

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2008-2009
ELECTIVE AND CLASS OPTIONS

NEW REQUIRED COURSES:

<u>Omnibus I</u>	(Mrs. Sweet - Block 1 - Primary)	Full Year	Grades 9-10
	(Mrs. Williams - Block 4 - Secondary)	Full Year	Grades 9-10

Omnibus is a Latin term meaning "all encompassing." Our purpose is to have students grow in their appreciation of the unity of all knowledge (ie. all disciplines are related to and under the Lordship of Jesus Christ). With Trinitarian thinking at the core of the study, students will learn to interact with time-tested material in a wise and Godly way. In Omnibus I, students will cover history, literature, and theology from the dawn of time to the fall of Rome. They will also apply and further develop their skills in composition, logic and aesthetics. The "primary" class focuses on original source materials from the ancient world while the "secondary" class reads through more contemporary literature that addresses the philosophical, theological, and historical issues that developed during that time period. This well-thought-out approach makes interacting with the greatest works of Western Civilization both enjoyable and profitable.

<u>Latin III - Reading</u>	(New Teacher TBA)	Block 6	Full Year	Grade 8
	(Mr. Dietsche)	Block 6	1st Semester	Grades 9-10

Lingua Biblica: Old Testament Stories in Latin is an exciting new middle school class, using a supplementary translation program based on the Vulgate that provides a sampling of Bible story translations and exercises that will fortify any student's knowledge of Latin vocabulary and grammar. High school students can fulfill the requirement for a second year of foreign language with this class.

<u>Project Writing</u>	(Mrs. Williams)	Block 6	2nd Semester	Grade 7
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In this semester required course, various writing skills will be developed through the completion of several writing projects each marking period. Each project will require students to approach a subject through a variety of writing choices, such as research, essays, letters, speeches, short stories, poetry, etc.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

<u>Consumer Math</u>	(Mrs. Tusim)	Block 3	1st and 2nd Semester	Grade 12
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This elective course is available to seniors as an alternative fourth year of math with a more practical application to business and life-related math skills. Some topics that will be covered are budgeting, banking, taxes, and investments.

<u>1960-2000 U.S. Events</u>	(Mr. Lyvere)	Block 3	1st Semester	Grades 9-12
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This semester elective course will study the cultural, political, economic and international events that influenced the United States after 1960.

Film as Literature (Mrs. Williams) Block 3 1st Semester Grades 11-12

This is a **writing-based**, semester elective course that will apply literary analysis techniques to films as students watch, analyze, and critique a series of feature films. Students will learn how to view films through a Biblical mindset and recognize the various techniques used to produce feature films. A list of potential film titles is available upon request.

Beginning Art (Mrs. Garrison) Block 3 1st Semester Grades 9-12

This semester elective course is for any student who has not previously taken Art as in high school. It will teach basic design and composition concepts, some history, and practical applications of concepts through a variety of projects and material usage. Projects will be made with competition in mind and many will be displayed at the yearly Art Fair. Grading is based on APIE (attitude, production/deadline, interest, and effort), and not on inherent artistic talent or ability. One open-note test is given each semester.

Advanced Art (Mrs. Garrison) Block 3 1st Semester Grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Beginning Art (in high school)

This semester elective course is for any 10th -12th grader who is taking Art for the second time in high school. It builds on the tenets of Beginning Art. Fewer but more detailed projects are required using a variety of mediums. No text is required but several reference books will be used.

Physical Education (Mr. Lyvere) Block 3 2nd Semester Grades: 8, 10-12

This semester elective course is an introduction to the skills, rules, tactics, and responsible behaviors of participants in various team and individual sports. Also involved is fitness development through health units which will look at the various physical systems of the body and how they respond to physical activity.

Speech (Mrs. Williams) Block 3 2nd Semester Grades 8, 10-12

This semester elective course will focus on the communication process, public speaking, and speech writing. Students will gain practical experience as they actively participate in class exercises and simulations.

Drama (Mrs. Garrison) Block 3 2nd Semester Grades: 8, 10-12

In this semester elective course, students will learn theater basics from the text, "*Everything About Theater!*" by Robert L. Lee as well as through the experience of performing two plays (1 short play and 1 school production). Students choosing this class elective should also be available for rehearsals and performances on Tuesday and Thursday, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., during April and May.

Latin III - Reading (Mr. Dietsche)

Block 6 1stSem. Required; 2ndSem.Elective Grades 9-10

Block 6 1st and 2nd Semester Elective Grades 11-12

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Project Writing (Mrs. Williams) Block 6 2nd Semester Grades 9-12

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Computer Journalism (Mr. Conner) Block 6 1st Semester Grades 11-12

Block 6 2nd Semester Grades 9-12

This elective course will teach students to become proficient, using Adobe PageMaker, in creating a variety of computer generated publications, newsletters, flyers, identification cards, and the school yearbook. Video, photography, and interviewing techniques will be developed throughout the course. Students will also become skilled at using digital editing and scanning software, including Adobe Photo Shop, to enhance and add special effects to their publications.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the school office at 835-9881.