

High Point Electives for the 2022-2023 School Year

Electives are held 4th period and all students must choose two.

*New Electives

***Lettering and Visual Design: 9th -12th (Replacing General Art)** This course is for any student who is especially interested in penmanship, calligraphy, or graphic design. Students will complete a variety of studio art projects that revolve around the artistic incorporation of lettering and typography. Development of lettering skills, instruction in calligraphy and exploration of type will be the focus. As students experiment with the traditional and creative use of lettering within the context of larger art projects, they will receive instruction related to the basic elements and principles for two-dimensional composition and the basic rules of graphic design. Students should expect an average of 30 minutes - 1 hour of homework/week and will be eligible to participate in the ACSI Arts Festival. **Tuesday**

Fine Art: 7th -12th - This course is for any student who loves art and wants to further develop their skills in a variety of creative expressions. Students need not consider themselves “artists”, but only have a genuine interest in artistic expression with a willingness to try new things and practice the assigned exercises. Students will complete studio art projects with a focus on gaining confidence and skill in areas such as drawing and painting, among others. Students should expect an average of 30 minutes - 1 hour of homework/week and will be eligible to participate in the ACSI Arts Festival. **Wednesday (MS)- Thursday (HS)**

Home-Economics: 7th grade required, 8th if needed. This course has half a year of cooking and half a year of sewing. The cooking portion teaches students about measuring, following recipes, and nutrition. The sewing portion teaches button sewing, hemming, sewing machine usage and special projects. **Friday** (begins at 1:15)

Wood Shop: 11th-12th -This course will explore wood building projects and learn the use of tools. (**Limited to 4 students**) **Monday**

Choir: 6th-12th -The purpose of this course is to build upon the foundation of elementary/middle school music instruction and explore more complex techniques in vocal production. Students will be able to sing in unison and parts and will experience a well-rounded repertoire of literature. Advanced concepts in vocal production will be covered, including breathing, phonation, diction, foreign languages, and expression. Various performance opportunities will be given throughout the school year as well as involvement in ACSI competitions. **Thursday (MS) Wednesday/Friday (HS)**

Pep Club: 6th-12th - This club helps plan the pep rallies and encourage school spirit. It also involves poster making and assisting in other event happenings throughout the school year. **Thursday**

ACT Prep: 10th-12th -This **online course** is through the eKnowledge ACT Power Prep program which uses highly effective diagnostics to identify each student individual learning “style,” and then adapts the teaching method to fit that style. The Student-Centered Learning Model results in highly improved learning performance and superior test achievement. **Individual study**

Conditioning: 9th-12th- Approval needed by Mrs. Hansen. The course is created to provide students with the knowledge to understand the importance of fitness and strength training. They will set goals for personal improvement and achievement. This is created by following a thorough weight conditioning program twice a week with performance skills. It is performed in the weight room and MPR room. The class circulates each class period to different stations and a book is given to each student to log their activities. **(Limited to 20 students) Tuesday** (may take along with Sports Management)

Man Builders: 7th required- The goal of this club is to teach young boys practical skills they can use for a lifetime. Topics include outdoor survival skills, car repair, picking locks and tying knots, manners, first aid, cooking and more. **Friday**

Chess Club: 9th-12th -Students will have the opportunity to play fellow students in chess. There is a variety of different levels of experience. The goal of this course is to enjoy playing and improving in chess. **(Limited to 20 students) Wednesday** (if there is space 8th grade may be included)

Worship: 10th-12th – Application required by Mr. Stone-The worship team exists to foster student-led worship in both elementary and high school chapels at HPBA. Other opportunities for worship leading are given throughout the school year. Students must have a passion for leading others in God-focused worship through song and must be willing to work with other students and faculty as a team. The following positions are available: **vocalists (8), instrumentalists (guitar, piano, drum: 4-6), technology/sound (2).** **Priority is given to 11th and 12th grades. Tuesday/Thursday Help Period**

Yearbook: 9th-12th - Approval Needed by Mrs. Hoffman. This course will develop skills in graphic design, digital photography, journalistic writing techniques, leadership skills, and teamwork. All students will have initial training workshops and will then be eligible to apply for staff positions (Editor in Chief, Co Editor, Photography Editor, Staff Writer, and Journalist).

Yearbook is a special course that requires in class and out of class work which includes attending school activities. In addition, we will be having after school sessions where we will dedicate time finalizing deadlines. These “deadline crunch sessions” will be announced as they are needed throughout the course of our yearbook production. **(Limited to 20 students) Friday**

Robotics: 6th-8th- This club provides students with a hands-on opportunity to explore and create in the world of robotics. Students will learn basic programming skills as well as basic engineering skills as they build and program LEGO EV3 robots. This club also provides opportunities to improve problem solving skills, communication skills, and teamwork in a student-driven learning environment. **Wednesday**

***Robotics Assistant 10th-12th - Approval needed from Mr. Brackbill or Mrs. Hofbauer.** Assist the teacher and students with the Robotics Club. **Wednesday**

Sports Management: 9th-12th Approval needed by Mrs. Hansen-This course is designed to give students an introductory look at event management. Students will routinely manage sports equipment throughout the school. Students will set up and tear down for events of all kinds. They will learn the nuts and bolts of tournament operations. Students will be introduced to clock management, score keeping, and equipment maintenance. **Prerequisite for course: you must have played a varsity sport the previous year. (Limited to 15 students) Tuesday/Friday** (may be taken along with Conditioning)

