

CHOICE HOUR COURSES
QUARTER IV
April 17, 2017 – June 16, 2017
Selections for Grades Seven and Eight

MONDAY QUARTER IV CLASSES

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Supervised Study (7-8) Mr. Mixon QUARTER IV

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TECHNOLOGY

The Beta Autonomous Design Team (B.A.D.) (6-8) Mr. Whitmer Year Long Commitment!

This is a continuing class; there are no openings! MONDAY, WEDNESDAY CLASS; STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND BOTH DAYS. We are looking for a variety of team members: designers, makers, coders, artists, crafters, photographers, leaders, problem-finders, problem-solvers, mathematicians, etc. ALL are needed for a successful team. The team will be selected to create a diverse group in terms of abilities/interests, ages, gender, experience, etc. The team will meet twice a week during choice hour with optional extra meetings off and on throughout the year. In April, interested members will go to Lawrence Tech for their Robofest (<http://www.robofest.net/index.php/about>). Students will develop their skills in design, problem-solving, teamwork, leadership, and interpersonal communication while also building their knowledge in science, engineering and technology. **We will have strict behavioral requirements regarding teamwork, attendance, and respect for others (especially teasing of any sort) and property. The students will create their own code of conduct and manifesto, modifiable as the team matures.**

LANGUAGE ARTS

Forensics Team (5-8) Mrs. Bassett & Mrs. Iaquina Year Long Commitment!

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THE FINE ARTS

Band Beats (6-8) Mr. Jackson QUARTER IV

Individual and small group instruction will be available for 6th, 7th and 8th grade band students wishing to reinforce their core skills. Students may choose to utilize this time for personal practice. *This practice time may be added to "practice record" time sheets for credit.*

COMMUNITY

The Leadership Class (7-8) Mr. Leibson Year Long Commitment!

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Films for Fun with Popcorn (7-8) Mr. McCloud QUARTER IV

Watch a potpourri of popular PG and PG-13 rated movies with Mr. McCloud. Movies to be selected by the students must have Mrs. Stone's approval.

Flag Football Helpers (7-8) Mr. Bodle QUARTER IV

Mr. Bodle is looking for responsible students to help with his 3-5 Flag Football class. Must be a team leader and a good sport!

Super Science Helpers (7-8) Ms. Johnson QUARTER IV

Ms. Johnson is looking for responsible students to help with her 3-4 Super Science class. Must be a team leader and a good sport!

Front Office Helpers/Choice Hour Assistants (7-8) Mrs. Juriga QUARTER IV

Mrs. Juriga and Mrs. Stone are looking for responsible students to man the reception desk in the front office, collect Choice Hour attendance, locate students, and assist other students and school visitors including parents!

GAMES

Strategy Board Games (5-8) Mrs. Phillips QUARTER IV

Students will play a variety of strategy board games including chess, checkers, blokus, and battleship just to name a few.

SPORTS

Basketball Tech (6-8) Mr. Manchester QUARTER IV

Students will practice using a variety of drills including lay-up drills, shooting drills and physical drills. This class will culminate with tournament style games once the drills have been completed. This is not a beginner class – come prepared to play basketball. This class requires athletic shoes and clothing.

Yoga for Everyone (5-8) Mrs. DeSimone QUARTER IV

Open your hearts, minds, and bodies during this time of transition at the end of your school day. Yoga is the perfect complement to other physical activities and sports. No experience or flexibility is required. Bring your mat if you have one and wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats are available if necessary.

Girls' Soccer Team (7-8) Mr. Keilman QUARTER IV

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TUESDAY QUARTER IV CLASSES

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Math Help (7-8) Mrs. Kahrman QUARTER IV

In this class, students will work on their math homework and study for tests and quizzes with help from other students in the class as well as Mrs. Kahrman who will be available to answer questions. Sign up only if you are interested in improving your math scores and looking for help with the material.

Supervised Study (7-8) Mrs. Cruz QUARTER IV

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SCIENCE

BCS Bee Keepers (5-8) Mr. Cryberg QUARTER IV

Learn about Beekeeping and help maintain and monitor our BCS hives. Students will have the opportunity to observe and care for honeybees in their hives at the Environmental Center behind Bingham Farms Elementary.

This class will be held at BCS one week and at the Environmental Center on the alternating weeks. **Students who choose to participate will need to be picked up from the Environmental Center on these days at 5:00pm.** Parent drivers will be needed to help drive students from BCS to the Environmental Center at 3:20 pm on these days.

