

## PERFORMING ARTS

- Course descriptions that are shaded are not being offered.
- Students are required to earn 1 credit of Visual, Performing, or Applied Arts.

### Choir/Theatre

#### Advanced Theatre

Course # 7402

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Prerequisites: Intro. to Theatre

Open to students who have successfully completed the Introduction to Theatre course at the high school level, or have demonstrated sufficient background to the instructor via extracurricular drama/musical participation. Students will continue to develop their skill in acting, producing, directing, and the technical aspects of theatre. The class will present two evenings of theatre during the trimester to showcase their work.

#### Chamber Choir

Course # 7307

# 7308

# 7309

3 trimesters

Grade Level: 10 - 12

Prerequisite: Audition

Open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 with an above-average ability and interest in music, who have achieved the standards of vocal and sight-reading performance necessary for participation in this class. Entry to this choir is by audition only. Daily activities include singing in multiple voicing's, advanced sight singing and continued study of music fundamentals. Students are required to participate in four evening concerts and the District VIII Choral Festival, as well as other performances.

#### Concert Choir

Course # 7301

# 7302

# 7303

3 trimesters

Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisite: None

Concert choir is an entry and developmental choir for:

1. Freshman
2. Students who have not previously been enrolled in high school choir
3. Students continuing to develop their pitch matching, music reading, vocal production, and theory skills.

Activities include singing in 3-4 part harmony, the study of vocal and choral techniques, sight singing, and the study of music fundamentals. Performance literature includes a variety of choral music ranging from Madrigals (music of the 16th century) to Pop songs. Students are required to participate in four evening concerts, Choral Festival, as well as other performances.

#### Introduction to Theatre

Course # 7401

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: None

Open to all students with interest in drama, musical and/or technical theatre. Designed to acquaint students with facets of drama and musical theatre including mime, improvisation, concentration, interpretive readings, interpretation of musical theatre selections, creative movement, short plays and/or musical theatre scenes, and various aspects of "tech" (make-up, lighting, set design, and stage management). The class will present an evening performance of one-act plays.

**Men's Choir**

3 trimesters

Grade Level: 9-12

Course # 7310, 7311, 7312

Prerequisite: None

Men's Choir is open to male students with an interest in singing and voice development. Activities include singing in 3-4 part harmony, the study of vocal and choral techniques, sight-singing, and the study of music fundamentals. Performance literature includes a variety of choral music ranging from madrigals to pop songs. Students are required to participate in four evening concerts, choral festival or solo and ensemble, as well as other performances.

**Music Appreciation**

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Course # 7114

Prerequisite: None

The purpose of this course is to increase students' musical awareness and give students the tools to actively listen to, discuss, and critique various styles of music. The course will focus on learning the basic elements of music: Melody, Rhythm, Harmony, Form, Texture, Tempo, and Dynamics. Students will study and discuss a variety of musical genres, including Classical, Jazz, Rock, Musicals, and World Music.

**Music Theory**

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Course # 7113

Prerequisite: None

Open to all students who would like to learn about and/or expand their knowledge of music theory. Students will learn music notation through chord progressions and inversions. Students will also develop basic piano skills. This course would be excellent for developing musicians.

**Set Design and Construction**

1 trimester

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Course # 7111

Prerequisites: None

Recommendations:  
Painting and Woods

Set Design is a course designed to learn about the production and scenic construction of the theater. Students will create sets for the school musicals and plays, paint backgrounds and gather and make props. Study will also be concentrated on design and production methods. Students must be self-motivated, and demonstrate excellent work ethic. Trips and speakers will involve the Wharton Center and other area theatrical groups.

**BAND****Marching Band**

3 trimesters

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Course # 7201

Prerequisite: None

**Concert Band**

Course # 7202, 7203

**Symphonic Band**

Course # 7204, 7205

**Wind Ensemble**

Course # 7206, 7207

Students will continue their study of the fundamentals of tone production, rhythm, intonation, technique, and interpretation. Pieces of music from the basic literature for band will be rehearsed and performed. During the first 12 weeks all students will participate in Marching Band. Concerts and festivals during the winter and spring are also required. Students must provide black shoes. Students that choose to wear the tuxedo will be required to purchase a formal shirt. Students will be placed in one of three bands during second and third trimester based on their daily performance skills.