Ping Pong Club: 9th-12th- Students will have the opportunity to play fellow students in ping pong. The goal of this course is to enjoy playing and improving in ping pong. **(Limited to 20 students per class)**
Wednesday or Thursday

Band –6th-12th- For developing woodwind, brass and percussion players who have had one year of instruction or are currently taking private lessons. Some pieces will be played along with the orchestra. **Monday**

Orchestra –6th-12th- For developing string players who have had at least one year of string class, private instruction or are currently taking private lessons. Advanced orchestra music is learned as well as small ensemble music. **Monday** (combined with Band)

Ukulele Club – 6th-12th- Ukulele club is for players wanting to learn how to use the ukulele in a group environment and for personal enjoyment. A variety of music is played from praise and worship to pop and fingerpicking melodies. Students will learn to read lead sheets and tab. **Tuesday**

Drama Club – 6th-12th-In High Point's theatre club, students will first be introduced to the basic concepts of theatre arts. Students will use various creative drama techniques to build *confidence*, stimulate imagination, movement, improv, and role-play. Through theatre games and activities students will learn to lose inhibitions and will gain trust in themselves as well as others in their groups. Students will exhibit and reinforce these skills through individual and group presentations, performances, and script and journal writing. Any student that plans on going out for the Spring Play should plan on being a part of drama club. **Monday (MS) Tuesday (HS)**

Chemistry Club- 6th-9th -Chemicals are all around us, hence the ingredients to make cool stuff. From silly putty to plastics, and soap to sunscreen, we will make a variety of interesting and useful items. We will learn about the elements made by God, and how we can use them to improve our lives and the world around us.
Monday or Friday (not available this year)

***Science Lab Assistant – 10th-12th** Approval needed from Mr. Brackbill or Mrs. Hofbauer.
Job – Help keep chemicals and equipment organized. Help clean glassware and lab benches. Help set-up student labs and teacher demonstrations.

What you will learn. – Good Laboratory Practices GLPS, lab safety, advanced experiments, and solution preparation.

Who should take this class – students who can follow instructions and work independently. Students who want to learn more science in a fun way. Students who would like to earn a good recommendation for good work ethic for a job, or a love of science for college. **M,T,W,TH,F** (whatever day that fits your schedule) **(Limited space)**

Board Game Club -6th-8th Join the Board Games Club to enjoy a little friendly competition with your friends! You will receive the added benefit of enhancing your brain power in a variety of areas including vocabulary, spelling, strategy, and creativity. **Monday**

Student Government- 6th-12th-The purpose: To give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to our school's environment the student council is the voice of the student body. They help share student ideas, interests, and concerns with the school wide community.

Function: The procedures will be based on a government type system with voting, bylaws, procedures, etc. Ideas are presented, voted upon, and confirmed by the student body president. **Tuesday**

Middle School Newsletter– 6th-8th - Be part of a team that will put together a regular newsletter for the middle school. This would include writing articles and taking pictures of important school happenings including interviews, announcements, and anything else we can brainstorm together that would be fun for the middle schoolers to read! **Friday**

Math Tutoring- 6th -12th -Need help in math? Our math teachers and their team of tutors will offer tutoring for students who need extra help in the variety of math classes that we offer. **Tuesday and/or Thursday**

Drone Club – 9th – 12th -Mr. Vizzi will introduce students to contemporary technologies (drones) with a hands-on lab approach. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS- A brief history of the sport aspect and discussion of the commercial uses' drones are involved in. Take a glimpse at the laws that the FAA is currently using to regulate drone usage. Labs include safety, battery usage, calibrating, basic flying, video, and photography. **Thursday**

Technology Club – 10th -12th - **Application required by Mr. Rohrer.** IT and Media have become a part of everyday operations at High Point, and this elective is designed to meet the high demands involved in serving and assisting with the technical side of education. Jobs will include media maintenance (organizing, sanitizing, distributing, and assisting in iPad usage K-12th grade), tech support for faculty/staff, and media operations (which will include streaming events, sound booth for elementary and secondary chapels, and small video projects throughout the school year). This elective will also involve classroom instruction in Photoshop basics, camera usage, areas of journalism, and other technical jobs that would be asked of a corporate IT help desk. This elective will require occasional time outside of the school day to photograph and video/ stream various school events. This elective will be open to a maximum of 10 students. **Friday**

***Media Writing 101- 9th-12th-(upper classman get priority)** The Media Writing 101 elective will develop your writing and communication skills. Professional writing (meaning, you can get paid to do it!) -ad copy, scripts, speeches, commercials, email campaigns, and more- has an end goal that's very different from what you're used to writing about as a student. The goal is to capture the reader's attention and persuade him or her to take a specific action: "Go. Get moving and do this!"

Some of the types of writing we will cover include...

- Advertisement (for a product, service, brand, upcoming event, etc.)
- A promotional email (for an upcoming event or time-sensitive offer)
- News story (real journalism... could be local or international, sports, current event, and more)
- A speech (topics to be determined)

This course is a chance for you to learn a skill that's useful in just about any career and will make you a better thinker, communicator, and employee (or employer). **Monday**

****Middle School students have Computer, PE, Spanish, and Art on a rotating schedule during Gold 2nd Period.**