

**2023-2024 REGISTRATION**  
**Romig Middle School**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Choice Sheet**

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| Student (Last Name, First Name) _____  |
| I.D. Number _____  |
| <b>*Students can pick their electives online through Student Connect on Q.</b> |

**Directions:** Select at least four electives and number them in order of preference 1,2, 3, 4, etc. Return the completed form to one of the counselors listed above.

| Year-Long Elective Classes  | Semester-Long Elective Classes  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Band, Advanced<br><input type="checkbox"/> Band, Intermediate<br><input type="checkbox"/> Band, Beginning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Choir, Advanced<br><input type="checkbox"/> Choir, Intermediate<br><input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra, Advanced ( <i>audition required</i> )<br><input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra, Intermediate<br><input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra, Beginning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Russian Immersion<br><input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1b<br><input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Immersion | <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Technology<br><input type="checkbox"/> Art, Expanded<br><input type="checkbox"/> Computer Technology<br><input type="checkbox"/> Debate ( <i>can be taken for a full year</i> )<br><input type="checkbox"/> Home Ec.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Marine Biology<br><input type="checkbox"/> Robotics<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Strategies of Success (Study Hall)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Office Aide (application required)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Video Production |
| If your child is taking either an online or correspondence math class, please note the program and class s/he is taking here: Class _____ Program/Institution _____   |   |
| <b>Please note: Courses are subject to change due to a variety of reasons, i.e. budget cuts, teacher transfers, and/or student interest. In fact, student schedules might be rearranged several times prior to the first day of school and even into the school year as classes are balanced and shifted around to best meet the incredibly varied interests, needs, and abilities of our diverse student body. Please know that we dislike disrupting student routines once the school year starts, but it does happen.</b>                        |   |

**Lottery students** can return their completed forms to Romig in person or via Interschool Mail if they attend a school in the Anchorage School District.

**Aide Positions (office, teacher, student services):** Students must have excellent attendance, be reliable, trustworthy, organized, and able to follow through with projects and instructions. Applications are available in student services. Students typically find their own placement.

**Applied Tech-** This class is built around multiple hands-on units centered on problem solving and engineering. Possibilities include mousetrap vehicles, rocketry, woodworking, CO2 dragsters, alternative energy vehicles, balsa bridge and tower building, LEGO robotics, and circuitry.

**Art Expanded:** Students will have opportunities to work in-depth with a variety of media including pencil, ink, paint, clay and printmaking, with both 2-d and 3-d projects. Students may enroll in both semesters because each semester has new projects.

**Band Beginning:** No experience required. This class is looking for students who have a desire to learn and play music.

**Band Intermediate and Advanced:** Designed for students who have previously been in band and have the working knowledge of the fundamentals of music theory including key signatures (scale study), counting, rhythms and knowledge of fingerings. Dedicated effort (group and self-discipline) is expected. Placement is based on teacher recommendation/audition. Contact: Mr. Cosgrove at [cosgrove\\_don@asdk12.org](mailto:cosgrove_don@asdk12.org) for more information.

**Choir Intermediate:** This course is for students with limited musical experience. Fundamentals of choral music will be stressed, including note reading, part singing, interpretation, individual and group response to direction and basics of vocal technique. There will be performance opportunities throughout the year.

**Choir Advanced:** This course is for students with previous training in the fundamentals of choral music. It will involve further study of vocal technique with emphasis on individual and group musical development. Several required performances include school concerts, school district festivals and outside school performances. Please contact Mrs. Jeske at [jeske\\_ashley@asdk12.org](mailto:jeske_ashley@asdk12.org) with any questions.

**Computer Tech:** Students will work toward mastery of the keyboard while exploring various computer/business applications such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Students will also have the opportunity to make music with GarageBand, edit pictures with Photoshop, and create animation with Sketch Up, Animation-ish, and more. Internet Safety and Responsibility will be stressed. This is a semester elective.

**Debate (can be taken for a full year):** This is a competitive debate class where students prepare for district wide debate competitions. Students explore multiple perspectives, research, and defend a variety of positions and issues while developing strong reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. The study and practice of academic debate will strengthen various language arts and civic skills, including argument construction, evidence analysis, organization, persuasion, effective word choice, research competence, media literacy, public speaking, ethics, and civility.

**Home Ec:** Students will work in small groups and individually to explore these areas and more: food, nutrition, textile/fabric creations, and personal finance. They will complete activities that include research and a variety of hands-on and computer activities.

**Marine Biology:** This class will focus on understanding the life in the oceans. It is designed to give students an in-depth look at interesting subjects like whales, sharks, penguins, and fish while maintaining rigorous scientific growth. This course will center on Alaskan marine ecosystems but will also broaden out to the other major worldwide oceanic ecosystems.

**Orchestra (Beginning):** No experience required. This class is looking for students who have a desire to learn and play the violin, viola, cello or double bass.

**Orchestra (Intermediate and Advanced):** Designed for students who have previously been in orchestra and have the working knowledge of the fundamentals of music theory. Students will continue development of string skills with more emphasis placed on performing. Responsibilities of the individual within the large music ensemble will be stressed. Public performances will be required. Placement in Advanced Orchestra is based on teacher recommendation/audition. Contact [McCarrey Alison@asdk12.org](mailto:McCarrey_Alison@asdk12.org) to schedule an audition.

**Robotics:** Students learn to think like mechanical engineers. Student design and program robots; they learn basic robot building instructions, programming and movement and move towards working with sensors and more complex robot behaviors. This is a hands-on class where students learn to apply what they have learned to the real world.

**Rocketry:** This elective will teach students about the science of aerodynamics, airplanes, and rockets. Students will build a glider, rocket, and an Estes Model Rocket. Students will learn about simple electrical circuits, laws of motion, orbits, trajectories and altitude tracking.

**Russian Immersion:** This K-12 program is a continuation of Turnagain Elementary's Russian Immersion Program. Students are "immersed" in Russian language for two class periods per day (both classes are required): Russian Immersion Lang. Arts and Russian Immersion Soc. Studies.

**Spanish 1B:** This is part two of a two-year sequence. Students who successfully complete Spanish IB may be eligible for high school credit.

**Spanish Immersion:** This is a K-12 program and is a continuation of the Spanish Immersion Program begun at Government Hill Elementary School. Students who are native speakers of Spanish (and new to the Spanish Immersion Program) are encouraged to contact [Hernandez Anaely@asdk12.org](mailto:Hernandez_Anaely@asdk12.org) for an interview. Students are immersed in the Spanish language for two class periods a day (both classes are required): Spanish Immersion Language Arts and Spanish Immersion Social Studies.

**Strategies of Success:** This is a study hall gives students an extra class period each day to complete their homework.

**Video Production:** Video Production introduces all the skills and knowledge you need to launch a successful career in film, radio, video, or television. Students complete radio, film and video projects while learning to work as part of a production team., Motion, and Adobe After Effects.