

Luna Middle School

ELECTIVES

For rising 8th graders

NISD Course Requirements in Middle School

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
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Class 7	Advisory, AVID, or Innovative Thinkers (GT)	Elective Course	Elective Course
Class 8	Fine Arts Elective *	Elective Course	Elective Course

What is ART ?

Middle school art classes are designed to encourage creativity and personal expression through a variety of art mediums and art projects.

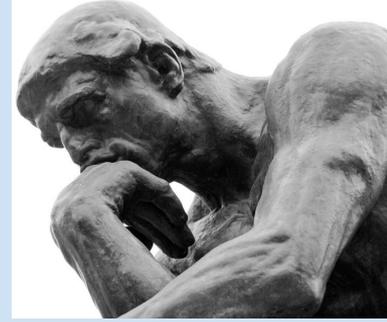
Luna Middle School offers two levels of 8th grade art:

Studio Art - This high school credit course is designed for the middle school student who has completed Art 1 and Art 2 and wishes to continue to study art at a rigorous, dedicated level. Students learn more advanced topics, different styles of art, art history, and various methods, mediums, and materials. Studio Art is for dedicated artists ready to be **challenged**.

Art 1 HS - An introduction to high school art where the curriculum recaps the elements and principles of art at a high school level. Content may be less advanced than Studio Art but still includes problem-solving, originality, creativity, and the study of artists across history.



Things to think about



Art is fun, but it's also hard work!

You will develop grit by learning how to deal with mistakes & art problems.

Some things are tedious - like shading a big project, learning perspective line drawing, or working & reworking a certain area of your composition.

Many projects last days or weeks, and some are completed in groups.

Your work will be on display in the hallways and at art shows.

You will like this class if...

You are creative.

You appreciate art and wonder how it was created.

You like to explore different art styles & mediums.

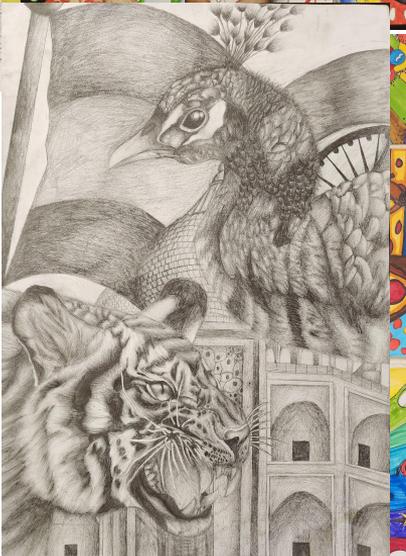
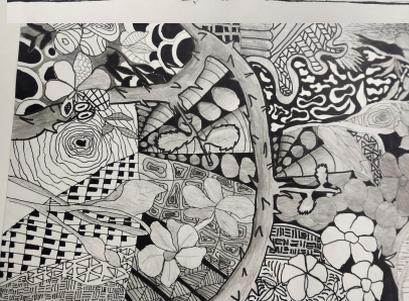
You like to work with your hands and experiment to grow your skills.

You're not afraid to make mistakes & receive guidance in your art.

You like to focus on details, but also overall impressions.

You like to learn about artists and art movements.





ART TEACHERS



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What is AVID?

✗ Advancement

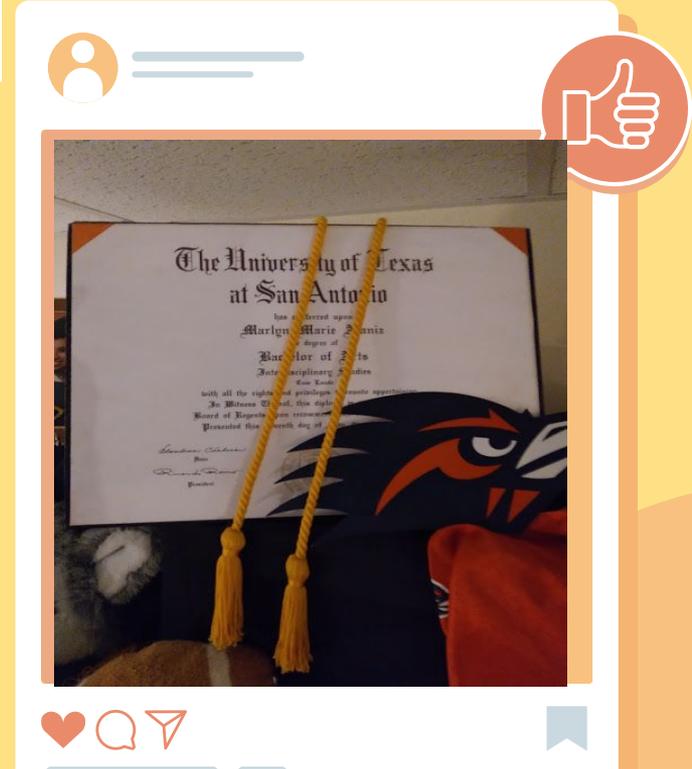
Via

Individual

Determination

Meaning we are working on
our future NOW!

