

# Visual and Performing Arts Department

## **701 Music Performance BAND and/or CHORUS**

**Grades 9 to 12**

This course number is used to choose Concert Band and/or Chorus. Band and Chorus will be offered during the school day in a specific period that will change day to day between Chorus and Band. After the schedule is established students will be assigned course codes for the ensemble(s) they are a participant.

## **710 Music Appreciation (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 9**

Beginning with basic fundamentals, this class is designed to allow students to develop the necessary skill to listen carefully, identify the building blocks of all music, and understand how music is related to human culture today. Basic notation, instrument families, various music styles and genres, Western and non-Western music, and time periods of music will be discussed. **All freshmen are required to take this course**

## **712 Music Sectionals**

**Grades 9 to 12**

This is a sectional/lesson that needs to be scheduled with the Music Director at the beginning of the school year. A certain number of meeting times and assignments need to be completed to acquire credit for this course.

## **715 Introduction to Performing Arts (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 9**

This course will provide an overview of the various disciplines within the Performing Arts. The disciplines covered will be Theatre, Dance, Music and Spoken Word as they relate to society in an historical context. The goal of the course is to give students a better understanding of the importance of performance art in the educational curriculum, discern the differences and similarities among the various performing arts disciplines, and to discover and develop an appreciation for art in everyday life. **All freshmen are required to take this course.**

## **716 Choral Music (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 9 to 12**

This year-long course, which focuses on proper vocal techniques, introduces students to a variety of musical styles culminating with a formal performance. Students gain a better understanding of basic sight-singing techniques, warm ups, stretches, proper singing posture, and vocal accuracy. This course has 3 concert requirements. No previous vocal experience is necessary.

## **718 Marching Band (.5 Cr.)**

**Grade 9 to 12**

Starting in early August with band camp in August and ending in early November, this course allows any student the opportunity to participate in a marching band. This class meets during the Music Performance period and Tuesdays after school from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Students who do not play an instrument will have the opportunity to participate in either the honor guard or the silk section. Students will learn to cooperate with one another and to work as a team. They will have a chance to play different styles of music and become overall better musicians.

## **726 Concert Band (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 9 to 12**

This group performs three times during the school year, at Christmas, in the spring, and at graduation. The class will help students to play as a group and to become better overall musicians. Anyone interested in playing his or her instrument is welcome.

## **734 CP Music in Film & Media (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This course is designed to help students to become aware of the role that music plays in a film and other media. Students will be expected to analyze and describe mood, style, and intention using proper industry terminology. Students will learn about the history of the music in film and the technologies used in the past as well as modern devices.

## **736 Music Theory (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This course is offered for any student who would like a better understanding of the theory behind music. The class is for both intermediate and advanced musicians. This class is intended to make the student an all-around better musician. *Department approval is needed.*

**738 CP Introductory Art (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This semester course presents a diverse program for beginners. It combines developing basic skills and creative thinking along with two-dimensional experiences with pen and ink. As part of the course requirements the students will be responsible for the senior play scenery.

**746 CP Performance Studies/Acting I (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

In this course students will be introduced to the basic skills and techniques of acting. Students will gain hands-on application of these skills through acting out duet scenes, monologues, and ensemble work. Involvement in the fall production is encouraged.

**748 CP Theatre Production (.5 Cr.)**

**Grades 11 and 12**

This course will explore all areas of theatre production including fundamentals of producing a play from beginning to end as well as an examination of the challenges of making theatre. Students will engage in hands-on activities and will work on all technical aspects of the Spring Musical, which will include set design, costumes and props. As part of the final project students will be required to assemble a prompt book based on a one act play of their choosing.