

MUSIC

MUSIC APPRECIATION

(full year – 10 credits)

Grades 11 - 12

This class will take place over the course of a year, discussing everything from beginning theory to major composers over the past 400 - 800 years. The theory part of the course will entail work on basic theory procedures, such as note movement on the staff, chord progressions, reading rhythms, etc. Music appreciation will cover major composers and their works, including Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and others. Tests and quizzes will be given over material learned in class, along with a project over a composer of the students' choice.

(For students in grades 9 through 12 who participate in Instrumental or Vocal Music, there is an annual family fee of \$50. This fee is a substitute for several fund raising events)

SENIOR BAND

(full year - 10 credits)

Grades 9 - 10 - 11 - 12

This group is the main segment of the Instrumental Music Department. The members of the senior band are in marching band, pep band and concert band and perform a wide variety of band literature. There are opportunities to play in smaller ensembles or to perform instrumental solos if students so desire.

Participation in clinics, concerts, contests and all performances are requirements for the course. During the first quarter of the school year, students are required to attend extra rehearsals that may be held before school, on the week-ends, or evenings to prepare for marching contests.

Prerequisite: approval of instructor

JAZZ BAND

(second semester - 1 credit)

Grades 9 - 10 - 11 - 12

The jazz band is designed to expose the participants to the various styles of American jazz music. It is open to anyone in varsity band subject to instrumentation. The student must attend each practice session scheduled during or outside of the school day as arranged by the instructor.

Prerequisite: membership in band and/or approval of instructor.

CONCERT CHOIR

(full year - 10 credits)

Grades 9 - 10 - 11 - 12

Choir is the main segment of the vocal music department. The literature sung dates from Pre-Renaissance to popular music. The group performs at home concerts and attends the district music contest. These performances are required.

Prerequisite: approval of instructor, auditions will be held within the first two weeks of semester.

"SCARLET KNIGHTS" SHOW CHOIR (full year - 4 credits)

Grades 9 - 10 - 11 - 12

This is a select group of male and female voices. It performs at concerts, contests, and various out-of-school activities. The students in this group are required to attend all rehearsals. This includes one lunch study hall per week and Sunday night.

Prerequisite: Audition with instructor