CCMR Elective



AVID sets you up forSUCCESS!!!

Consider the following



- You will need to **APPLY**. Just like college.
- I will meet with you, **INTERVIEW**, and ask you about your future dreams.
- If I see you really want to work on your future, you will be **ACCEPTED** in AVID.
- **(I will switch you out of CommMAPS, into AVID)**
- We will learn about handling money, research future careers and of course colleges.

This is the place to be if you...



- **Visit local colleges. Yes, we visit colleges.**
- **We have college tutors that come in and help.**
- **We have guest speakers.**
- **We have fun learning and working towards our future.**





8th Visit to meet the AVID students at Brennan





**AVID sets you up
for what????**



SUCCESS!!!



**You must APPLY and
INTERVIEW** (meet with Ms. Alaniz or Ms.
Johnson) **for a spot in our
class.**

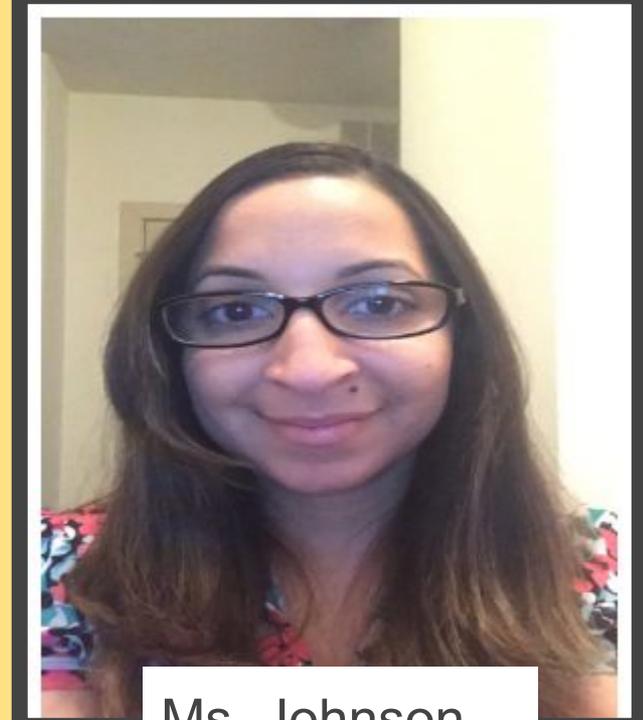


Meet the Teachers



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What is **Band**?

Beginning Band

Designed for first year students to learn the basics of the instruments and music. We will teach you EVERYTHING! You can be in 6/7/8 grade to join!

Advanced Band

Designed for 2nd and 3rd year musicians who have completed beginning band. UIL competing ensemble, field trips, football games,

Things to think about

- What instrument you would like to play! There is something for everyone!
- You will need to practice! But don't worry - we will help you!
- Instrument acquisition - we will find an instrument for you to play, no matter what.

You will like this class if...

- You are interested in learning an instrument!
- You like music!
- If you like to work on a team!
- If you want to do marching band/pep band in high school!
- You like to perform! All ensembles perform throughout the year.

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What is Choir?

- We sing every day
- We sing different types/styles of music
- We learn to read music
- We have performances
- We have fun
- We get to know each other
- We work as a team
- We have extra opportunities like competitions



Things to think about



- Anyone can sign up (no audition for beginning choir)
- **Anyone can improve their singing** with coaching on tuning, rhythm, technique, etc.
- **Solo opportunities** for students that want them (optional)
- Many opportunities for students that **prefer to sing with a group**
- Teacher meets you at your level
- Teacher can **help you** with stage fright, too
- Choirs at Luna are **award winning**, and many students participate in competitions like UIL, Region, Solo/Ensemble, and even All-State.



You will like Choir if...

- You like to sing
- You want to read music
- You want to be part of a group
- You want to learn more about music and your voice
- You want to sing in harmony

Click below to
hear the choirs!





Choir Teacher

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What is Dance?

- Dance is any movement of the body to music, rhythm, or silence. The movement helps us express our ideas and emotions in a unique way!
- Dance is a form of exercise that helps us condition our bodies to be healthy and strong!



