

Fall 2018 Intercession PFFS-Downtown Choice Sheet

Directions: Discuss with your parent/guardian the Spring Intercession options - there are short descriptions of each Intercession experience on the back of this form.

Rank your choices from 1 to 6 with 1 being your top choice. We work really hard to give every student one of their top choices. Once you are put into a group, you will be given a letter home detailing more specific information about your Intercession. Finally, please note that **participation in all or part of Intercession is contingent upon students having proficiently completed most of their academic work.** If students have a significant amount of work that is incomplete, we may choose to have them use this time to bring their work to the proficiency level.

Student Name: _____

- All About Clay** (Debbie)
- Coastal Ecology in Mexico** (Joe) - **need to own a valid passport**
- I Like Trains** (Patrick)
- Packs to Pools** (Seth) - **strenuous and overnight**
- Political Musical Theater** (JoAnn)
- Sew what? Sew costumes!** (Misa)

If you have a specific reason why you should be given your first choice, indicate why:

Parent/Guardian Name & Signature:

Name _____ Signature _____

(This Choice Sheet must be completed, signed, and turned in by end-of-day Friday (9/14/18))

Intersession Description

All About Clay Pottery is our oldest handicraft. Humans' wherewithal to tinker with a simple combination of fine dirt, water, and heat has led to outstanding cultural and technological achievements. So what better way, to learn more about clay, than to sink our hands right in! We will visit Tucson Clay Co-Op on multiple days during the week to learn how to hand-build and how to use the wheel. By Friday you will have not one, but two pieces that are uniquely you! We will also visit the Arizona State Museum, cultural centers, and local galleries.

Coastal Ecology in Mexico. Just across the border in Mexico lies a sea coast with one of the highest tidal ranges in the world. We will stay at the CEDO Institute (Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans) in Puerto Penasco. We will learn about intertidal life and highly adapted desert organisms of the region. We'll examine the ecologically rich nearby Morua estuary where a women's cooperative operates an oyster farm. We'll have opportunities to interact with our neighbors in Mexico. **A valid US Passport is required**, and the confirmation of this intersession will depend on securing enough parent drivers willing to help transport.

I Like Trains Together we can begin to understand some of Tucson's relationship with rail. We will explore it's history by visiting the old El Paso and Southwestern Rail line. Visit the historic Amtrak Station in Tucson, and perhaps even ride the train to Benson. We can learn about rail shipping by visiting the Union Pacific Rail Yard. Then, of course we can visit the SunTran Link and Old Pueblo Trolley to learn about contemporary and historic commuter transit.

Packs to Pools Join us for an intersession far and away from our PFFS Downtown dwellings. Yes, you read right; our intersession will take to the trail! We'll be heading out to the Catalinas for a three-day, two-night backpacking trek! We will pitch our tents close to Romero Pools and spend our time in the field doing a bit of botany, a bit of teambuilding, and, of course, a whole lot of cooking, water fun, and general enjoying-being-outside. No gear? No experience? No problem. You bring the gumption, we'll bring the gear and the know-how. So lace up your shoes, gather your grit, and join us for this joint Intersession of route-roaming and friend-forming!

Political Musical Theater - Who says politics and music don't mix! Sign up for this Intersession where we will sing and dance and debate (and watch singing and dancing and debating) about historical and modern political issues. Each day we will focus on a major Musical Theater play (Hamilton, Evita, Les Mis) learning the story, the historical/political context, as well as enjoying the music. We will talk with real actors, singers and dancers and visit local theaters. We will dabble in performance ourselves through the use of these major plays as well learning about guerrilla theater and theater of the oppressed. Gotta Sing? Gotta Dance? This one's for you!

Sew what? Sew costumes! Do you love to design and create your own clothing? Do you want to make an impact on Halloween, or with cosplay? Join me in designing, sewing and showcasing your fantastic costumes! We will cut, create, sew, and in the end have a fashion show showing off our fabulous designs! We will visit local fabric stores, designer clothing makers, and a costume shop for sewing tips, tricks and ideas. Don't be caught with the same old store bought costumes.

