

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### PERFORMANCE CLASSES: BAND

- **Band-Brass & Woodwind**
  - **Band-Percussion A**
  - **Band-Percussion B**

This course is designed with an emphasis on concert performance, development of correct playing technique, intonation, blending, through balanced instrumentation. Traditional and Contemporary music will be studied and performed. Performances include: all home football games, Thanksgiving Day game, Autumnfest Parade, Memorial Day Parade, and 4-6 concerts per year (Holiday to Graduation). Attendance at these functions is required.

There are two sections of Brass and Woodwind classes. These classes are randomly divided and meet every other day. Percussion Classes are divided by experience level to better suit the needs of the instrument family. First year members, should sign up for Percussion B, all other members will be scheduled into Percussion A. All sections of Band combine for Tuesday night rehearsals and performances.

Year Long Course (every other day)

Prerequisite: 1 year of training on a band instrument.

Credit: 1

### CHORUS)

- **Ladies Section**
  - **Mens Section**

This course is designed with an emphasis on concert performance, development of correct vocal technique and music-reading skills, balance/blend, and stage presentation. Students should enjoy singing and group participation. Traditional and Contemporary music will be studied and performed. There are 4-6 formal concerts (Holiday to Graduation), as well as a number of special performances each year. Attendance at these functions is required.

Chorus is offered in two sections and meets every other day. All sections combine for Wednesday night rehearsals and performances.

Year Long Course (every other day)

Prerequisite: None

Credit: 1

### SELECT CHOIR

- **Select Choir A**
- **Select Choir B**

This course is designed with an emphasis on concert performance, development of advanced vocal techniques, music-reading skills, balance/blend,

and stage presentation. Select Choir is open to only the highest level of vocal student with a sincere interest in pursuing more challenging music than is covered in the regular chorus class. Students are selected through an audition process.

Select Choir is offered in two sections of equal voicing and meets every other day. Both sections combine for Wednesday night rehearsals and performances.

Year Long Course (every other day)

Prerequisite: Approval of the Director

Credit: 1

### **JAZZ BAND**

This course is designed with an emphasis on jazz performance. Jazz Band offers players interested in achieving a modern sound an opportunity to practice and perform appropriate compositions and arrangements. Students will be exposed to basic techniques of improvisation and stage/jazz ensemble techniques. Attendance at all school and public performances is required. All members other than piano and bass guitar must be concurrently enrolled in Concert Band.

Year Long Course (every other day)

Prerequisite: Approval of the Director

Credit: 1

### **NON-PERFORMANCE CLASSES:**

#### **FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC**

This course is designed for the general population of the school. The course will cover listening and discussion of musical topics from Classical, Jazz and Rock Music. Music performance skills of note reading and rhythm reading will be covered and stressed. This class does develop basic music performance skills needed to read music.

Open to Grades 9-12

Prerequisite: None

Credit: .5

#### **MUSIC THEORY & TECHNOLOGY**

Concentration in this course will be on the fundamentals of music theory; such as scales, triads, harmony, and composing. Time will also be devoted to keyboard training. This course will also introduce basic use of a computer to compose, arrange, perform, and publish music. Many opportunities to create music will be included. This is primarily for the student who has a desire to learn the fundamentals of music writing.

Open to Grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Previous training on an instrument or voice is preferred  
Credit: 1

**PIANO/KEYBOARD**

This introductory course is designed to acquaint students with the piano/keyboard. Students will learn how to read and play piano/keyboard music at the beginner level and will develop technical playing skills,. Chord harmonization and improvisation techniques are also introduced.

Open to Grades 9-12

Prerequisite: None

Credit 1