Things to think about

- This is a very active class we will be moving almost everyday!
- Dressing out is essential to your participation and safety. Without proper attire you could get injured!
- There are many performance opportunities that are **NOT** required. **BUT** there are two required performances in the year. A Winter and Spring recital.



You will like this class if..

- You enjoy learning about dances in other cultures and countries.
- You've previously taken dance classes and want to learn more!
- You want to connect with music in a new way.
- You want to relieve stress.
- You want to enhance your self confidence and much more!

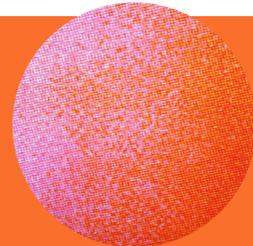
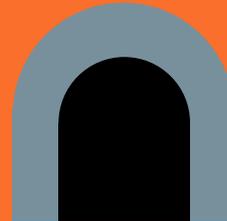
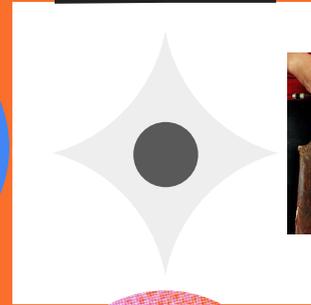
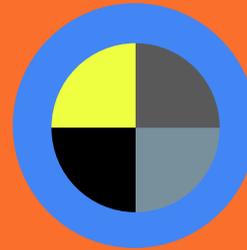
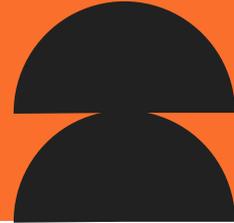
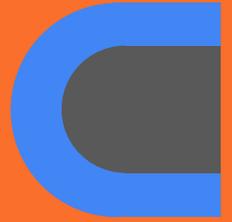
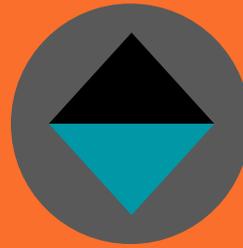
DANCE TEACHER

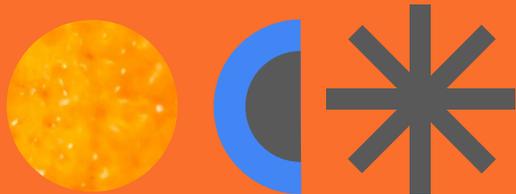


- **Teacher: Ms. Shalifoe**
- **For any questions or concerns, come talk to Ms. Shalifoe in H108!**
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What is Orchestra?

7th Grade: Students may take beginning orchestra and learn how to play the Violin, Viola, Cello or Bass Or they may be a part of one of the intermediate or advanced orchestras, based on their previous year's experience. This includes students that were in 5th grade strings and took a





Orchestra



Things to think about:

Performances

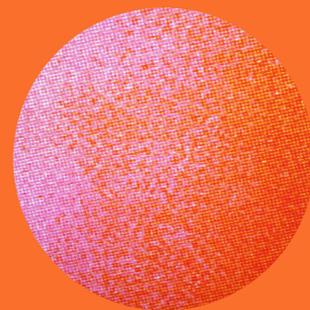
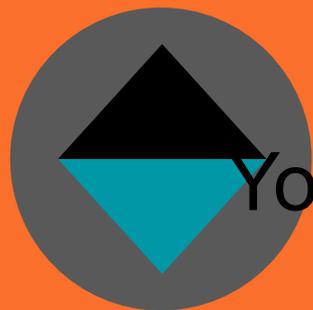
Students prepare for performances in large and sometimes small groups.

Instruments and Supplies

Students will need to provide required supplies and instruments. There are some violins, violas, cellos and basses available to rent from Luna.

Teamwork

Being a part of orchestra allows students to develop friendships and connections with other students that enjoy making music.



You will like this
class if...

*You want to be a part of a musical family.

*You enjoy learning a new instrument and having fun.

*You like to challenge yourself with personal and group goals.





Luna Orchestra

Director: Mrs. Wright

If you have any questions about the Luna Orchestra Program, come talk to Mrs. Wright in D106,

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What is PAE/STEM?

STEM: Science. Technology. Engineering. Math

STEM is a course offered to both 7th and 8th Grade students. We cover a wide variety of subjects including Architecture/Construction, Manufacturing, Arts/AV, I.T, Engineering, & Transportation.

Principles of Applied Engineering (High School Credit) is a course offered to 8th graders who want to get ahead in their high school career. In this course we focus on the engineering disciplines including civil, mechanical, electrical, and robotics.