This class has limited space. **The BCS Bee Keepers parent letter and student participation application are posted online. Please complete and attach to the Choice Hour selection sheet or return to the office by 4:00 PM on Monday March 13th.**

TECHNOLOGY

iPhone/iPad photography, Editing and Sharing (6-8) Mr. Whitmer QUARTER IV

Got an iPhone or iPad? Want to take better pictures? Edit them in creative ways? Share them with friends and family? In this choice hour we'll cover the basics – camera angles, focusing, and lighting. We'll learn about built-in features like HDR and panoramas. Then we'll get into editing with the built-in tools, iPhoto, and a handful of free apps. Finally we'll share the photos using age appropriate tools such as: email, the Message app, wikis/blogs, Instagram (13+ with parent permission), etc. **Requirement: your own iPhone or iPad (sorry, other phones not applicable.)**

THE FINE ARTS

Strings Open Practice (5-8) Mrs. Gillespie QUARTER IV

During this choice hour the students will have time to get some great practicing into their busy schedules and will also be able to count it as practice on their daily practice sheets. Students will be able to group together with other instruments, form duets, trios, and quartets to practice their orchestra music. Students may also use this time to practice their private lesson material as well. It's a great opportunity for older orchestra members to mentor younger students!!!

Musical Mentors (6-8) Mr. Jackson QUARTER IV **Pre-authorization needed!**

6th, 7th and 8th grade clarinet and saxophone players are invited to mentor during this class.

COMMUNITY

School Enterprise 101 (6-8) Mrs. Roberts **Year Long Commitment!**

Do you aspire to be an entrepreneur? Would you like to learn how to identify a need, set up a real school business and earn extra income for our school, or a social cause of your choice? Learn how to develop a business plan, implement it, market it, and track your success. Meet and learn from local successful entrepreneurs and get hands on experience running your own school business. This is a yearlong commitment so if you want to learn workplace skills like problem-solving, communication and teamwork sign up now!

Gift Card Crafts (5-8) Mrs. Sherry QUARTER IV

In the U.S., about 1.6 billion plastic gift cards are produced and shipped yearly, using more than 8,500 tons of PVC. Our students have collected thousands of used gift cards from local businesses that would have ended up in a landfill and use them to make jewelry and other crafts.

NXT Advanced Helpers (7-8) Mr. Brown QUARTER IV

Assist Mr. Brown with his 4-5 NXT Advanced Choice Hour class.

Multi-Cultural Art Helpers (7-8) Ms. Lajeunesse QUARTER IV

Ms. L needs assistance with her 3-4 Multi Cultural Art class especially when her students are making crafts that represent the countries that are being studied

Front Office Helpers/Choice Hour Assistants (7-8) Mrs. Juriga QUARTER IV

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SPORTS

Track Team (7-8) Mr. Bodle, Mr. Liddell and Mrs. Thompson QUARTER IV

Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls who intend to compete for the BCS track team. **This class will be conducted as a regular practice and will end at 4:10 PM.**

Additional team practices will be scheduled outside of the Choice Hour program on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and a few Friday mornings from 6:45 AM – 8:00 AM. Please visit www.BCSonline.info for additional information regarding schedule and practice times!

Boys' Tennis (7-8) Mr. Whitted QUARTER IV

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WEDNESDAY QUARTER IV CLASSES

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SCIENCE

Science Olympiad (6-9) Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Warner QUARTER IV

This is a continuing class; there are no openings. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY CLASS, STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND BOTH DAYS. Build water rockets, free-flight airplanes and an electric car. Learn to identify everything from rocks to toads. Solve a science crime by lifting and identifying fingerprints, matching paper samples, and a mystery substance and more. There will be one team plus one alternate team. If we are successful at regionals, we will have the opportunity to participate in the State tournament at Michigan State University on Saturday April 29, 2017.

TECHNOLOGY

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CoderDojo (5-8) Mr. McCloud QUARTER IV

CoderDojo is a community based programming club for young people. Students can learn to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and explore technology in a creative environment.

COMMUNITY

Spirit Committee (7-8) Mrs. Toth QUARTER IV

Do you have any creative ideas to build more spirit in our school? Would you like to be part of planning fun-filled events, such as dances, pep rallies, activity nights, sports contests and community service fundraisers? Do you think you know how events of the past could have been improved? If so, join the Spirit Committee! We will plan exciting events and you get to make the decisions.

Personal Finance (6-8) Mrs. Hatfield/Birmingham Bloomfield Credit Union QUARTER IV

Learn all about managing your money. This kid friendly class will address financial planning, work and earning money, budgeting, saving and investing, and understanding credit. Mrs. Hatfield will introduce new topics each quarter.

Cobra International Club (3-8) Mr. Joseph QUARTER IV

Do you know someone whose culture, language or religion is different from your own? Have you always wanted to learn more about it? CIC is for you. Participants will take turns each week sharing their ancestral language, clothing, religion and food through presentations, artifacts and a student-brought snack to share. Not comfortable presenting, no problem this is not mandatory, but you might change your mind after watching others share their family culture and traditions. BCS contains a rich collection of families from all over the world. Come and celebrate who we are!

