and entertain. Learn the skills of unbiased reporting, primary and secondary source research, interviews and editing and publishing.

Chess

Chess Club is an enrichment devoted to the study and practice of the timeless strategy game of chess. Learn how to play or sharpen your skills. Open to beginners and advanced players. Game on!

Spanish as a Second Language (for French TL only)

The purpose of this enrichment class is to provide an introduction to our schools other target language, Spanish. Students will learn the basics of the language while exploring the rich cultural heritage of Spanish speakers.

French as a Second Language (For Spanish TL only)

The purpose of this enrichment class is to provide an introduction to our schools other target language, French. Students will learn the basics of the language while exploring the rich cultural heritage of French speakers.

HTML Coding

This year's enrichment will be HTML Coding. HTML is a web based programming code and will give the students the opportunity to learn how to create websites, edit those sites, as well as maintain the sites.

Gardening

In gardening we will be getting outside both starting and maintaining ISL's landscaping and gardens. We will use gloves and hand tools. We will also be doing insect and bird watching.