

## LOGOS SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER ELECTIVES 2010-11

(\*Indicates Fine Arts)

**\*Annual** – Mrs. Spencer (15 students) – Students will learn; digital photography, basics of page design, procurement of advertising. These skills will be used to produce the Logos Annual using the yearbook software online. The school has a limited number of computers for student use. It is preferable that they use their own personal laptop with wireless capability. There are a limited number of digital cameras owned by the school if a student does not have access to one.

**\*Calligraphy** – Mrs. Isenberg (12 students, \$5 materials fee) – Students will learn how to write in Italic, Gothic and Uncials.

**\*Chorus** – Dr. Erb – (*Open to all JH or HS students. Required for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the fall and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys in the spring*) We will be preparing a variety of musical pieces for several performance opportunities. We will also be building upon our knowledge of music theory and history as we seek to glorify God in all we sing.

**Conditioning** – Mr. Holloway (9th-12th Grade, 20 students) – Pending Board Interview

This class focuses on improving the strength and quickness of our high school athletes. Class begins at 8:00 AM and uses a number of stations in the weight room and gym.

**Dickens and the Rhetoric of Laughter** – Miss McDonald (10 students) – This is a class entirely devoted to enjoying one of England's most brilliant authors. Students will read selections from a wide variety of Dickens's works, such biographers as Chesterton, Ackroyd, and Maurois, as well as spend a significant part of the course comparing Dickens's work to Shakespeare and Dostoevsky. Students will also participate in a trip to the UI library, prepare skits from *The Pickwick Papers*, and assemble one oral report. Students will need to bring their own copy of *The Pickwick Papers* to class.

**French** – Mrs. Foucachon – Students will be introduced to the pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary of the French language, and will begin to work on conversational skills. The course will also include an overview of the history and geography of France. Some homework will be required.

**Internship** – Mr. Nance (seniors only) – Seniors should refer to the Independent Study information packet (student/parent handbook) for more information on this elective option. This elective does not meet during the normal elective times.

**Latin Tutor** – Mr. Sumpter – This elective is for new students who are beginning their Latin studies as well as more experienced students who need additional instruction and practice in order to be successful in their current Latin class.

**Sewing** – Mrs. Jeschke (8 students) – Students will learn sewing techniques and will need to supply their own sewing machines. Our first project will be to sew capes for the Sound of Music play then students will be able to work on their own projects such as a skirt. All machines need to have had a tune-up within the last year (Vac-U-Mart does these).

**Test Prep (PSAT/SAT/ACT)** – Mr. Courtney (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade only) – We will work through the tactics and study material for taking standardized tests and then take various portions of the standardized tests themselves. The first half of the first quarter will focus on getting the 11th graders ready for the PSAT/National Merit Exam (October 13). Working on the PSAT will also prepare them for the actual SAT. After the PSAT date, we'll work on SAT and ACT practice exams.

**\*The Sound of Music** – Mr. Garfield – This elective is for cast (not crew) members of The Sound of Music to help us prepare this large, complicated production. Miss Allie Bradley and Mrs. Katie Bouma will be working with cast members on singing and dancing, respectively, each week up to show dates. After the show, other activities will be announced.

**Typing** – Mrs. Polek (10 students) – This is a beginning typing course. It is highly recommended for junior high school students and others who cannot type.

**Vikings** – Mrs. Courtney – Vikings were known as explorers, traders, and farmers, settling the lands of Russia, Iceland, and Greenland. When Christian missionaries came to the Vikings, the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ changed their civilization forever. We will read Viking mythology, follow the paths of the explorers, and investigate the lasting impact of the Vikings on our modern day world.