



Term 1 Discovery Course

September 8th – November 27th 2009

Year Book

Miss Masi

This class will focus on Principles of Design and digital arts while creating the school's 2010 yearbook. Students will participate in developing an over all theme and method of organization for the yearbook while accepting responsibility for assigned pages. Students will also learn basic digital photo techniques and editing practices. This course will bring ownership and school pride into the year book and help students gain valuable design skills with in a collaborative team.



* Students will be expected to commit time out of class after the first term. Service hours will be granted.

10 students maximum

Spanish

Mme Volkmann

Spanish this term will enable students to understand and engage in simple dialogues in the present tense. We will be building up vocabulary starting with simple questions to enable students to talk about topics such as the weather, their family and themselves. We will concentrate on role play in pairs and groups and learn grammar structures through music and written activities. During the second half of the term, students will learn about different cultures in the Spanish speaking world and choose a research topic to present to the club at the end of the term. The presentations will be in English but may well include Spanish components.



Leadership



Mr. Fremont

Have you ever wanted to help plan events at Brockton such as the Terry Fox Run, Halloween Festivities, Remembrance Day ceremonies, Christmas Concerts, or car washes? Did you know Hillary Clinton (US Secretary of State) was on her school's leadership council?

Students will have an opportunity to become leaders at Brockton. The Leadership Discovery course will allow students to share their ideas, interests and concerns to make Brockton a better school. As part of the leadership course you will help organize school activities, including social

events, community projects and help make school reforms. Students will also take on an international fundraising project. This course is a great opportunity to make a difference at Brockton!

Exploring Composition using Garage Band

Mr.Dyck and Ms.Freeborn

Do you like music? Do you like working with computers? Have you ever thought about exploring making your OWN music using computers?

Well, now's your chance. In this course you will learn to create your own musical compositions in many styles or genres using an application called Garage Band. You can experiment with creating drum beats, bass lines, melodies, sound effects, atmospheric sound textures and much much more, and at the end of it all you will have your own song (or more!) recorded onto a CD to play for all your friends and family!



As you may know, Garage Band runs on a Mac computer but you do not have to have your own Mac to take this course – Brockton will provide access to a Mac laptop for you to use while at school.

This course is limited to 5 participants per term.

Public Speaking



Mrs. Wall

Did you know that the ability to speak confidently and deliver a persuasive message is an essential skill for today's business professionals? This course provides the opportunity to learn how to plan and deliver a great speech and how to help others improve their speeches too. You will improve your public speaking skills by practicing and delivering speeches and presentations on a wide range of topics.

There are always three speeches, for every one you actually gave. The one you practiced, the one you gave, and the one you wish you gave. ~Dale Carnegie

Be sincere; be brief; be seated. ~Franklin D. Roosevelt, on speechmaking

The best way to sound like you know what you're talking about is to know what you're talking about. ~Author Unknown

Term 1 Discovery Course Elective Form

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Name _____

Grade _____

Please identify your three choices in order of preference below. You are asked to write a sentence or two stating why you have chosen your first choice. This will aid the selection process if too many people opt for a course.

1st Choice _____

Reason why you wish to take this course:

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____