

Student's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

### Elective Request Form

Check your choice of World Language:

Spanish

OR

French

*During freshmen year, students will work primarily to complete core classes to prepare for college and beyond. There are few choices to be made at this time but if we are unable to give your first choice of language we would like to give you an opportunity to study another course that will expand your knowledge in the fine arts. All students will take a minimum of 2 years of a World Language but may begin as a sophomore if necessary.*

Students may choose the 18 week elective (1 credit) or two 9 week electives (.5 credit each).

You may Choose ONE 18 week electives:

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir

OR

Choose TWO, 9 week electives:

\_\_\_\_\_ Music Technology \_\_\_\_\_ Elements of Music

#### Algebra 1 Proficiency Test Out

If you have had Algebra including graphing linear functions, factoring trinomials, solving quadratic equations by factoring and the quadratic formula and radical expressions (square, cube, etc. roots and Pythagorean Theorem) and would like to try to test out of Algebra 1 (Skip Algebra 1) and go to Geometry and Algebra 2, please check below.

Yes, I would like to take the Algebra 1 test  on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Check if interested

#### Spanish 1 Proficiency Test Out

To pass this test, students must have previously studied the Spanish language. Students must be able to read, write, speak and understand the spoken word in Spanish. Students must be able to translate basic passages, have knowledge of grammar and sentence structure and an essential vocabulary. Students who are able to pass this test will be placed in Spanish 2.

Yes, I would like to take the Spanish 1 test  on June 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Check if interested

## Electives for freshmen in the Class of 2021

### **Eighteen Week Electives**

**Students must have 6 electives to graduate.**

**Choir (18 weeks; 1 credit):** In this performance based class, students will learn about many genres of music from church hymns, to popular tunes to classical song and they will learn to use their voice as well as whistling, hand clapping, finger snapping and stomping to make these genres come to life. Students will learn the principles of performance and will be expected to perform every 4 weeks. Audiences and times of these performances will vary with the season. Students may be asked to perform for parents at Back-to-School Night, for seventh and eighth grade families at Open House, the school community at Christmas, and Graduation. The choir class may be called upon to sing at Mass but will not be limited to only singing at Mass. Students will be graded on their enthusiastic participation in class, performances and knowledge.

### **Nine Week Electives**

**Each class meets for ½ of the semester and earns .5 elective credits.**

**Elements of Music:** Students will develop music literacy by incorporating music theory and ear training practices of our culture and the world. Students will increase understanding by experiencing, preparing and practicing music elements such as beat, rhythm, notation and timbre. Students will develop the ability to identify, write, analyze, create and evaluate music elements. Although learning will not be based on outside performances, students will need to perform in class, in groups (e.g. drum-lines) or individually (e.g. piano/rhythm exercises).

**Music Technology:** Students will enhance their skills in the music arts and computer sciences by utilizing electronic devices and computers software (e.g. Garage band, Audacity and Beat lab) to dj, record, perform, store, analyze and create music.

### **Honors Placement**

*A student is placed in honors courses after careful review of the student's elementary school transcript and performance on the Kolbe Cathedral placement test. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to retain status in honors courses. Students not placed in honors courses may earn honors status with a 3.0 GPA and teacher recommendation.*

# Kolbe Cathedral High School

## Required courses for members of the Class of 2021:

**English 9/Honors English 9 - Composition and Literature (18 weeks, 1 credit):** This course will include the study of grammar, vocabulary; a survey of literary genres such as short stories, non-fiction, poetry, drama and the novel. The writing process is stressed beginning with writing paragraphs, progressing to compositions and essays. Honors level classes will study all of these topics in greater depth and will include additional independent reading and writing assignments.

**Algebra 1/Honors Algebra 1 (18 weeks, 1 credit):** A complete course in the algebraic method covering computation and solution of equations using integers, rational, irrational numbers, linear, and quadratic functions. TI-84 family graphing calculator required. Honors classes will study these and other topics in greater depth and move more quickly through the curriculum.

**Geometry/ Honors Geometry (18 weeks, 1 credit):** Geometry is the study of shapes and figures that define the real world. Students use basic mathematics, algebra and laws of logic to explore circles, triangles and polygons to discover the rules that define the relationships between them. Honors level classes will study these topics and others in greater depth.

**Western History/Honors Western History (18 weeks, 1 credit):** Examines the development of Western Civilization through the major events that have changed human life from the birth of civilization to the Enlightenment. Honors level classes will study all of these topics in greater depth and will include additional independent reading and writing assignments.

**Biology 1/Honors Biology (18 weeks, 1 credit):** A survey course in biological science that seeks to stimulate student growth in the appreciation of living things. Honors level classes will study all of these topics in greater depth and will include analysis of scientific data.

**Old Testament (18 weeks, 1 credit):** This course analyzes the events that take place in the Old Testament. These events begin with God and humanity establishing a covenant that will be completed with a coming Messiah.

**World Language (18 weeks, 1 credit):**

**Honors French:** French is one of the world's great languages, rivaled only by English as the language of international society and diplomacy. Besides being spoken in France, it is one of the official languages of Belgium, of Switzerland, and of Canada; it is the official language of Luxembourg, of Haiti, of more than fifteen African countries, and of various French dependencies. It is the mother tongue of approximately 110 million people.

OR

**Spanish 1/Honors Spanish 1(18 weeks, 1 credit):** Spanish is the most widely spoken Romance (Rome or Latin based) language, both in terms of number of speakers and the number of countries in which it is the dominant language. Besides being spoken in Spain, it is the official language of all the South American republics except Brazil and Guyana, of the six republics of Central America, as well as of Mexico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. All told there are approximately 400 million speakers of Spanish. Honors level classes will study all of these topics in greater depth and will include additional conversation, and language based activities.

**Personal Wellness (9 weeks, .5 credits):** Centers on the concept of wellness: being physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually healthy.

**Physical Education (9weeks, .5 credits):** An introductory, activity-based course that addresses the development of four major areas: physical fitness, motor skills, cognitive skills, and personal/social skills.