Kids in the Kitchen Helpers (7-8) Ms. Johnson QUARTER IV

Ms. Johnson is looking for 4 responsible students to help with her 3-4 Kids in the Kitchen cooking. Must be a team leader and a good sport!

Field Games Helpers (7-8) Mr. Bodle QUARTER IV

Mr. Bodle is looking for responsible students to help with his 5-6 Field Games class. Must be a team leader and a good sport!

Amigurimi Helpers (7-8) Ms. Lajeunesse QUARTER IV

Students will have the opportunity to assist Ms. L with this 3-6 grade amigurimi class.

Musical Mentors (6-8) Mr. Jackson QUARTER IV **Pre-authorization needed!**

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SPORTS

Volleyball Tech (6-8) Mrs. Thompson QUARTER IV

This class will offer basic volleyball skills including fundamentals of the serve, passing, spiking and blocking. Rules and court strategy will also be covered. This class requires athletic shoes and clothing.

Kickball (7-8) Mr. Manchester QUARTER IV

Kickball is a playground game, similar to baseball, invented in the United States around 1942. Also called "soccer baseball", it is typically played on a softball diamond with an inflated rubber ball. The pitcher bowls the ball towards the catcher, and the "batter" kicks it with his foot. Rules of play will be reviewed by Mr. Manchester. This class requires athletic shoes and clothing.

Girls' Soccer Team (7-8) Mr. Keilman QUARTER IV

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THE FINE ARTS

Page to Stage (5-8) Mrs. Regan QUARTER IV

A theatre class that moves from the empty page to stage. Students will be guided with games, improv, and exercises to write, stage, and perform a moving collage performance piece with music of their own creation. Mrs. Regan is a Proud BCS Mom.

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Thinking Green (5-8) Mrs. Roberts QUARTER IV

Thinking Green is a choice hour in which students think of ways in which BCS can continue to be environmentally friendly. All of our Green initiatives came out of this Choice Hour so if you have ideas and are interested in "Thinking Green" then sign up!!

NXT Advanced Helpers (7-8) Mr. Brown QUARTER IV

Assist Mr. Brown with his 4-5 Advanced NXT Choice Hour class.

Homemade Toys Helper (7-8) Mrs. Maurice QUARTER IV

Mrs. Maurice needs assistance with her 3-4 Homemade Toys class.

Coed Sports Help (7-8) Mr. Wallington QUARTER IV

Mr. Wallington is looking for responsible students to help him with his 3-4 Coed Sports class. Must be a team leader and a good sport!

Musical Mentors (6-8) Mr. Jackson QUARTER IV **Pre-authorization needed!**

6th, 7th and 8th grade trombone, baritone and percussion players are invited to mentor during this class.

Front Office Helpers/Choice Hour Assistants (7-8) Mrs. Juriga QUARTER IV

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SPORTS

Water Polo (5-8) Mr. Johansson QUARTER IV

Fitness and FUN. Join us in this active choice hour. You will learn the basic skills and strategies of water polo through a series of drills. We will then put those skills into action as we play games. You must be a strong swimmer (able to tread water for more than two minutes) to sign up for this choice hour.

Field Games (7-8) Mr. Manchester QUARTER IV

This class will participate in a variety of non-competitive indoor/outdoor games that stress teamwork, cooperation and fitness. This class requires athletic shoes and clothing.

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THE ARTS

Hand Quilting (5-8) Mrs. Pryor **Year Long Commitment**

Quilting is fast becoming a very popular hobby. Students will learn about piecing fabrics, appliquéing, and hand quilting as they assemble their very own quilt blocks. Mrs. Pryor is a proud Grandmother of BCS and thrilled that she can share her talents with our students. **Priority placement will be given to students currently enrolled in this class.**

COMMUNITY

Junior Master Gardening (3-8) Ms. Lajeunesse QUARTER IV

The Junior Master Gardening class offers horticulture and environmental science education through fun-filled creative activities. Participants will get their hands dirty while learning how soil and water are important to plants and all living things. **Course content will change each quarter.** QIV will focus on insects and diseases. Ms. Lajeunesse is a Master Gardener and very knowledgeable about garden design, plant species, plant propagation and pest control.

Front Office Helpers/Choice Hour Assistants (7-8) Mrs. Juriga QUARTER IV

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SPORTS

Girls' Self Defense (6-8) Mrs. Metheny QUARTER IV

Personal safety and conflict avoidance training for 7th and 8th grade girls will include basic physical and verbal skills, awareness of potentially dangerous situations, and maybe even increased fitness along the way. This class aims to be a fun, active class so come prepared to move! Mrs. Metheny is a former Proud Mom of BCS.

Dodge Ball (7-8) Mr. Braisted QUARTER IV

Dodge ball is a game in which players on two teams try to throw foam balls at each other while trying to avoid being hit by the other team.