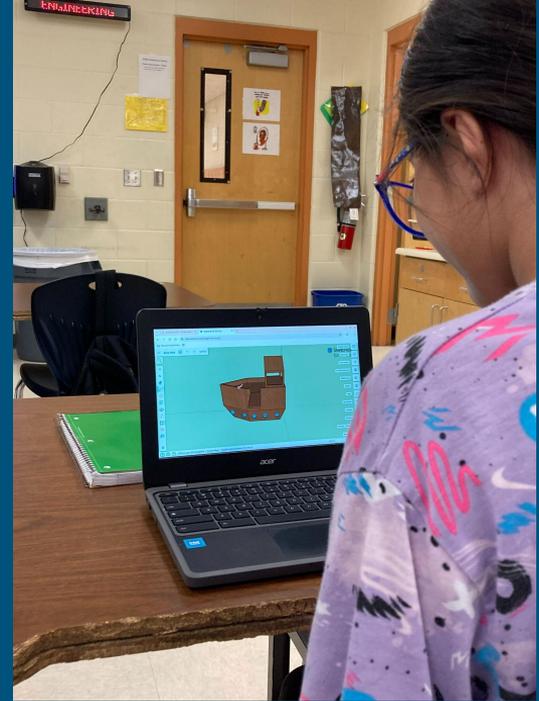


Things to think about

STEM/Engineering is not just a shop class, but we do work in the woodshop often.

Some projects are computer based

Principles of Applied Engineering is a high school credit course. Attendance is very important! There will be a fall & spring semester exam worth 10% of your grade. The grade you earn will be on your high school transcripts.



You will like this class if...

You enjoy working with your hands and tools

You enjoy building projects independently or with a group

You are interested in learning about careers

You want to expand your knowledge by problem solving and critical thinking and using hands on technical skills



Teacher picture, name and contact



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WHAT IS PBS & PHS

PUBLIC BUSINESS SERVICES IS A FIRST LEVEL COURSE. THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS.



PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN SERVICES IS A HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSE. ONLY 8TH GRADERS CAN TAKE THIS CLASS. PHS IS A BIT MORE RIGOROUS THAN PBS.

PHS CURRICULUM

- PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR SUCCESS
- EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
- FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES/
NUTRITION
- COUNSELING & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- CONSUMERISM
- PERSONAL CARE SERVICES
- FASHION DESIGN
- INTERIOR DESIGN



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- STUDENTS OFTEN WORK TOGETHER IN GROUPS.
- ONLY COOK ABOUT 3 TIMES.
- PHS IS MORE RIGOROUS THAN PBS.
- THERE WILL BE TWO SEMESTER EXAMS COUNTING FOR 10% OF YOUR GRADE.
- ATTENDANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SINCE THIS IS A HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSE.



YOU WILL LIKE THIS CLASS IF...



- YOU ENJOY COLLABORATING WITH YOUR PEERS.
- YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CAREERS.
- YOU LIKE HANDS ON PROJECTS.

PBS & PHS TEACHER



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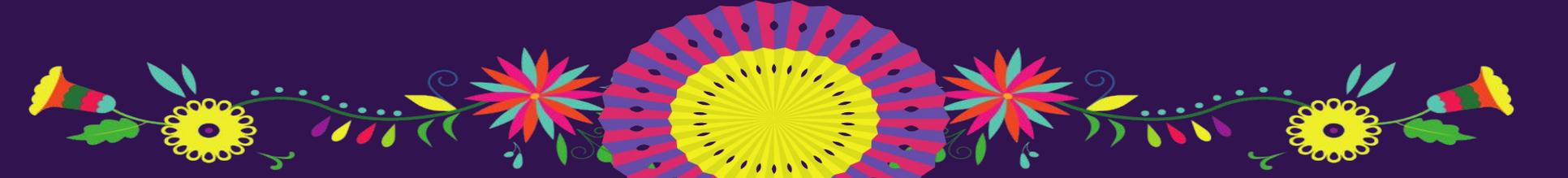
What is Spanish?

- A high school credit course that will enhance your confidence during middle school and set you up for success in high school.
- Students learn through fun activities like games, songs, and practice speaking in a new language.





Things to think about

- A strong ELA student will do well in Spanish.
 - You will learn to Read, Speak and Write in Spanish.
 - Attendance is very important in order to obtain your HS credit.
 - There is a Semester Exam that counts 10% of the Semester Average.
 - Spanish 2 is also offered at Luna.
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You will like this class if:

- You want to learn a second language,
- You are willing to be challenged every day,
- You like to collaborate with others.



Spanish Teachers



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What is Theatre?

Theatre is the art of telling stories to an audience using our creativity and imagination.

