

Lions' Den Descriptions First Quarter 2017-18

Art in the World

What art exists in the world and how do you, a Giles student, connect to it. Students will study art but also create art. Topics and activities include: artists you should know, art forms, art techniques, application of techniques, materials exploration, using art in your homework.

Broadcast Journalism

Students involved in Broadcast Journalism will cover and investigate stories and issues important to them. They will write and produce newscasts for the school. They will get a chance work with the technical side and the journalistic side of all the stories that matter. We envision a fast paced week of finding, writing and producing stories that meet high standards and tight deadlines.

Current Events

In Current Events students will be exposed to numerous media outlets regarding current event news stories where they will be able learn about, analyze, discuss, write, and debate issues that effect modern society. Students will build a stronger foundation to understand and recognize media and societal bias. By investigating global issues, students will gain a greater understanding of the events of an ever-changing multicultural world.

Ideas in Action (Service Learning)

Ideas in Action is an educational experience that requires participation in an organized service activity that meets identified community or worldly needs. Students reflect on their service activity through writing, discussion and reading to gain further understanding of course content, broaden their appreciation of the discipline, and enhance their sense of civic responsibility. Students learn through hands-on interaction and experience and relate their experiences to course material through discussion and written assignments. There are a variety of service opportunities available to you including working with the elderly, children, adolescents, animals, environmental issues, and many more. Students will choose their service project in the first week of class.

Intramurals

Do you like to play sports? Be part of a team? Develop game strategy? Meet new friends? Then intramurals is for you. We will play many activities such as: baseball, dodgeball, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, soccer and much more. If that sounds fun and interesting then make sure you don't miss out on the excitement. Intramurals will be offered 1st, 2nd and 4th quarters.

Math Lab (tutor)

Do you like math? Do you want to improve your math skills? Do you want the admiration of your peers? Become a Math Lab Tutor. Do your own homework and re-teach math concepts to your peers.

Math Lab (get tutoring)

Do you struggle with your math homework? Do you not want to take your math homework home with you? Sign up for Math Lab. Peer and adult support available to re-explain concepts.

Music in our Community

Music in our Community will give students the opportunities to become leaders of music in Norridge School District 80 and the community of Norridge. They will be given the tools and experiences necessary to explore what an impact music has in our everyday lives. Students will enjoy exploring, organizing, and participating in performance opportunities in our school and within the community of Norridge. From learning how to hold auditions and participating as judges, to working with district staff and community members to seek out performance opportunities, students will become experts in music's vital role in our culture, in our district, and in our local community.

Reading Club/Library

Help Giles re-organize all of the junior high books from Leigh and help pack up the lower level books to send to Leigh. First quarter is more of a service project than true reading club, but we will have time to read as well. Then, record book talks for other students that give your opinion and recommendation of books that you read. Be a guest star on our Broadcast Journalism set. Convince your friends to sign up and join in on the fun. We need you!

Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Hispanica Amistad)

The Sociedad Hispanica De Amistad (SHA) is a national activities based Spanish society for students enrolled in Spanish. SHA helps students excel in Spanish language and culture. Students will have a chance to participate in national and state competitions. SHA will also work on projects that help the local and global community (such as last year's popular Pulsera Project). Students will have a chance to utilize new language and cultural skills in fun and engaging ways (members will assist in choosing activities). Former and new members welcome!

Sports Journalism

If you have a passion for playing, watching, debating, listening, filming/taking photography, and reading or writing about sports, Sports Journalism may be for you! Students will explore the world of sports journalism by learning about the various career avenues one can take in this field, understand the current trends, and foresee the future of the industry, and discover that the building blocks to success can start today. Motivated individuals will model several platforms of sports communication possibly including composing articles on Giles athletes and teams, recording sports reports/updates, partaking in a talk show, and creating highlight packages (slideshow/video).