Electives for 6th Grade

Computer Applications (Trimester) *THIS IS A REQUIRED CLASS FOR ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS!*
Students acquire knowledge of and experience in the proper and efficient use of previously written software packages. This course explores a wide range of applications, including (but not limited to) word-processing, spreadsheet, graphics, and database programs, and they may also cover the use of electronic mail and desktop publishing.

Physical Education 6
Activities typically include strength training, endurance and flexibility; rules and conventions of games and sports; and the importance of a physically active lifestyle.

Music 6
This course involves understanding music as creative expression and communication. Students work to develop skills with voice, drama and/or musical instruments while refining their ability to identify and critique musical pieces.

Choir 6
This course provides the opportunity to sing a variety of choral styles and develop vocal techniques for both male and female voices.

Drama 6 (Trimester)
Students will study theater arts, which includes pantomime, monologue, using the voice, stage presence, lighting and sound, and theater history. Students will:

- Develop skills in pantomime and body control.
- Improve voice control in reading projection, articulation and inflection.
- Memorize and perform a monologue and a scene.
- Participate in production of a play as actor or technician.
- There will be required day and evening performances at WJMS.

Band or Orchestra
These courses are designed to promote students' techniques with instruments for the purpose of concert performances. Band and Orchestra are not beginning classes. Most students have been playing their instruments since the 4th grade. If you would like to sign up for band or orchestra and you have no playing experience, you can contact Ms. Garrison first to ensure you will be successful in an instrumental class.

Art 6
This course teaches students to connect, reflect, understand, and create through art. Students will create their own artwork, refine their techniques and strengthen their critical abilities using clay, paint, and pen and ink.

Pre-Engineering
This course introduces students to the Engineering Design Process. In this project-based format, students will build computer apps, design and build CO_2 cars for competition, and apply engineering principles to build bridges.