You can choose between three different classes:

- **BEGINNING THEATRE** - For those who have not taken theatre before.
- **INTERMEDIATE THEATRE** - For those who have passed Beginning Theatre and want to learn more!
- **ADVANCED THEATRE** - For those who have passed Intermediate Theatre and/or are placed in this class for One Act Play competition.

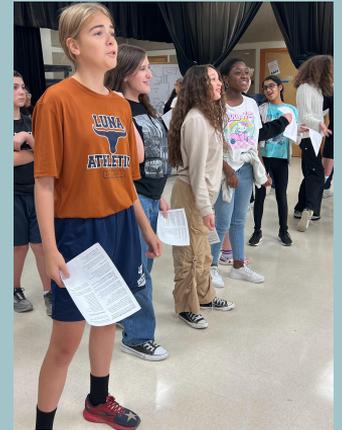


BEGINNING THEATRE

- basic theatre terms
- ensemble building
- acting
- technical theatre
- theatre history
- final showcase performance



This class focuses on learning about ALL of the aspects of theatre. You do NOT have to perform for an audience in Beginning Theatre.



Intermediate Theatre



- Specialize in acting or technical theatre
- Special project-based learning, such as:
 - Creepy babies (Making a prop for a specific event)
 - “Gingerbread Set Design”(set construction for a scene in a play or musical)
 - Individual and group acting
 - Pet Costumes (sewing and costume construction)
 - Building and constructing for productions
- You will be challenged to perform in front of **AT LEAST** your classmates



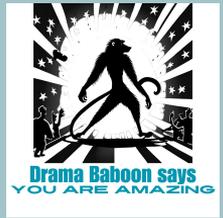
Advanced Theatre

- For students who are selected for the One Act Play/Production class OR those who have successfully passed Intermediate theatre
- Specialize in acting or technical theatre
- These students perform on stage in front of audiences in various capacities, including our competition play, children's theatre, Open classroom, and Spring Showcase
- Students can also learn advanced work in technical theatre, acting, theatre history, and production jobs





Things to think about:



- **Beginning theatre students DO NOT have to perform in front of audiences. Intermediate and advanced students will be required to perform in front of audiences.**
- Performing is about controlling your energy to best tell a story. It is not about “acting out” or “being funny.” You will be challenged to control yourself **OFTEN**.
- You will be successful in these classes if you are willing to **TRY** new things!
- Theatre involves both performing/acting and designing/technical work. Not everyone who likes theatre likes performing.
- My overall philosophy is that you will come out of theatre class with an understanding of theatre, and a lot of skills you did not know you needed!

You will like this class if...

- You are interested in performing/technical theatre and would like to know more.
- You would like to learn how to better work with others and be more confident in yourself.
- You enjoy working on projects and learning how to be responsible for setting limits and timelines.
- You enjoy dance, art, movies, videos, choir, and/or performing arts.
- You like plays, musicals, and visual expression.
- You like working towards a goal and learning how to work through challenges to achieve it.
- You are creative and energetic and willing to try!



Theatre Teacher



Andrea Cotham

Director

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JOURNALISM



LUNA JOURNALISM

Journalism is a class where you capture memories, tell people about important events, and help students stay involved in school activities





Um, sure..

PURPOSE AND ROLE

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Train students in writing, speaking, broadcasting, researching, and visual storytelling.



CITIZENSHIP

Instill values of truth and ethics, empowering students to become informed members of society.



CRITICAL THINKING

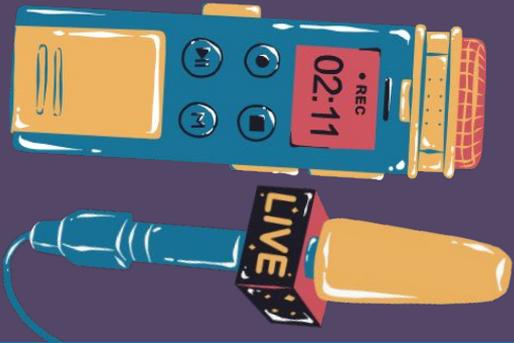
Encourage young journalists to analyze issues, fact-check, and form balanced opinions.



IN OUR CLASS...



In class we work on uploading photos from our cameras to our drives. we go out and take photos if there is a Special event. Towards the middle of the year we start working on the yearbook pages.



LET'S DEFINE IT.

You are expected to act responsibly at all times. Cameras and press passes are school privileges and must be used appropriately. Your behavior reflects on Mrs. Sloan the journalism class and Luna MS. No playing with cameras in the hallways, and do not cause distractions when entering classrooms.



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