Performing and Visual Arts

Band: Continue to improve your ability to play flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba or percussion (includes snare drum, keyboard and auxiliary instruments). Audition required for Intermediate and Advanced levels.

Guitar: Students will learn to read and perform music on the guitar. The material will range from modern radio hits to Mozart and everything in between, with advanced students performing in competition and concert.

Theatre: Get hands on experience acting, playwriting, and directing while learning about improvisation, tech theatre, acting styles and theatre history! Audition required for Intermediate and Advanced levels.

Animation: Students will learn the history of animation, watch films, and experience the production of different forms and techniques of animation.

Art: Artists learn the elements of art and principles of design by acquiring skills in a variety of media such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. Portfolio survey required for intermediate & advanced art.

STEM

Student Tech Team (Genius Bar): Students will collaborate to create systems and support for digital safety in either the hardware or software teams. They work on a variety of software and are challenged to advance their skills and produce high quality products through both graphic and web design.

Principle of Information Technology (PIT): This course emphasizes the knowledge and skills associated with the basics of computer education. Students develop computer literacy skills to adapt to emerging technologies used in the global marketplace. Students implement personal and interpersonal skills to prepare for a rapidly evolving workplace environment. (8th grade course)

Immersive Media for Our Global Community(PBL): Using the Verizon Innovative Learning Lab, this elective aims to empower you to change the world by using emerging technology, design thinking, and social innovation. Throughout this course, you will have the opportunity to learn about a specific type of emerging technology and use this technology to develop a creative solution to a social/environmental challenge.

Pi Society: A math class just for fun. We'll explore interesting ideas, problems and concepts that you may not see in your math class. There will be lots of group work, mathematical discovery, and the occasional competition. This class is recommended for 7th and 8th graders who enjoy math and want a challenge!

Athletics

Karate: Navarro Middle School’s award-winning karate program competes locally, statewide and nationally. The karate elective utilizes a values curriculum though a partnership with KICKSTART KIDS building on the traditional martial arts emphasis on respect and discipline.
**Humanities**

**Comics and Superheroes:** This course explores comic books and superheroes and allows students to create an original superhero and a comic book!

**Creative Writing:** Creative writing is writing not done in a technical or academic way; it is self-expressive and attracts audiences! It is unique and gives people the opportunity to freely write in a way that expands our creative thinking. Creative writing is about storytelling, sharing human experiences, and using your imagination!

**Debate:** Research, reason, and argue differing points of view, while serving on the Pin Oak Debate Team at local competitions. Debate team is determined through an audition process.

**Journalism:** Students enrolled in Journalism write in a variety of forms for a variety of audiences and purposes about topics that range from current events to personal interest. Students will also have the opportunity to create a weekly podcast by researching and reporting on various topics. Reports will include scores, news, and analysis. Reports will be formed into the weekly Navarro Podcast that will be uploaded to podcast streaming platforms.

**Name That Book:** Are you interested in competing in the district Name That Book competition? This is a great class for those who love to read

**Enrichment**

**Leadership:** This course, offered to sixth and seventh-grade students, develops skills in the following areas: Leadership, Professional and business skills, Self-concept, Healthy relationships, Personal responsibility, Emotional intelligence, Public speaking and communication

**Chess:** Students will have the opportunity to develop skills and become a competitive player. Class will include skill lessons and tournament play.

**Office Worker:** Assist in the house office or main office by delivering notes and information or assisting where needed. **Requires application on Course Request Form (7th and 8th grade ONLY)**

**PALS:** Do you enjoy helping others? Be a pal and help other students who are learning to care for themselves and develop skills for living.

**Passion Project:** The only class that is all about YOU!! Learn about what you love, and explore how your personal passions can develop into a career and foster leadership. This class is great for G/T and NJHS students looking to prepare for High School and beyond. You pick the topic. You pick the project.

**Study Lab:** Designed for independent work, silent reading, and a time to complete homework. This is not tutoring, and students are expected to stay busy for the entire class period. **Requires application on Course Request Form**