

GENERAL ART:

This course introduces students to the Elements of Art and Principles of Design while developing drawing skills and painting techniques. Students will experience a variety of media (pencil, pen, ink, charcoal, pastel, water color and tempera paint) while developing student's individual style and problem solving skills. Students will demonstrate their ability to respond, to analyze and to interpret their own artwork and the work of others through discussions, critiques, and writings.

GRAPHIC DESIGN:

Art is designed to expose students to the fundamental elements and principles of digital art design. We will use a variety of processes and media, which includes mixed media. Through creating, discussing, and critiques of artwork, students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world of art.

MUSIC APPRECIATION: Music Appreciation is a course designed to give students a knowledge and appreciation of all things musical. Students will learn about the evolution of early music from 800 A.D to today's pop culture and everything in between. The course will also touch on subjects including, drama, musical theater, film, and much more.

MUSIC-PIANO/KEYBOARDING:

Students explore the fundamentals of music and basic keyboard techniques such as scales, chords, simple melodic lines, and harmonic structure. Formal and informal performances in class are included as part of piano course instructional programs. Basic music knowledge will be studied and assessed. Critical analysis and problem solving, collaboration, and musical skills and understandings are developed and applied through rehearsal and performance, improvisation, and/or creating and performing students' own compositions. Students will play the keyboard/piano independently as well as in groups.

ART PROCESSES (2D) (PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINT MAKING):

Art is designed to expose students to the fundamental elements and principles of two-dimensional (2D) design. We will use a variety of processes and media, which includes drawing, painting, and mixed media. Each medium will be explored through the study of art history, discussions on art criticism and art aesthetics, and studio work. Through creating, discussing, and writing responses and critiques of artwork, students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world of art.

ART PROCESSES (3D) (SCULPTURE AND CERAMIC):

Art is designed to expose students to the fundamental elements and principles of three-dimensional (3D) art design. We will use a variety of processes and media, which includes drawing, painting, ceramics, and mixed media. Each medium will be explored through the study of art history, discussions on art criticism and art aesthetics, and studio work. Through creating, discussing, and writing responses and critiques of artwork, students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world of art.

BEGINNING BAND: (THIS CLASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR A FULL YEAR, DAILY):

Woodwinds, brass and percussion are instruments taught in beginning band. (no string instruments) Students will learn to read music and music symbols, as well as, learn to play an instrument. Students are required to provide their own instrument and obtain a method book. Any student interested will be given information pertaining to the acquiring of both an instrument and book needed for this class. (Meetings for renting and buying will be facilitated for parents by staff and music representative.) This class is a performance oriented class.

CHOIR: (THIS IS A CLASS THAT STUDENTS MAY TAKE MORE THAN ONCE):

Students will learn to use their vocal instrument to create a correct and pleasing singing sound. In addition to learning proper vocal production and technique, students will also learn music reading skills, sight-singing

skills, and performance skills. Movement may be added to some selections of music. They will learn to use breath support, posture and correct vowel formation to produce a choral blend. Chorus also offers opportunities for students to develop team building and leadership skills. Students will have the opportunity to advance to regional performances. This is a performance-based class. Participation in concert performances (1 per quarter) outside of regular class hours is required. Choir may compete in festivals and competitions which may require traveling. Choir will have a portion of the class dedicated to Show choir. This is an excellent opportunity for singers and dancers to grow and learn challenging music in a fast-paced, performance-focused setting. Show choir will focus primarily on popular genres of music and incorporates dance into their performances. The responsibility of show choir singers includes memorizing music and dancing for multiple songs each quarter as well as being available for several performances throughout the year.

